



Village of Paw Paw
Village Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026, 7 PM
Paw Paw District Library, Community Room
609 W. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call:** President Roman Plaszczak; President Pro-Tem Douglas Craddock; Trustees Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen, Steve Richardson, and Donne Rohr.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of August 24, 2026
- VI. Authorization to Pay Claims.** September 14, 2026 (Martinez, McQueen); September 28, 2026 (Craddock, Rohr)
- VII. Audience Participation (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**
- VIII. Council Member Comments**
- IX. Public Hearings: None**
- X. Special Presentations: None**
- XI. Action Items**
 - Homecoming Parade Request
 - Cripps Fountain Pay Request No. 1 – Elm Street
 - Elm Street Change Order Request No. 1
 - GIS Integration Proposal request
 - GIS Sewer Maintenance Documentation request
 - Consider Data Center Moratorium
 - MPPA Delegate Resolution

XII. Workshop Items: Tax Incentive Policy Proposal

XIII. Committee Meetings and Reports (committees may have items to bring to the council) *Estimated 30 minutes for all with next meeting dates.*

- Area Parks & Rec. Board (McQueen): Oct. 5 - **7 PM**
- Downtown Development Authority (Plaszczak): Oct. 19 - **5:30 PM**
- Economic and Residential Opportunity (Plaszczak): TBD - **4 PM**
- Farmers Market (Martinez): Oct. 16 - **5 PM**
- Fire District Board (Craddock): Oct. 6 - **7 PM**
- Historical Commission (Plaszczak): Sept. 23 - **4 PM**
- Housing Commission (Rohr): Sept. 28 - **3 PM**
- Maple Lake Preservation & Improvement (Plaszczak): TBD - **4 PM**
- Planning Commission (Martinez): Oct. 8 - **7 PM**
- Wine & Harvest Board (Craddock): Oct. 7 - **6 PM**

XIV. Council Member Comments

XV. Manager & Departmental Reports

XVI. Tabled Items Expected to come back before the Village Council

- Sidewalk Vendor Regulation

XVII. Adjournment

Notice to Public Attendees

If you would like to speak to the Village Council, please make your statements during the Audience Participation Period. Public comments are limited to **3 minutes** per speaker. Please note that this will not be a question-and-answer exchange. If you would like follow-up, provide your name and phone number/email on the sign-in sheet at the Clerk's table. The appropriate member of the Village Council or Village Staff will contact you.

Minutes

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, August 24, 2026**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 24, 2026, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

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

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Accepting the Audit Report as Action Item #1. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, August 24, 2026, in the amount of \$1,012,891.48. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Wayne Wilhelmi questioned as to how the AMI meters would be read. He also inquired as to whether the Village had plans to combat the invasive species near the Briggs Dam.

None.

Dane Porter of Maner Costerisan presented to Council the findings of the 2025-2026 audit and financial statements.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to accept the 2025-2026 fiscal year audit findings as presented by Maner Costerisan. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to accept the Ordinance Enforcement Agreement between the Village of Paw and Jeremiah Jones. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the master agreement for electrical engineering services with Verdantas. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to accept Resolution 2026-14 authorizing the removal of Melissa Leonard from all of the Village's banking and investment accounts and adding Bryan Myrkle and Karla Tacy as signatories to all Village banking and investment accounts. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting Convened

Members Present

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Claims

Audience Participation

**Council Member
Comments:**

**Presentations:
2025-2026 Audit
Presentation**

**Action Items:
Accept Audit Report**

**Code Enforcement
Officer Contract**

**Electrical Engineering
Contract**

**Resolution 2026-14
Authorizing Bank
Signatories**

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
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Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the recommendation from the Village President and approve the appointment of Dakota Hoskins to the DDA Board. All members present voting yes, motion carried

Appointment to DDA Board

The next Parks & Rec Board meeting will be held September 14th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board voted to appoint Dakota Hoskins. The Board discussed expanding Halloween events for 2026 and planting additional Paw Paw trees downtown.

DDA

The Economic and Residential Opportunity Committee is working on drafting a tax incentive policy

**Economic & Residential
Opportunity**

The Farmers Market Board voted to increase vendor rental rate for next season by \$5. They also voted to begin charging food trucks. The Board will be collaborating with the DDA on the Santa's Village Event.

Farmers Market

None.

Fire Board

The Historical Commission is seeking volunteers to assist with the Prospect Hill Cemetery Tour.

