Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, January 11, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday January 11, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Pro Tem Eric Larcinese presiding.

2. Present: (President Plaszczak, excused) President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh, excused) and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, Public Services Director John Small, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper.

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the Agenda for Monday, January 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of December 14, 2015. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve corrected accounts payable in the amount of $271,819.67. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Flores and Craddock.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Chris Cook, President of Abonmarche was present to provide the Water Reliability Study Report. Cook walked through the report; introduction, water supply, project demands, production history, population projections, estimated future flows, firm capacity, distribution and storage, required fire flow capacity, proposed improvement plan, user rate analysts and staff structure.

8. A general discussion ensued regarding the presentation. Nielsen also noted the ongoing sanitary sewer project there is a great opportunity to include implementation key recommendations of the water reliability study without increasing cost of the village or the village bonding amounts.

9. Motion by Rohr with support by Javis to accept and approve the Water Reliability Water Report presented by Abonmarche for a price not to exceed the cost of 60,000 and authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement. Roll call vote;

10. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to accept and approve the request for the following street closures and use of Village facilities;

Annual Poppy Sales, May 5, 2016 through May 7, 2016 requested from McKinley-Wilson Hall 2532.

Meeting Convened
Members Present
Approval of Agenda
Approved Minutes
Accounts Payable
Presentation and Guess
Abonmarche
New Business
Abonmarche
Special Use requests
Annual Poppy Sales
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Annual Easter Egg Hunt, March 26, 2016 9:30 to 12:00 requested from Red Arrow Ministries at Tyler Field, Kids Paradise.

The Uncork the Arts Festival, sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Artist Association the use of Lake Front Park, Amphitheatre along with parking spaces along the Park from Gremps west to the bridge, along with waiving the noise ordinance all for the period beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 15, 2016 through 8:00 pm Saturday, July 16, 2016.

All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Rohr, with support of Craddock, to set the Village of Paw Paw Public Budget Hearing to take comments at the regular meeting Monday, February 22, 2016 shortly after 7:30. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Rohr, with support of Jarvis to accept and approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies allowing the Village of Paw Paw an individual Permit for use of State Highway Right of Way. All members present voting yes, motion carried.


14. No report.

15. No report.


17. No report.

18. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; phase two of the needs assessment proposal.

19. TBD.

20. No report. Rohr noted the Housing Commission did receive approval of RAD application.

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22. Meeting tomorrow at 8:00 am at Village Hall

23. TBD.

24. No report

25. No report

26. Rohr thanked the DPS crew for continued efforts with snow removal

27. Nielsen noted the presentation with Coca Cola North America was being reschedule for a later date. Nielsen noted Chief of Police, Eric Marshall was at the Village of Lawton’s meeting this evening starting the Shared Services Agreement.

28. Small noted the new VacTruck was in and the crews would soon be receiving training & education regarding new equipment.

29. Motion by Craddock with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President Pro Tem,                           Village Clerk,
Eric Larcinese                                               Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, January 25, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday January 25, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Pro Tem Eric Larcinese presiding.

2. Present: (President Plaszczak, excused) President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh, excused) and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper.

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the revised Agenda for Monday, January 25, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of January 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Jarvis with support of Flores to approve corrected accounts payable in the amount of $458,050.94. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Jarvis and Craddock.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Emily Petz, from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation was in attendance to discuss the “Talent & Economic Development Plan”. The Rising Tide is an initiative envisioned by Governor Rick Snyder. The mission of supplying at rick communities with the tools they need to design and build a successful economic framework. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Talent Investment Agency and Michigan State Housing Development Authority has committed their assets to engaging specific communities across the state in order to empower them to shape their future and maximize economic potential. Petz commented the Village of Paw Paw was selected as part of section 8 (Southwest Region).

8. Petz provided a final draft proposal of the Village of Paw Paw Rising Tide. The draft included; project scope & mission, problem statement, background, target customers, and a schedule of accomplishment dates. The initiative will employe the MEDC’s Redevelopment Ready Communities as the initial mechanism to support the Rising Tide platform in each of the ten Prosperity Regions, depending on the each community’s unique issues, additional supportive service will be provided to such community.

9. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and accept the Rising Tide proposal with amendment to the plan regarding the Paw Paw Housing

Meeting Convened  
Members Present  
Approval of Agenda  
Approved Minutes  
Accounts Payable  
Presentation and Guess  
Emily Petz, MEDC  
New Business  
Rising Tide
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Commission. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Flores with support by Jarvis to accept and approve the request listed in agenda memo dated January 22, 2016 of the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee for the use of Village, Streets, Parking Lots and Parks September 9 through 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to accept and approve the request from the Paw Paw Area Quick Response Team and authorize a $6000.00 payment and authorize the President Pro Tem to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Nielsen provided to the Council an updated memo regarding an Assistance Village Manager position. Nielsen thanked the Council for their feedback regarding the position. Nielsen indicated the goal was be to have someone in place to keep the Village moving forward in a positive way because of the volume of projects happening in the next few years.


14. No report.

15. No report.


17. No report.

18. No report

19. TBD.

20. No report.

21. No report

22. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included RAD conversion

23. No report

24. No report
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25. Larcinese commented he would not be the next Council meeting, due to a conflict in schedule. Larcinese also discussed the Flint water topic. A general discussion ensued regarding how the Village of Paw Paw protects and monitors the Village drinking water system.

26. Nielsen commented regarding the Village of Paw Paw Well Head Protect plan and how it was made into a public video playing at the Strand Theater. Nielsen also commented regarding the presentation with CCNA was rescheduled for March 28, 2016.

27. Motion by Jarvis with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President Pro Tem,                           Village Clerk,
Eric Larcinese                                               Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday February 8, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, (President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, excused) and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and (Donne Rohr, excused). Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve the Agenda for Monday, February 8, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of January 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Craddock with support of McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $215,324.57. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Larcinese and McIntosh.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Nielsen provided explanation to the Council regarding the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce change with Paw Paw Days event. The weekend of July 16 and 17, 2016 was approved by Council to have both Paw Paw Days and the Uncorked the Arts together. Nielsen explained the Chamber was given notice of a conflict interest. The street closures will stay the same, just two different dates.

8. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to grant the request of the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce and allow the use of Village Streets, parking lots, and sidewalks July 22 and 23, 2016 as requested for Paw Paw Days with the understanding the Village may not be able to provide the usual in-kind services as in prior year. All members present, voting yes, motion carried.

9. Nielsen presented to the Council budget amendments for 2015/2016 and proposed budget for 2016/2017. Nielsen addressed the 2016/2017 fiscal year project list with several additional request for new vehicles for departments. Nielsen explained department heads clarified the project list for the new fiscal year were needs, not wants. Budget draft #2 exhibited the Council each fund financial health along with increases and decreases to fund balances. Nielsen commented of the past year project including; Michigan Ave restructuration along with the capital improvements for Electric, Water and Sewer Departments. Nielsen
explained the changes with reporting pension liabilities, discussing the GASB changes. The changes will show the Village’s long term outlook with funding the employees MERS pension program. Nielsen noted of the continued positive outlook in the Motor Pool Fund as the fund continues to positive gains.

10. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to accept the bid from Rose Pest Solution and award a five year agreement at $149 per year. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Jarvis, with support from Craddock to set a hearing at February 22, 2016 shortly after the start of meeting to discuss and take comment on a proposed USDA Grant for $18,000.00 which would go toward the purchase of a new Police Vehicle. All members present, voting yes, motion carried.

12. Small updated the Council regarding a water main break around the Woodfield Apartment – Marcelletti Street area. Small noted the water line break was controlled by the DPS crews and Lounsbury Excavating. Small commented the residents in the area did not go without water or loose pressure during the leak. The crews did a wonderful job of controlling the massive leak.


14. Jarvis noted the DPS committee met. Items discussed included; water leak on Marcelletti

15. No report.

16. Jarvis noted the Areas Parks and Recreation committee met. Items discussed included Maple Island cleanup crews and upcoming presentation with Antwerp Township regarding trail ways

17. No report.

18. No report

19. TBD.

20. No report.

21. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included continued discussion regarding updating the Village of Paw Paw sign ordinance.

22. No report.
23. No report

24. Plaszczak commented on the positive shape Michigan Ave was in.

25. Chief Marshall commented on the State of Michigan Police Chief conference he attended and his continued efforts with the TEAM programs with Paw Paw Schools.

26. Nielsen commented on the continued efforts of the WMU students who will be looking at a project of assessment for a possible Water/Shoreline Overlay District in the Village of Paw Paw. Nielsen noted this would be similar to the Form Base Code project.

27. Motion by McIntosh with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President, Roman Plaszczak
Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday February 22, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, excused Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and (Donne Rohr, excused). Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Larcinese with support of McIntosh to approve the Agenda for Monday, February 22, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of February 8, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Larcinese with support of McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $579,264.39. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Jarvis and Flores.

