

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

The Regular Village Council meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 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), Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Clerk Karla Tacy, DPS Director Tim Brandys and Police Chief Eric Rottman.

**Members Present**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of making appointments to the Parks & Rec and Farmers Market boards. 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 11, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve claims for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in the amount of \$380,292.97. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Paw Paw Library Director Gretchen Evans, thanked Police Chief Rottman for the recent active shooter training.

**Audience Participation**

PPPS Superintendent Jeremy Davison, voiced his appreciation for the Paw Paw PD's presence around the school campuses.

Bronson Health's Security Manager Todd Skinner thanked the Paw Paw PD for their continuous support at the local healthcare facilities. He is grateful for the community partnership.

**Council Member  
Comments:  
Martinez**

Trustee Martinez reports the downtown Memorial Day activities were well attended. He notes former Judge Hamre gave a great speech and the Paw Paw Band members did an excellent job.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to enter into a public hearing regarding the 2026-27 millage rates 7:15 PM. Roll call vote; Craddock, Plaszcak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing- Truth in  
Taxation**

No public comment was received.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:20 PM. Roll call vote; Craddock, Plaszcak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

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Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to enter into a public hearing regarding the 2026 Police Special Assessment rates 7:21 PM. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing- 2026-27  
Police Special  
Assessment**

Mike McCarthy asked for a breakdown of the costs to run the PD. He questioned why the Police Special Assessment is not put to a vote of the people and believes the Village should not be capturing the 3 mills assessment on the July tax bills.

Holly Hamilton questioned why the Village needs to renew the Police Special Assessment yearly and not trying to find other ways to resolve the general fund budget deficit.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to close the public hearing at 8:10 PM. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to adopt Resolution 26-10 to establish millage rates for fiscal year 2026-2027. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:  
Resolution 26-10  
Operating Millage**

Motion by Craddock with support from McQueen to adopt Resolution 26-11, levying a special assessment millage supporting the Paw Paw Police Department operations for the 2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote; Craddock, Plaszczak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 26-11 Police  
Special Assessment  
Millage**

Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to certify \$28,879.75 of delinquent utility & miscellaneous charges for inclusion on the Village tax roll. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Certification of  
Delinquent Fees to Tax  
Role**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the contract for third-party administrative services from Market One for the CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation Grant. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**CDBG Grant Third  
Party Administrative  
Services Contract**

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock ruling Rowdy's Kaboom LLC meets the competency and qualifications of an articles pyrotechnic and displays operator, as furnished by the operator on the application, in accordance with the requirements provided under NFPA 1123. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Wine & Harvest Festival  
Fireworks**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve Rowdy's Kaboom LLC's 2026 Fireworks Permit Application. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the recommendation from the Village President and approve the appointment of Janice Chittle to the DDA Board. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Appointment of Janice  
Chittle to DDA Board**

Motion by McQueen with support from Martinez to approve the recommendation from the Village President and approve the appointment of Diane Wilke-Karna

**Appointment of Diane  
Wilke-Karna to Parks &  
Rec Committee**

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(Maple Lake Association) to the Parks & Recreation Committee. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the appointment of Kate Fulton to the Farmers Market Board. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Appointment of Kate  
Fulton Farmers Market  
Board**

None.

**Committee Meetings  
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board has been discussing expanding to 12 members. The Board decided not to pursue holiday rooftop lighting and is looking at alternatives.

**DDA**

None.

**Economic & Residential  
Opportunity**

None.

**Farmers Market**

The Fire Department has taken possession of their new fire truck.

**Fire Board**

None.

**Historical Commission**

The Housing Commission has rescheduled their June meeting until June 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Housing Commission**

None.

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

None.

**Planning Commission**

The Wine & Harvest Festival Board is discussing replacement candidates for when Marilyn Clear retires.

**Wine & Harvest**

Manager Myrkle announced interviews are underway for the DPS Maintenance/Office Assistant position. Staff is still receiving numerous noise complaints regarding the Warner Vineyards outdoor concerts.

**Manager Comments**

DPS Director Brandys reported that Kalamazoo St is now open for traffic at Elm Street. Permanent fencing has been ordered, to keep people from entering the water near the new Briggs Dam.

**Staff Comments  
Brandys**

Chief Rottman reports Lt. Carlsen will be attending Command Training. The PD had two officers assigned to the 5/23 Warner Vineyards concert. Rehired Detective Skinner is doing great.

**Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

**Adjournment**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President