Historical Commission

The Housing Commission is working on technology upgrades such as automatic door openers.

Housing Commission

Members of the Maple Lake Preservation and Improvement Committee recently to a trip to Clare, Michigan to discuss their lake dredging project.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Trustee Martinez will be unable to attend Planning Commission meetings after September. Trustee Craddock volunteered to attend as a Council representative.

Planning Commission

The Wine and Harvest Board will have a "working" meeting Thursday, September 10th.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Craddock would like staff to post information regarding the soon to be installed AMI meters on the website.

**Council Member
Comments:
Craddock**

Manager Myrkle announced that staff is considering installing natural gas generators near Gremps St & Commercial Ave to help shave off electric demand during peak times. Representatives from MPPA will be attending a Council meeting to do a presentation on the topic. Manager Myrkle hopes to present a draft of the Tax Incentive Policy at the 9/14 meeting.

Manager Comments

DPS Director Brandys reports that paving of the repair work sites on Marcelletti, Willard and Cedar Streets has begun. Crews will be pausing Elm Street's water main replacement work until the Wine & Harvest Festival.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

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Chief Rottman reports that over 300 people attended the recent Public Safety Professional Night. Chief Rottman has been made aware of a planned protest at Kalamazoo St and Michigan Ave on 8/28.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned a 8:09pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszcak
Village President

DRAFT

Homecoming Parade Request

Brynn Cummings
Paw Paw High School Student Council
30609 Red Arrow Hwy.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
August 30, 2026

Bryan Myrkle
b.myrkle@pawpaw.net
Paw Paw Village Manager
111 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Dear Village Manager,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Paw Paw High School Student Council Parade Committee. We are organizing events for Homecoming 2026 and are requesting your permission for a parade on Friday, September 25th. The parade line-up will start at 4:00 p.m. behind Freshwater Church on East Main Street. The parade itself will begin from there at 5:00. The parade will run from Freshwater Church to the football field parking lot next to Johnson Road behind the Middle School via Red Arrow Highway. We expect that the parade will last approximately 30 minutes. Other than traffic control, we do not anticipate any special needs for public safety.

If you would like to contact me, you may leave a message with either of the Student Council advisors, Mr. Matt Kovach at 415-5635 or Mrs. Jennifer Papa at 415-5665. You may also reach us via mail at the above return address.

Thank you for helping us to make this a memorable event!

Brynn Cummings, Parade Committee Chair
PPHS Student Council

Cripps Fountain Pay Request
#1 – Elm Street

**CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 1
CATEGORY B GRANT PROJECT
VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

CONTRACTOR:

Cripps Fontaine Excavating, Inc.
7729 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

8/27/2026

Project No: 1487

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT:	\$849,291.50
Change Order Amount:	\$0.00
Current Contract Amount:	\$849,291.50
Amount Earned to Date:	\$383,870.83
Retainage (10% of Amount Earned):	\$38,387.08
Previous Payments:	\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE THIS APPLICATION TO CONTRACTOR:	\$345,483.75

(The Amount Due is the Amount Earned Less Retainage and Previous Payments)

Contractor's Certification:

The undersigned Contractor certifies that (1) all previous progress payments received from the Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with Work covered by prior Applications for Payment; (2) title of all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a Bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest or encumbrances); and (3) all Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective. (4) Contractor assumes responsibility for any loss or damage to materials paid for by Owner until the materials are incorporated in the work and the work is accepted. (5) Materials paid for by owner will be used to complete work items in this contract and will remain in the agreed upon location until installation.

CONTRACTOR: Cripps Fontaine Excavating, Inc.

By: _____

Date: _____

ENGINEER: VK Civil

Payment of the above AMOUNT DUE is recommended:

By: _____

Date: _____

OWNER: Village of Paw Paw

Approved By Owner:

By: _____

Date: _____

Change Order Request No. 1
Elm Street

Change Order

No. 1

Date of Issuance: 9/3/2026

Effective Date: 9/3/2026

Project: Category B Grant Project	Owner: Village of Paw Paw, MI	Owner's Contract No.:
Contract: Willard St, Cedar St, Elm St/Hamilton St, Marcelletti Ave/Davis St		Date of Contract: 05/26/2026
Contractor: Cripps Fontaine Excavating, Inc		Engineer's Project No.: 1487

The Contract Documents are modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

Description:

Minor ditch excavation to reestablish local draining, flush cutting large tree stump, restoration of area after work along Fairfield Dr, addition of 8" 11.25 degree bends, FKM gaskets, 6" and 4" gate valves for watermain.