6. Beth Griffin, Van Buren County Commissioner was present to announce she was running for the 66th District post. Griffin indicated the post was currently held by Aric Niesbitt who would be term limited out. Griffin spoke of her record as County Commissioner and goals she was setting for her possible new post.

7. Motion by Flores with support from Larcinese to close the regular session at 7:45 and enter into a public hearing to take public comments regarding Resolution 16-01, Budget amendment for fiscal year 2015-2016 along with adoption of Budget 2016-2017. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Let the record show no public comment was received.

9. Motion by Flores with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:46 for Resolution 16-01 and enter into regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Jarvis with support from McIntosh to close the regular session at 7:47 and enter into a public hearing to take public comments for USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities program. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Let the record show no public comment was received.
12. Motion by Jarvis with support from McIntosh to close the public hearing on the USDA Rural Development at 7:48 and enter into regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Craddock with support from Larcinese to adopt and approve Resolution 16-01 amending 2015-2016 fiscal year budget and adopting 2016-2017 fiscal year budget as submitted by Village Manager. Roll call vote; Jarvis, Flores, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Craddock all voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to accept $18,000.00 in grant fund from the USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities program with such funds going toward purchase of a new police vehicle. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve the request by the Eastern Van Buren County Crop Walk organization and allow the use of Village Streets and sidewalks on April 24, 2016 for their annual walk. All members present, voting yes, motion carried.

16. The consensus of the Council was to hold the lien request proposal from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding property formal known at Paw Paw Plating to allow staff more time to research the possible transaction.

17. Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to approve the extension of the Village of Paw Paw representation formally of the Great Lake Capital Fund to Cinnaire and allow the Village Manager execute documents on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

18. Nielsen commented on the continued efforts of staff updating rental properties throughout the Village of Paw Paw. Nielsen to provide more information detailing the on-going updates.

19. No report.

20. No report.

21. No report


23. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; 2016-2017 budget, CPO report and new development happening.
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24. Meeting set for March 1, 2016

25. TBA


27. No report.

28. No report.

29. No report

30. McIntosh commented on the needs for cameras in the Village of Paw Paw.

31. Nielsen commented on the continued progress off updating the Master Plan and would have an agenda item soon for Council discussion.

32. Motion by Larcinese with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President ,                                        Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                          Christopher Tapper

Fire Board
Historical Comm.
Housing Commission
Planning Commission
Wellhead Protection
EDC
Council Comments
McIntosh
Nielsen
Adjournment
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 14, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday March 14, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, excused Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh excused), and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, Community Development Coordinator, Leonard Lux and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Flores to approve the Agenda for Monday, March 14, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of February 22, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Jarvis with support of Flores to approve accounts payable in the amount of $717,760.44. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Rohr.

6. Pat Winston was present to discuss amendments needed for Ordinance 450 Tax Exemption, for the Paw Paw Housing Commission. Winston also presented to the Council an agreement to purchase real estate for 205 Miller Court. Winston expressed the amendments were needed to meet HUD guidelines.

7. Motion by Larcinese with support of Craddock to hold a special meeting 14 days after public hearing notices has been provided for the request of the Paw Paw Housing Commission to take comments on the amendments to Ordinance 450 along with the proposed sales agreement of 205 Miller Court. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Let the record show no other public comment was received.

9. Motion by Larcinese with support from Craddock to adopt the Resolution recognizing the Paw Paw Village Players as a local non-profit organization operating with the Village of Paw Paw and authorize the Village Clerk to execute the resolution on behalf of the Village. All members present voting yes, motion
carried.

10. It was the consensus of the Council to table until next meeting.

11. Nielsen noted to the Council the Berkshire Paw Paw closing had taken place, last Friday and the project should be starting soon.

12. Lux and Nielsen provided to the Council a detail report of the Village of Paw Paw Inspection report via, residential and commercial properties throughout the Village. Lux noted he believed the Rise Tide report provided by the State of Michigan was a little off with respects of the number of rental properties in the Village. Lux and Nielsen believe the percentage is closer to 70% residential rental property throughout. Lux thanked staff and the Council for their continued support and efforts to provide accurate data. Lux commented he has found multiple properties in the Village with conflicting address via; Van Buren County, Paw Paw Township versus the Village of Paw Paw.

13. A general discussion ensued regarding the report. Several Council members spoke of the positive feedback they had received regarding Lux and his efforts regarding the inspection process. Plaszczak noted of Lux's diplomatic approach with respect to the landlords and residents in the Village. Tapper, Small and Nielsen all agreed with Council and Plaszczak assessment of Lux’s productivity since coming to the Village.

