

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

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 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, 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 Police Chief Eric Rottman.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Rescheduling the Paw Paw Arms/Vineyard Villas PILOT Public Hearing, as Action Item #7. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hamilton with support from Richardson to approve claims for Monday, August 25, 2025, in the amount of \$824,202.15. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Michael McCarthy suggested Council investigate lowering utility disconnect reconnection fees.

**Audience
Participation**

Christopher Peshel believes he is being followed without his consent.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve Traffic Control Order No. 01-25, designating Factory Street One-Way Southbound from Commercial St South until termination of the roadway where it meets the Fire Lane between Factory St and Duo Tang Rd. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Factory St, Duo
Tang Rd & Fire Ln
Traffic Control
Orders**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve Traffic Control Order No. 02-25, designating Duo Tang Road One-Way Northbound from Commercial St South until termination of the roadway where it meets the Fire Lane between Factory St and Duo Tang Rd. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve Traffic Control Order No. 03-25, designating Duo Tang Road (Fire Lane) One-Way Westbound from Factory St S until the West North/South portion of Duo Tang Rd. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve pay estimate No.23 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$64,495.25. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF Pay Request
#23**

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Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to authorize staff to post for bids for street paving for Fairfield, Hillcrest and St. Joseph Streets, with the total cost of the projects not to exceed \$230,000. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Street Paving Bid
Authorization**

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to approve the Maple Island Bridge Project Change Order #1, submitted by Riverworks Construction, Inc for adjusted pole spacing and alternate steel beams for modified piers, for an amount not to exceed \$33,446. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Maple Island Bridge
Change Order #1
Request**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve underground electrical upgrades on Birch Lane, for an amount not to exceed \$38,500 (\$35,000 estimate + 10% retainage). Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczak, Rohr, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Birch Lane Electrical
Upgrades**

Motion by McQueen with support of Rohr to approve the purchase of a new pump and variable frequency drive (VFD) for lift station #1, for the price of \$137,105. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Lift Station #1 Pump
Purchase**

Motion by Rohr with support of McQueen to approve replace the automatic transfer switch at lift station #1, for the price of \$27,900. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to reschedule the public hearing to accept comments on the request to combine Paw Paw Arms and Vineyard Villas' PILOT payments until September 22, 2025, at 7pm at the Paw Paw District Library. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Reschedule Public
Hearing for Request
to Combine Paw Paw
Arms and Vineyard
Villas PILOT
Payments**

None.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board issued a façade grant to Jeff's Barber Shop at 227 E Michigan Ave.

DDA

None.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

The Farmers Market Board recently added 3 new members.

Farmers Market

None.

Fire Board

The Historical Commission will be presenting the 2025 Prospect Hill Cemetery Tour on October 4th.

**Historical
Commission**

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None.

Housing Commission

The Maple Lake Preservation Committee discussed the Briggs Dam and Maple Island Bridge projects along with the recent repairs to the Sunset Park boat ramp.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

None.

**Planning
Commission**

None.

Wine & Harvest

President Plaszczak would like to have staff arrange a tour for Council to see the freshly completed upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment site.

**Council Member
Comments:
Plaszczak**

Trustee Martinez reports that counterfeit bills are being distributed at local farmers markets.

Martinez

Manager Myrkle announced that the Briggs Dam replacement project is set to begin this week. He has received updated site plans from the Hazen St PUD developer and will be submitting them to the Planning Commission for review.

Manager Comments

DPS Director Brandys reports that Commercial Avenue will be paved this week.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Police Chief Rottman notes that the August 14th Public Safety Professional Night was well attended. He commended Larry Haynor's diligent work to enforce the newly implemented blight ordinances.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President