Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, September 14, 2026

Meeting Convened

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 14, 2026, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczak presiding.

Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion by McQueen with support from Craddock to approve claims for Monday, September 14, 2026, in the amount of $829,513.35. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Audience Participation

Luke Butler discussed proposed road closures during the Wine & Harvest Festival.

Ed Hellwege thanked staff for putting the Council meeting agenda packets on the website before meetings.

Mary McIntosh reports that there are many non-taxed entities (churches, schools, County buildings) within the Village. She would like Council to explore other means of increasing the tax base.

Mike McCarthy would like Council to consider the customer portal option when install the new AIM meters.

Council Member Comments:

Trustees Rohr and Craddock thanked DPS and PD staff for their hard work regarding the Wine & Harvest Festival.

Trustee Craddock thanked Trustee Martinez for his help cleaning up at the end of the festival.

President Plaszczak reports the festival seemed very well attended and draws in a nice respectful crowd.

Action Items:
Homecoming Parade Request

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve use of public spaces for the Paw Paw High School Homecoming Parade, September 25,2026. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Cripps Fontaine Pay Request #1

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve pay request No.1 from Cripps Fontaine Excavating for the Category B Grant Project, in the amount of $345,483.75. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

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Category B Grant Project Change Order #1

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve change order #1 submitted by Cripps Fontaine Excavating regarding the Category B Grant Project, for an increase of $23,175.34. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

GIS Integration Proposal Request

Motion by Craddock with support from McQueen to accept Wightman's As-Built GIS Integration Proposal for a fixed fee of $17,000. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

GIS Sewer Maintenance Documentation Request

A determination on Wightman's Sewer Maintenance Program Proposal has been deferred until a later date.

Data Center Moratorium Consideration

It was the consensus of Council to have Manager Myrkle ask Attorney Fowler to proceed drafting a data center moratorium ordinance, with the added wording to allow an early withdrawal from the agreement.

MPPA Delegate Resolution 26-15

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to accept Resolution 2026-15 to appoint Village Manager Bryan Myrkle as the alternate representative for the Village of Paw Paw on the MPPA Board of Directors, replacing Evan Turner.

Workshop Items: Tax Incentive Policy Proposal

Manager Myrkle introduced the Economic and Residential Opportunity Committee members that were in attendance. Manager Myrkle discussed the Tax Incentive Policy that the committee has been drafting. Council was asked to review the draft proposal and contact Manager Myrkle with any questions/change requests.

Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec

The Parks & Rec Board discussed their project priorities for next budget year. Members of the Southwest Michigan Amputee Resource Group attended the meeting to discuss hopefully partnering with the Village on future projects.

DDA

None.

Economic & Residential Opportunity

President Plaszczak would like the Economic and Residential Opportunity Committee to discuss data centers.

Farmers Market

None.

Fire Board

None.

Historical Commission

The Historical Commission will be holding their September meeting at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Housing Commission

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.

Maple Lake Preservation

None.

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Planning Commission

None.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Craddock would like members of the PD and DPS to attend the next Wine & Harvest meeting and give summaries of the department encounters during festival.

Council Member Comments:

None.

Manager Comments

Manager Myrkle invited Council to attend the Fire Department's annual appreciation dinner on October 1st. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on October 8th to receive comment on the Warner Vineyards Entertainment Venue Special Land Use Permit.

Staff Comments Brandys

DPS Director Brandys reports Brock's Roofing repaired the storm damage to the amphitheater's roof.

Rottman

Chief Rottman reports that the Wine & Harvest Festival went well from the PD's standpoint. He thanked MSP, Van Buren County Sheriff's Department and Covert PD for their assistance. Detective Skinner will be attending MSP's Homicide School.

Adjournment

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned a 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy	Roman Plaszczak
Village Clerk	Village President