14. No report.

15. Flores reported the Committee met. Items discussed included; Maple Lake levels, street work (cold patch), capital vehicle budget items, DDA Flowers update and opening of parks Maple Island and Tyler Field.


17. Jarvis reported the Committee met. Items discussed included; opening of Maple Island, tree trimming and DDA Flowers.

18. No report.

19. Larcinese reported the Board met. Items discussed included; all townships finally approved phase #2 needs assets for bids to be released and discussion regarding new fiscal year budget.

20. TBA
21. TBA

22. No report.

23. No report.

24. Meeting schedule for March 21, 2016

25. Jarvis again wanted to speak regarding the positive efforts from the Community Development Coordinator Lux. Jarvis also noted she would not be at the April 11, 2016 Village Council meeting.

26. Flores commented on the Well Head Protection activities items included; information aid being run on the 12 channel public access also at the Strand Theater, along with new bottle water drinking station at the Paw Paw Middle School. Flores also commented on the passing of Eleanor Miller.

27. Larcinese commented regarding the Paw Paw Housing Commission amendments to Ordinance 450 and sales agreement. Larcinese asked staff to research several concerns he had. Nielsen noted the concerns and would provide feedback to the Council.

28. Nielsen reminded the Council of the CCNA presentation schedule for next meeting along with presentation from Indiana Michigan Power.

29. Motion by Flores with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President ,                                        Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                          Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, March 28, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday March 28, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, (President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese excused) and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, excused Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh excused), and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Flores to approve the Agenda for Monday, March 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of March 14, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve accounts payable in the amount of $486,184.44. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Rohr.

6. Mike Pioch, member of the Planning Commission, Paw Paw Housing Commission was in attendance to thank the Council for all the effort the Council was performing regarding the Ordinance 450 regarding the Housing Commission. Pioch also thanked the Council for their continued efforts with Maple Lake.

7. Hasam Hayt and Eric Rodrigues, from American Electric Power; Indiana Michigan Power were in attendance to present to the Council, Capital improvements being schedule to improve the production and distribution of electricity to the Village of Paw Paw. Rodrigues describe the updates and rebuilds to the Almena substation, which is a direct feed to the Village. Rodrigues also provided several areas of improvements from the south of the Village. A general discussion ensued regarding the improvements. Several Council members and Village Manager discussed the scope of the project and thanked both Hayt and Rodrigues for the presentation.

8. Cirilo Martinez was in attendance to announce his intensions of running for 7th District Court Judge. Martinez discussed his education, legal career, professional members, awards, community involvement and additional experiences. Martinez thanked the Council and a looked forward to questions.

9. Nielsen provided to the Council information from the National League of Cities. The NLC has a Service Line Warranty Program. The program offers residents an opportunity to provide a ‘warranty’ program for either or both their water and
sanitary sewer service line and pays for the repair of the line in the event of a failure. Nielsen asked the Council to review the information and provide feedback regarding the programs and if the Council believed this would be a good idea for Village of Paw Paw customers.

10. Nielsen and Small updated the Council regarding the Trailhead/Dog Park located in the area of Gremps Street and Industrial Ave. Nielsen commented the planning is still early on, but cost and designs would be coming shortly.

11. Small updated the Council regarding the Department of Public Services discussion regarding capital improvements i.e. vehicles, water lines in conjunction with the SRF project with improvements being done with sewer lines. Small discussed the importance of identifying the waters lines in the areas of sewer improvements because the improvements can be done at the same time. Small also updated the Council regarding the Michigan Rural Water Conference he attended. Small noted of several changes and updates the State of Michigan was look at due to the City of Flint matters. Small commented the Shared Services with the Village Lawrence was going well. Small noted the Village of Decatur was also looking at a possible Shared Services Agreement regarding Motor Pool.

12. Chief Marshall updated the Council of the new hire Andrew Galer who will be the new Shared Service Officer with Van Buren County. Marshall updated the Council of the new training his department was currently conducting.

13. Motion by Rohr with support from Flores to approve and accept the Village Presidents recommendations for Village appointments FY 2016-2017 for various boards, committees, commissions, designation of legal, official publication, inspection services and enforcement listed in the agenda memo dated March 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration committee met. Items discussed included; posting of Assistant Manager Position on the Michigan Municipal League website.

