

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

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 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 (excused), Trustees Steve Richardson, 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 Martinez 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 July 27, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, July 27, 2026, in the amount of \$744,451.67. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Michael McCarthy questioned if Briggs Dam is now open to the public. He asked if the public could get copies of the MSDS sheets for the environmental remediation work being conducted at 711 E Michigan Ave.

Audience Participation

Luke Butler inquired as to when the Village would be seeking new mowing bids. He also asked when the Village would start accepting applications for the MSHDA grant.

Trustee Rohr reports that Paw Paw Days was well attended.

**Council Member
Comments:**

Trustee Martinez thanked the DPS crew for the preparation work they did for Paw Paw Days, he stated the Village looked great.

President Plaszcak read several aloud several emails commending members of the PD for recent assists to businesses and residents.

Trustee McQueen has heard many accolades regarding the Police Department. He believes this shows evidence of good leadership and staff.

It was the consensus of Council to allow Manager Myrkle to move forward in the process of changing the ordinance that mandates the number of board members the DDA must have.

**Action Items:
DDA Request to Change
Board Size**

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve the purchase of radio encryption upgrades for three patrol vehicles and two additional radios for an amount up to \$13,000. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**PD Radio Encryption
Purchase Authorization**

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Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to approve the change order #2 submitted by Barr Engineering regarding the Briggs Dam Replacement final project closeout, for an increase of \$28,000. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Briggs Dam Project
Change Order**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to accept the proposal from Barr Engineering for engineering services to develop an Operations & Maintenance Plan for Briggs Dam for the amount of \$15,500. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Briggs Dam O&M
Proposal**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve pay request No. 2 from Lounsbury Excavating for the Elm St reconstruction project in the amount of \$263,711.17. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Elm St Project Pay
Request #2**

Motion by McQueen with support from Richardson to accept the proposal from Wesco for the purchase and install of the Tantalus AMI metering system, without the optional Customer Portal for the amount of \$755,270.00. Roll call vote: Richardson, McQueen, Plaszczak, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**AMI Proposal &
Authorization**

None.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board approved a \$5,000 façade grant for 204 S Kalamazoo St (Willis Law). To help mitigate maintenance costs, the Board is considering utilizing artificial flowers downtown in some areas.

DDA

None.

**Economic & Residential
Opportunity**

None.

Farmers Market

None.

Fire Board

None.

Historical Commission

None.

Housing Commission

None.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

None.

Planning Commission

None.

Wine & Harvest

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Trustee Martinez would like to revisit the discussion regarding the burn ordinance. He would like businesses/customers to have the opportunity to appeal a no-burn decision.

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Manager Myrkle announced that the PPSD approved the Village's offer to purchase the property currently being leased for water wells #6 & 8. Staff will be installing Do Not Cross signs on the new railings at Briggs Dam. Myrkle will be out of the office on vacation next week.

Manager Comments

DPS Director Brandys reports that Cripps Fontaine will be starting resurfacing work on Elm, Willard and Cedar Streets this week.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Chief Rottman reports that there were no police issues during Paw Paw Days. The PD recently completed IT upgrades. Tapper Ford will be hosting Public Safety Professional Night on August 11th.

Rottman

Motion by McQueen with support by Richardson to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President