Attachments (list documents supporting change):

Change Order #1 Attachment.

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:

Original Contract Price:

\$849,291.50

[Increase] [Decrease] from previously approved Change Orders No. _____ to No. _____

\$0

Contract Price prior to this Change Order:

\$849,291.50

Increase of this Change Order:

\$23,175.34

Contract Price incorporating this Change Order:

\$872,466.84

CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIMES:

Original Contract Times: ☐ Working ☐ Calendar days

— Substantial completion (days or date): _____

— Ready for final payment (days or date): _____

[Increase] [Decrease] from previously approved Change Orders No. _____ to No. _____:

— Substantial completion (days): _____

— Ready for final payment (days): _____

Contract Times prior to this Change Order:

— Substantial completion (days or date): _____

— Ready for final payment (days or date): _____

[Increase] [Decrease] of this Change Order:

— Substantial completion (days or date): _____

— Ready for final payment (days or date): _____

Contract Times with all approved Change Orders:

— Substantial completion (days or date): _____

— Ready for final payment (days or date): _____

RECOMMENDED:

By: _____
Engineer (Authorized Signature)

Date: _____

Approved by Funding Agency (if applicable):

ACCEPTED:

By: _____
Owner (Authorized Signature)

Date: _____

ACCEPTED:

By: _____
Contractor (Authorized Signature)

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT TO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

September 3, 2026
Proj. 1487CATEGORY B GRANT PROJECT
VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ITEM NO		<u>CONTRACT</u> <u>QUANTITY PRIOR</u> <u>TO C.O. #1</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CONTRACT</u> <u>QUANTITY</u> <u>WITH C.O. #1</u>	<u>CONTRACT UNIT</u> <u>PRICE PRIOR TO</u> <u>C.O. #1</u>	<u>CONTRACT UNIT</u> <u>PRICE WITH C.O.</u> <u>#1</u>	<u>CHANGE ORDER AMOUNT</u>
1	Reestablish Ditching along Fairfield Dr, to include flush cut the stump, excavate the ditch, and restoration (Non-Participating)	0	LSUM	1	\$0.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00
2	Furnish and Place 8" 11.25° Bend (Non-Participating)	0	EA	5	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$3,250.00
3	Furnish and Place FKM Gaskets (Non-Participating)	0	EA	15	\$0.00	\$666.00	\$9,990.00
4	Madison St 6" Gate Valve and Box (Non-Participating)	0	EA	1	\$0.00	\$4,779.17	\$4,779.17
5	Marcelletti Ave 4" Gate Valve and Box (Non-Participating)	0	EA	1	\$0.00	\$2,931.17	\$2,931.17
TOTAL CHANGE ORDER AMOUNT:							\$23,175.34

GIS Integration Proposal



9/01/2026

GIS Integration

As you may or may not know, Wightman is the firm that manages our GIS mapping software for our utilities such as water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, electric, trees, etc. While performing miss digs or locates, we use our GIS software to help us to accurately locate our utilities.

While locating utilities for a miss dig ticket it is important that we use all of the available information to locate our utilities to prevent damage. We have As-Builts for previous construction that we would like to have scanned and added to our GIS; this will help with accuracy and will help to save time making us more efficient.

We also provide limited read-only access to engineering firms that are working on projects within Paw Paw to assist them in planning their projects around our utilities. The quote from Wightman to provide this integration is \$17,000.00 and this has been budgeted for in this year's budget. I am requesting approval to move forward with this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Brandys

Director of Public Services

Village of Paw Paw



May 8, 2026

Village of Paw Paw
110 Harry L. Bush Blvd.
Paw Paw, MI. 49079

Attention: Mr. Tim Brandys, Director of Public Services

RE: PAW PAW AS-BUILT GIS INTEGRATION PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Brandys,

Wightman is pleased to present this proposal to the Village of Paw Paw for the integration of utility as-built drawings into the Village's GIS.

The Village of Paw Paw would like to reference and attach historical scanned documents within its GIS so they are preserved and easily accessible to staff both now and in the future. Scanned documents found on CD's labeled drawers A-E contain various documents including as-built plans. These plans are critical points of reference for understanding what was actually constructed in the ground and not just what was designed on paper. Making these records readily accessible provides significant benefits, including improved operational efficiency, faster emergency response, informed capital planning, enhanced safety, better coordination with other projects, and preservation of long-term institutional knowledge.

