

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, May 13, 2024**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 13, 2024, convened at 7:12p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen (excused) and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Clerk Karla Tacy, Director of Public Services Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Rottman.

Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the closed meeting minutes of April 22, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, May 13, 2024, in the amount of \$543,805.89. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Jacob Diljak of the Van Buren County Conservation District promoted the upcoming June 15th Recycle Roundup.

**Audience
Participation**

Scott Hall of Fleis and VandenBrink gave a update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

**Presentations
Fleis and
VandenBrink**

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to enter into a public hearing regarding the 2024 Police Special Assessment millage rates 7:38 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing
2024 Police Special
Assessment**

Kimberly Kolosar-Vangaler questioned as to where the millage money is applied.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 8:00 PM. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to accept Resolution 24-10, levying a special assessment millage supporting the Paw Paw Police Department operations for the 2024 fiscal year. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Jarvis, Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Resolution 24-10
Police Special
Assessment Millage**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to accept Resolution 24-11 to hold a Truth in Taxation public hearing on May 28th at 7:00pm at the Paw Paw District

**Resolution 24-11
Truth in Taxation
Hearing**

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Library, to accept comment on the 2024 proposed tax rates. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, Jarvis, Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve a resolution to granting the Van Buren County Mounted Foundation a non-profit gaming license. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Van Buren County
Mounted Foundation
Raffle Request**

Motion by Rohr with support of Martinez to approve Paw Paw Rotary's request to hold their annual Santa Run on Village streets, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9am until 10:45am. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Santa Run Request

Motion by Rohr with support of Jarvis to adopt the updated policy prohibiting harassment and sexual harassment which reflects those standards recommended by the Village's insurance provider. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Updated VOPP
Sexual Harassment
Policy**

It is the consensus of Council that the furniture purchased by the Village during the streetscape project remain available for all residents to access.

**Streetscape Furniture
Use by
Establishments**

Motion by Richardson with support from Jarvis to withdraw the Village's application for a Rural Development Grant for the Maple Island Bridge Project, due to the additional expense of further archaeological evaluation that would be required. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**USDA RBDG
Application
Withdrawal**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to authorize MPPA to make a hedge purchase of 15,332 Renewal Energy Credits at a rate not to exceed \$6.50 per credit, as referenced in MPPA's letter dated April 23, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**MPPA REC Hedge
Purchase**

Manager Myrkle reported that the Village was not awarded the \$450,000 Dam Risk Reduction Program Grant. It was the consensus of Council to have the engineers continue the 500-year flood event design.

Briggs Dam Update

Discussion regarding proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 8, to add Article VII Short Term Rentals was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding proposed ordinance amendments to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 42, to define and regulate Short Term Rentals was tabled.

**Non-Action Items:
Proposed General
Ordinance Short
Term Rental
Amendment**

Council requested that Rowdy's Kaboom fill out the 2024 Fireworks application and submit proof of insurance.

**W&H Festival
Fireworks Contract**

The Parks & Rec Committee discussed a possible agreement with Rocket Football regarding the Tyler Field bathrooms. The Maple Island restrooms were recently painted before opening for the season.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

No Report.

DDA

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No Report.

Economic Develop

The Farmers Market opens for the season this Sunday with a market and plant swap.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

The Historical Committee continues to plan the Prospect Hill Cemetery Tour.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

The Planning Commission discussed their 5-year plan. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the previously submitted Hazen St site plans, as changes have been made.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Martinez reported that the Planning Commission is continuing their work on the proposed Food Truck Ordinance.

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Trustee Jarvis commended Manager Myrkle for the wonderful job he is doing.

Jarvis

Manager Myrkle has been working with Warner Vineyards regarding their recent unpermitted facility upgrades and extended concert series productions.

Manager Comments

Chief Rottman reminded everyone that it is National Police Week. He will not be attending the next Council meeting as he will be attending Sam Werthman's Police Academy graduation.

**Staff Comments
Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President