

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, April 27, 2026**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, April 27, 2026, convened at 7:05p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczyk presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Roman Plaszczyk, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson (excused), Holly Hamilton (excused), Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr (excused). Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Clerk Karla Tacy, DPS Director Tim Brandys and Police Chief Eric Rottman.

Members Present

Motion by McQueen with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by McQueen with support from Martinez to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craddock with support from McQueen to approve claims for Monday, April 27, 2026, in the amount of \$615,902.08. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Mike McCarthy inquired as to when he should expect a response to his concerns regarding his recent FOIA requests.

Audience Participation

Trustee McQueen recently attended a roller derby event at the Performance Fieldhouse and encouraged others to attend in the future if they get a chance.

**Council Member
Comments:
McQueen**

Emilly Hickmott of the Van Buren County Conservation District gave an update on the agency's recent activities and upcoming recycling events.

**Presentation: Emilly
Hickmott- VB
Conservation District**

Mary Lou Hartwell gave a presentation on the history and importance of the Downtown Development Authority. Ms. Hartwell recently stepped down as the Chairperson of the DDA after nearly 30 years of service.

**Mary Lou Hartwell-
DDA**

Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to award the street paving bid to Cripps-Fontaine in the amount of \$849,291.50. Roll call vote; Craddock, Plaszczyk, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Award Street Paving
Bids-MDOT Category B
Program**

Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to accept Fishbeck's 4/1/26 Proposal for Professional Services for preparation of GSI Mixing Zone application and Groundwater Use Restriction. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Fishbeck Proposal

None.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board discussed flowers for downtown, the VFW banners and holiday lighting.

DDA

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None.

**Economic & Residential
Opportunity**

May 17th will be the opening day of the farmers market. At their last meeting, the board held a preseason potluck.

Farmers Market

None.

Fire Board

None.

Historical Commission

None.

Housing Commission

None.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

None.

Planning Commission

None.

Wine & Harvest

**Council Member
Comments
Plaszczak**

President Plaszczak received an invitation to attend the 5/12 Blossomtime Mayor's Dinner. Since he attended last year, he invited another Council member to attend in his place. President Plaszczak reminded everyone of the 5/2 Maple Island Bridge Grand Opening Celebration and the 5/5 Election Day with the Parks Millage Renewal on the ballot.

Trustee Craddock would like Council to continue the discussion on transitioning from a Village to a City.

Craddock

Manager Myrkle announced that SolAmerica is selling their portfolio. He announced that 4/28 will be the first utility shut offs of the season for accounts with past due balances.

Manager Comments

Chief Rottman reports that the department will be conducting Active Shooter Training with library staff next week. 100+ Women Who Care recently donated \$8,4000 to the American Legion. These funds will be used to buy ballistic shields for the Police Department. Chief Rottman will not be in attendance at the next Council meeting.

**Staff Comments
Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President