We propose to partner with the Village of Paw Paw Public Services Department to further enhance the Village's GIS through the tasks outlined below.

Section I – Project Goals

We understand the goals for this project are:

- Integrate utility as-built drawings into the Village's GIS for easy access

Section II – Scope of Services

Scan, rename, and integrate documents

We propose to integrate all documents found on CD's labeled "Drawer's A-E" (702 documents) into the Village's GIS. We will create a polygon feature in GIS representing the real-world extent of each drawing and associate key metadata with every scanned sheet (see example on the following page), including:

- Project number
- Project title
- Sheet title
- Sheet number
- Consultant
- Drawing date

We can also work with you to scan and attach additional documents in bulk as needed and provide a cost estimate based on the total number of documents.



Update existing maps and applications

Following integration of the as-built documents, we will update your existing maps and applications to provide access to the new as-built layer. These documents will be available through your applications in both office and field environments.

Provide training session for Village staff

Wightman is proposing to provide one in-person training session to Public Services staff focused on accessing the as-built drawings in the office on ArcGIS Online and using the Field Maps mobile app. We will also train you how to add additional documents in the future. We anticipate the training session to last around one hour.

Section III – Fees

We propose to complete the Section II – Scope of Services outlined above for a *Fixed Fee* of \$17,000. Reimbursable expenses are included (mileage). We will invoice monthly based on the completion of tasks.

Section IV – Deliverables

Deliverables associated with this project will include the following:

- GIS database containing polygon features for as-built drawing locations
- Scanned documents in PDF format for drawers A-E
- One in-person training session

Section V – Schedule

After receiving formal notice to proceed, we estimate the integration of the scanned documents into the Village's GIS can be completed within two months. Training will be scheduled based on the availability of the Public Service's staff.

Section VI – Terms and Conditions

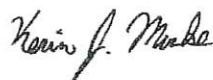
Our standard terms and conditions are attached.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner with you on this project. Please review the proposed scope outlined above and provide any suggested changes. If our proposal is acceptable to you, please sign the proposal and return a copy of it to our office to authorize us to begin work. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Ryan Miller, GISP, GIS Practice Area Leader
rmiller@gowightman.com
269-487-9658



Kevin Marks, P.E., Director of Engineering
kmarks@gowightman.com
269-487-9733

cc: April Kibby, GIS Analyst

This proposal is approved and accepted by:

By: _____
Signature

Date: _____

By: _____
Printed Name

Title: _____

GIS Sewer Documentation Proposal

9/04/2026

Sewer Maintenance Proposal

Wightman is the firm that manages our ArGis mapping software, for our utilities. Several years ago, the Village had our sanitary sewer mains cleaned, and video footage was taken. This was part of the SAW grant that most communities took part in. This video footage gives important information on the condition of our sanitary sewer mains.

Unfortunately, we did not receive the information or video footage at that time. I was able to speak with Dan Dombos from Abonmarche to get him to send what he had available. He did not have the complete file of information and video footage, I contacted Ryan Miller from Wightman, and he has been working with the company that actually did the work to obtain all of the footage and other information.

This is important information about our sewer system that the village paid for, and it needs to be in a user friendly format that we can utilize. The video data we currently have is difficult to navigate. We are planning to start a sewer maintenance program that will work to correct issues within our sanitary and storm sewer systems. Having this information readily available on our Gis mapping will help us to have a successful program. We will be able to find minor problems in the system before they become major issues.

The quote for the proposal from Wightman is \$20,000.00 for the scope of services in Section II, there is also an optional fee of \$5,000.00 for cloud access to videos through a smart phone or tablet. I am requesting approval to move forward with this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Brandys

Director of Public Services

Village of Paw Paw



September 3, 2026

Village of Paw Paw
110 Harry L. Bush Blvd.
Paw Paw, MI. 49079

Attention: Mr. Tim Brandys, Director of Public Services

RE: PAW PAW SEWER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Brandys,

Wightman is pleased to present this proposal to the Village of Paw Paw for the development of a solution within the Village's GIS to support its sewer maintenance program.

