

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, May 25, 2025**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 25, 2025, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

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

**Members Present**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to approve claims for Monday, May 25, 2025, in the amount of \$531,177.72. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

PPPS Athletic Director, Alan Farnquist, voiced his appreciation for DPS getting power back on to the schools and bus garage quickly after the recent storm.

**Audience  
Participation**

Luke Butler inquired as to whether Council has considered his request to lower reconnection fees for indigent residents. He believes staff should make phone calls reminding customers about the shut-off days.

Mike McCarthy believes the Village should issue more frequent status updates during power outages.

Trustee McQueen sympathizes with residents' frustration regarding losing power during the recent storm but reminded everyone that this storm was much more powerful and destructive than normal.

**Council Member  
Comments:**

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to enter into a public hearing regarding the 2025 Police Special Assessment millage rates 7:17 PM. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing-  
2025-26 Police  
Special Assessment**

Luke Butler inquired as to whether any of the special assessment funds will be used towards de-escalation training.

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to close the public hearing at 7:19 PM. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

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Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to schedule a Truth in Taxation public hearing Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to receive public comment regarding the 2025 property tax millage rates. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to accept the Wine and Harvest Festival's change requests as proposed. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to adopt Resolution 2025-12 supporting the Vineyard Classic Bike Tour on September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-1pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Hamilton to adopt Resolution 2025-11 supporting the Grape Lake 5K Run/Walk on September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-11am. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to adopt Resolution 2025-13, levying a special assessment millage supporting the Paw Paw Police Department operations for the 2025 fiscal year. Roll call vote; Martinez, McQueen, Rohr, Plaszczak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Council's consideration to allow staff to authorize project change orders when they fall within the established contingencies of the contract. It was the consensus of Council to have Manager Myrkle construct a draft proposal.

Manager Myrkle and DPS staff Turner and Brandys discussed the multi-day power outage and cleanup efforts resulting from the recent severe thunderstorm.

None.

The DDA Board did not have a quorum at their last meeting due to the severe thunderstorm. A new meeting has been rescheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

None.

None.

None.

None.

The Housing Commission will not be holding a June meeting.

**Action Items:  
Set Truth in Taxation  
Hearing**

**W&H Festival  
Change Requests**

**Resolution 2025-12  
Approval of Vineyard  
Classic Bike Tour -  
W&H Event**

**Resolution 2025-11  
Approval of Grape  
Lake 5K Run/Walk  
W&H Event**

**Resolution 2025-13  
Police Special  
Assessment Millage**

**Non-Action Items:  
Project Change  
Order Discussion**

**Storm Response and  
Clean Up**

**Committee Meetings  
Parks and Rec**

**DDA**

**Economic &  
Residential  
Opportunity**

**Farmers Market**

**Fire Board**

**Historical  
Commission**

**Housing Commission**

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The Maple Lake Preservation Committee will be holding a meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm.

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

None.

**Planning  
Commission**

None.

**Wine & Harvest**

President Plaszcak reported that the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony was organized and well attended.

**Council Member  
Comments:  
Plaszcak**

Trustee Martinez noticed the garbage can was overflowing at Veteran's Park. He wondered if staff could get ahold of the Legion that maintains the park or if Village staff could dispose of the trash.

**Martinez**

Manager Myrkle announced that the Maple Island Bridge replacement project is scheduled to begin July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Briggs Dam bid opening will take place June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Elm St reconstruction project has been delayed pending feedback from EGLE.

**Manager Comments**

DPS Director Brandys reports that Abonmarche has started the lead service line identification work.

**Staff Comments  
Brandys**

The Police Department assisted with downed lines and fallen trees after the severe June 15<sup>th</sup> storm.

**Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszcak  
Village President