Sewer maintenance programs are critical for public works departments because they provide a proactive, data-driven approach to planning, operations, and long-term asset management. By systematically tracking pipe condition, the Village can prioritize rehabilitation, reduce emergency repairs, and extend the useful life of their infrastructure. Centralized access to televising reports and videos allows staff to quickly evaluate conditions, support capital improvement planning, and justify funding requests with clear documentation. Overall, these programs improve service reliability, lower lifecycle costs, and increase transparency and confidence for both staff and the public.

We propose to partner with the Village of Paw Paw Public Services Department to further enhance the Village's GIS through the tasks outlined below.

Section I – Project Goals

We understand the goals for this project are:

- Develop a GIS solution to support the Village's sewer maintenance program

Section II – Scope of Services

Develop sewer maintenance dashboard

We will collaborate with the Village to develop a sewer maintenance dashboard that enables a more proactive approach to operations, long-term maintenance, and capital planning. A robust GIS database will be created by importing and organizing existing SAW grant data, establishing a strong foundation for analysis and informed decision-making. The database will also incorporate elements to allow the Village to track past and planned sewer cleaning activities, document findings, and identify potential treatment solutions. The dashboard will include intuitive charts, widgets, and filters that enable staff to easily evaluate system condition, prioritize improvements, and effectively manage the Village's sewer maintenance program. Key data points include:

- Likelihood of Failure
- Consequence of Failure
- Criticality
- Remaining useful life
- PACP ratings
- MACP ratings

Integrate SAW grant data and documents

We will collaborate with the Village to integrate existing SAW grant data and associated documents into the Village's GIS, ensuring they are organized and easily accessible. Records will be incorporated directly into the ArcGIS Pro, with report and video documents linked to their corresponding features for seamless access. The Village will provide the following documents from the SAW grant deliverables:

- Microsoft Access database of pipe televising PACP records
- Microsoft Access database of manhole assessment MACP records
- PACP and MACP reports (likely PDF format)
- PACP televising video files
- Spreadsheet of sewer assets submitted to EGLE

Develop ArcGIS Pro project for sewer maintenance

We will collaborate with the Village to provide convenient access to SAW grant reports and videos within the office environment. These materials document the condition of the sewer system at the time of the SAW grant assessment and serve as a valuable reference for ongoing maintenance and planning. We will install and configure ArcGIS Pro desktop software at the Village's Public Services Department. A customized ArcGIS Pro project will be developed with hyperlinks to the existing SAW grant PACP and MACP reports and videos, enabling staff to quickly access this information directly from the map. In addition, a standardized map template will be created to allow staff to produce clear, consistent maps that align with Village branding.

In order to hyperlink sewer assets to related reports and video files for easy access within ArcGIS Pro, an internal computer hard drive with adequate space (e.g. C: drive) or Network Area Storage (NAS) hard drive is required. If a NAS device is needed, Wightman can provide recommendations.

The required minimum computer specifications for ArcGIS Pro are listed here for your reference:
<https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/get-started/arcgis-pro-system-requirements.htm>

Provide training session for Village staff

Wightman is proposing to provide one in-person training session for Public Services staff. The training will focus on utilizing the new GIS solution to manage the sewer maintenance program and accessing televising data documents. We anticipate the training session to last two hours.

Additional Service Considerations (Optional)

Cloud access to television videos and reports

We are providing office access to the sewer reports and video files as part of the primary effort of this project. The Village has also expressed interest in providing mobile access to these documents through tablets and smartphones. We will work with the Village to develop a mobile access solution using Microsoft SharePoint. Report, video, and defect photo files will be uploaded to SharePoint, and hyperlinks will be configured and associated with each related sewer pipe and defect in the Village's GIS. This will create a mobile-accessible hyperlink that allows staff to view associated documents directly from the field. This will also minimize service credit usage on ArcGIS Online.

This solution will require a Microsoft SharePoint subscription, which is included with Microsoft Office 365 plans. Cellular or Wi-Fi connectivity will also be required to access the documents from a mobile device. Based on our current understanding of your goals, we estimate the total fees for this service to be an additional \$5,000.

ArcGIS Field Maps Tasks

ArcGIS Field Maps Tasks provide a structured way to assign, prioritize, and track maintenance directly within the ArcGIS Field Maps mobile app, giving both office and field staff a unified tool for planning and execution. They create digital “to-do lists” tied to spatial features (points, lines, or polygons), improving coordination, accountability, and visibility into field operations while eliminating the need to switch between separate applications. Tasks streamline field workflows, ensure consistent data collection, support offline work with automatic syncing, and enable real-time progress monitoring that feeds back into decision-making.

Tasks could support additional maintenance tracking needs beyond the wastewater system including other utilities, facilities, etc., and would require a deeper understanding of the Village’s processes and specific needs. We can provide estimated cost for this service if desired.

Section III – Fees

We propose to complete the Section II – Scope of Services outlined above, not including the Additional Service Considerations, for a *Fixed Fee* of \$20,000. Reimbursable expenses are included (mileage). We will invoice monthly based on the completion of tasks.

Section IV – Deliverables

Deliverables associated with this project will include the following:

- Sewer maintenance dashboard
- Consolidated SAW grant televising reports and video files attached to GIS
- ArcGIS Pro desktop software for access to SAW grant CCTV documents
- One in-person training session

Section V – Schedule

After receiving formal notice to proceed, we estimate the development of the GIS solution for sewer maintenance within the Village’s GIS can be completed within two months. Training will be scheduled based on the availability of the Public Service’s staff.

Section VI – Terms and Conditions

Our standard terms and conditions are attached.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner with you on this project. Please review the proposed scope outlined above and provide any suggested changes. If our proposal is acceptable to you, please sign the proposal and return a copy of it to our office to authorize us to begin work. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me.

Mr. Tim Brandys, Director of Public Services
9/3/2026
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Sincerely,



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269-487-9658



Kevin Marks, P.E., Director of Engineering
kmarks@gowightman.com
269-487-9733

cc: April Kibby, GIS Analyst

This proposal is approved and accepted by:

By: _____
Signature

Date: _____

By: _____
Printed Name

Title: _____

Data Centers

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: Data Center Moratorium
Date: September 11, 2026

Background

I recently learned that our Village Planner Tricia Anderson and Village Attorney Brad Fowler had worked together in another community to enact a moratorium on the development of data centers, and I thought you may have interest in a similar moratorium here in Paw Paw.

Due to the pressure these large projects can place on local water and electrical utilities, as well as other potentially negative effects such as excessive noise, many communities around the country have enacted moratoriums (temporary pause) on this type of development until such time as these issues can be more suitably addressed with state or federal regulation.

Paw Paw does not have as many potentially suitable sites for data center locations as other communities, but it does have a few.

I have attached a sample resolution used in another community that Mr. Fowler prepared. He could prepare a similar ordinance for Paw if the Council is interested.

Recommendation

Consider authorizing Attorney Fowler to draft a data center moratorium ordinance for the Village.

TOWNSHIP OF MECOSTA
COUNTY OF MECOSTA, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Mecosta, held at the Township Hall, 19729 11 Mile Road, within the Township, on the ____ day of ____, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following ordinance was offered by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-__

**AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS
AND DIGITAL MINING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

Section 1. *Temporary Moratorium for Certain uses and Developments.* A new section, Section 8.8, is hereby added to the Zoning Ordinance, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

**SECTION 8.8 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS AND DIGITAL
MINING USES**

A. **Definitions.** The following definitions apply to this section:

1. **Data Centers.** Data centers are secure buildings filled with computer servers that store, process and transmit data in support of internet functions and other digital services, and which are typically accompanied by networking equipment, water-fueled cooling systems (to prevent overheating), backup power systems and security systems, and which typically have minimal on-site staffing, limited customer visitation, and no retail activity.
2. **Digital Mining Uses.** Digital mining, also commonly known as cryptocurrency mining, is a use involving a building or structure that

is primarily occupied by computers used to mine digital currency, such as Bitcoin or cryptocurrency.

B. **Temporary Moratorium.** A temporary moratorium on Township consideration of applications for data centers and/or digital mining uses is hereby adopted under the following terms, conditions and limitations:

1. During the temporary moratorium, no Township official, employee, agent, contractor, board, agency or commission shall receive, consider, review, approve, deny or hold public hearings on any zoning or building applications for the use of any land, building or structure for a data center and/or digital mining use.
2. The temporary moratorium is effective as to all applications for data centers and/or digital mining uses received in the Township on or after [REDACTED], 2026.
3. The temporary moratorium shall remain in effect for one (1) year and terminate on [REDACTED], 2027, unless previously terminated, extended, or otherwise altered by the Township Board. In addition, if the Township adopts amendments to the Mecosta Township Zoning Ordinance addressing data centers and/or digital mining uses, the moratorium shall automatically terminate upon the effective date of the amending ordinance, unless otherwise extended by the Township Board.
4. The provisions of this section automatically expire and have no further effect after [REDACTED], 2027, the date of expiration, unless altered by the Township Board.

Section 2. **Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any provision, section or part of this ordinance be declared to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall affect only that provision, section or part thereof, and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of the ordinance, which shall nevertheless continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of the regulatory effect of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within 15 days after adoption, and shall become effective seven days after such publication.

AYES: Members: _____

NAYS: Members: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Stephanie McNeal, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Mecosta at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Stephanie McNeal, Township Clerk

MPPA Delegate Resolution

**VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN
Resolution No. 26-15**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAW
PAW TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC POWER AGENCY BOARD (MPPA)**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, State of Michigan, held at 7 p.m. on September 14, 2026 in the Paw Paw District Library Community Room, 609 W. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, Michigan;

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) provides a means for Michigan municipalities which are members of MPPA to secure electric power and energy for their present and future needs. The MPPA Board is comprised of its members throughout the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, DPS Crew Leader Evan Turner has served as the alternate representative for the Village of Paw Paw at the MPPA Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner has accepted a new role within the Village of Paw Paw and will no longer be attending MPPA meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IS BE RESOLVED

1. The Village Council hereby approves the appointment of Village Manager Bryan Myrkle as the alternate representative for the Village of Paw Paw on the MPPA Board of Directors.

Record of Adoption:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: C

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED/REJECTED (strike one)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, at a regular meeting held on September 14, 2026 and that public notice of that meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Karla Tacy, Clerk

Date

Updates & Reports



Paw Paw Fire Department

Fire Chief Nathan Jackson

1st Asst. Chief Brandon Hall

2nd Asst. Chief Chris Slater

Secretary James Jackson

Dear Friend,

9/9/2026

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Appreciation Dinner at the Paw Paw Volunteer Fire Department. This year, the dinner will be held on Thursday October 1st. Social hour is at 6:00pm with dinner to follow at 7:00pm. Following dinner will be the introduction of the new officers of the department and our awards. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 269-720-7235

Sincerely,

**Nathan Jackson
Fire Chief**

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: Village Manager's Report for
Date: September 10, 2026

Updates & Reports

- **M-40 Project** – I am happy to report that MDOT will be scheduling its coming work in Paw Paw such that disruption to M-40 will be limited to only 2 construction seasons. The Village will undertake its planned water main replacement project in 2027. MDOT will conduct its M-40 reconstruction in 2028 (including the I-94 bridge replacement) and will follow-up with its work on I-94 in 2029. While this is a lot of work, the schedule should help limit the impact on residents and property owners in the Village.
- **Youth Fishing Tournament** – Paw Paw resident Randy Good is working to organize a youth fishing contest on Saturday, September 26. While the contest has attracted quite a bit of attention on social media, it is unclear how big it will turn out to be. The Village has provided advice and guidance and will hope to work with Mr. Good in the future if it turns out to be a success.
- **Warner Vineyards Concerts** – The Village Planning Commission approved a special land use permit for Warner Vineyards earlier this year with the understanding that the issue of noise and sound levels remain unresolved. The ordinance governing this permit process allows the Village Manager to call for a public hearing to review the permit and consider whether changes need to be made. I intend to call such a hearing for the October 8 Planning Commission meeting in order to allow the Commission to review this year's concert season and consider whether changes to permit are warranted. The Village will publish notice of the hearing so all interested parties can be heard.

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- **Utility Billing position & staffing update** – The Village has been accepting resumes and applications for the open Utility Billing position. Clerk Tacy is currently learning the job with help from former Utility Billing Clerk Missy Leonard with the expectation that she will develop the skills necessary to train the eventual permanent hire. We are targeting January 1st as the date when a new person will start.

Administrative Assistant Michelle Barker is moving out of state and will be leaving Village employment at the end of the month. We will be advertising that position as available this week.

Evan Turner has accepted reassignment within the Village organization and will be training at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lab over the next few months in anticipation of Bob Harvey's planned retirement early next year. Pat Carlsen has been promoted to crew leader to replace Mr. Turner.

- **Consumer Electrical Costs** – It is common in late summer for Village employees to receive complaints regarding the cost of electricity. While electricity is getting more expensive nationwide, the cause for higher bills at this time of year is primarily due to extensive use of air conditioning in July and August. Because customers receive their bills approximately one month following the usage they are billed for, these complaints and concerns can stretch into September. However, our recent comparison electric bills from Paw Paw, MEC and Consumers Energy indicates that our customers pay approximately 2 cents less per kilowatt hour than MEC customers and 7 cents less than Consumers Energy customers. The Village offers access to a number of programs that can provide assistance to consumers who would like to lower their energy usage or get help paying their bills. DPS Director Brandys will be working with BlueFire Media to create a web page that will more prominently display this information for customers.



09/08/2026

Council Update

Streets:

Cripps have been working on Elm Street performing watermain replacement. They have new water main installed from Dyckman down to Marcellitti, this area has been pressure tested and was chlorinated over the past weekend, they will be taking samples this week and if they obtain 2 clear samples, they can start installing water services onto the new main the week of the 14th. After wine and harvest is complete, Cripps will begin installing the remaining new watermain.

Cripps have been working on finishing the terrace areas of Willard, Cedar, and Marcellitti, we will do a final walkthrough once they have completed all work.

On 09/08/2026 I met with Lounsbury on Hazen street to discuss abandoning the old watermain on Hazen, this can be done now that the 3 water services on Mather Court have been replaced. In speaking with Don Long who lives at the 3rd house on Mather Court he advised that he has lived in that house for over 50 years and this is the first time that he has had great water pressure, before these changes they could not use more than 1 faucet at a time without stopping water flow.

DPS crews have been milling and filling in potholes, they have been working on South Gremps, and also in the parking lots behind Warners Hardware and The Taphouse. Our crew also made a temporary repair to the parking lot at Briggs, this was a very large area, even though we do not have all the necessary equipment, the guys did a good job of making the parking lot passable for the remainder of the year. We are planning on having this parking lot refurbished in 2027.

Parks:

The amphitheater had recently sustained storm damage to the roof, the fascia and soffit of the restrooms and the brick pillars. Brock's roofing did a great job replacing the amphitheater roof and also repairing the fascia and soffit at the bathrooms. Steve Hahn is looking for the correct replacement brick so that he can restore the pillars.

We have added 2 new picnic tables and a trash can to the grass area at Briggs Dam. Mike Kolosar Electric is working on obtaining the cabinet so that we can get lights back at Briggs. We did have a temporary parking lot light installed until the permanent lighting is in place.

Electric:

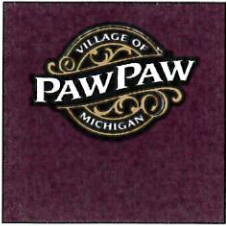
MMEA is sponsoring a public power coloring contest, this contest is intended for 1-4 grade students. The Village of Paw Paw Electric has signed up for this event. I have talked with Jeremy Davison from Paw Paw Public Schools, and he has agreed to pass the contest rules and the coloring picture out to any 1-4 grade students that would like to participate. MMEA will be donating one \$50.00 Amazon gift card to each public power agency that participates. The Village of Paw Paw DPS has also donated \$30 and \$20 Amazon gift cards. 1st place will be awarded \$50, 2nd place will be awarded \$30, and 3rd place will be awarded \$20. We will be displaying some of this artwork at the DPS and at Village Hall. Submissions will be accepted through Friday September 25th and winners will be announced the week of October 4th and notified by email.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Brandys

Director of Public Services

Village of Paw Paw



Public Power Coloring Contest



The Village of Paw Paw invites you to join us in celebrating Public Power Week, Oct. 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 55 million Americans across 49 states and five U.S. territories.

Through the Public Power Coloring Contest, we wish to engage students and the community in a way that will enhance interest and understanding of the role that efficient, safe, reliable, and affordable electricity plays in powering our community.

What Are the Rules?

1. This contest is open to participants in 1st- 4th grade for Fall of 2026.
2. Contestants may only submit one entry.
3. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, September 25th.
4. The winner will be announced the week of October 4th and notified by email.

The contest winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card & may be featured in MMEA's Currents magazine! Second place will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card and Third place will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Check it out at MIpublicpower.org

Please provide the following information and submit this form with the completed coloring sheet.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Grade: _____ School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: I hereby grant the right to use, publish, and display this artwork for promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Submission must be received by Friday, September 25th. Mail or drop off this form with the completed coloring sheet during business hours to:

Village of Paw Paw

111 E. Michigan Ave

Paw Paw, MI 49079

The People Behind Public Power