15. No report already provided.


17. No report.

18. No report.

19. No report.

20. No report.
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22. No report.

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. Plaszczak commented on the presentation from Coca-Cola North America before tonight’s Village Council meeting. Plaszczak thanked CCNA for their partnership and donation with the Maple Island lake shore project. Plaszczak also commented on the success of the Easter Egg Hunt from the past weekend.

26. Nielsen noted of some concerns stay regarding the Van Buren County building expansions noted the Courier Leader. Nielsen noted staff would continue to meet with the County regarding the concerns. Nielsen also noted the Master Plan updated proposal was ready for discussion. Nielsen commented he had not heard from the Council regarding any concerns and would like to proceed. Paul Lippens from McKenna and Associates would be present April 11, 2016 for a presentation.

27. Motion by Flores with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                    Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                       Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, April 11, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday April 11, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, (Nadine Jarvis excused), Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small.

3. Motion by Rohr with support of McIntosh to approve the revised Agenda for Monday, April 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr with support of Flores to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of March 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Rohr to approve the minutes of the special meeting minutes of April 1, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $173309.53. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, McIntosh and Jarvis.

7. David Walker was in attendance to announce he was running for Van Buren County Sheriff. Van Buren County is a melting pot of different cultures and ethnic groups. Serving the law enforcement needs of this diverse population takes an individual with experience, integrity and someone with the highest moral standard. Walker believes his combination of past employment, training, work ethic and capacity to work with others make him uniquely qualified to serve the residents of Van Buren County.

8. Ted Major was in attendance to discuss the Village of Paw Paw continued grow for renewable energy. Major discussed several opportunities for the Village to address with renewable energy i.e. water, solar and wind. Major thanked the Council for his opportunity to discuss the topic.

9. Motion by Flores with support from Larcinese to approve and accept the proposal to updated the Village of Paw Paw Master Plan and engage McKenna & Associates at a revised base fee to include Options; One, Two, Four, Five and Six. Roll Call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan of Wendy’s located at 828 South Kalamazoo Street with the following conditions;
   1) Compliance with the proposed Landscape Plan
   2) Proposed signage shall be subject to compliance with Ordinance standards and shall require a sign permit.
   3) Village Fire Department review/approval
   4) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Local codes/ordinances
   5) Compliance with repairing existing storm water storage and run off on site.
   All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Craddock with support from Larcinese to approve and accept the request by the Paw Paw Middle School and use portions of North Street and Hazen Street on October 1, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Flores and Small presented to the Council a proposal for a list of Capital Improvements for the Village of Paw Paw Water System. Small noted this was a request from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. It was the consensus of the Council to have staff review the proposal and provide more feedback.

13. Information was provided with the last Council meeting. No new information was requested from Council.

14. No report.

15. No report already provided.


17. No report.

18. No report.

19. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; Almena Township researching fire calls from Paw Paw and Phase Two Needs Assessment bids went out.

20. No report.

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22. No report.

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. Plaszczak commented on the information provided by the Village Manager, regarding the continued declines with Revenue Sharing. Plaszczak reported since 2002 the Village of Paw Paw lost 1.3 Million dollars in State Shared Revenue. Plaszczak further reported Van Buren County combined since 2002 lost 18 Million dollars. Plaszczak encourage Council and audience members to remind their State Representatives the importance’s of these dollars to local communities.

26. Nielsen noted of the Village of Paw Paw and Planning Studio Class within Western Michigan University’s Community & Regional Planning program cordially invites you to attend the presentation of the Winter 2016 Planning Studio project to the Village of Paw Paw Planning Commission. The event was schedule Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Paw Paw District Library.

27. Motion by McIntosh with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                           Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, April 25, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday April 11, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, (President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, excused) and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, (Department of Public Services, John Small, excused) and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the Agenda for Monday, April 25, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores with support of Rohr to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of April 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $588,084.13. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, McIntosh and Jarvis.

6. Let the record show no audience participation was received.

7. Mike McKay, candidate for District Court Judge was in attendance to address the Council regarding his accomplishment and background. McKay commented regarding his past years in law enforcement along with his years of service as an assistance prosecutor. McKay has established a reputation for fighting for crime victims and taking on difficult case. McKay has also demonstrated a commitment to solve problems and improve communities. McKay thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and took questions.

8. Chief Marshall presented to the Council and audience the 2015 Paw Paw Police Department, departmental awards. Marshall introduced the department’s newest office Andrew Galer. Several officers received recognitions. SSgt. Kirk Goodrich received recognition for his 25 years of service. Goodrich has been on the department since 1991. Goodrich has been an honorable officer who had been a key building block for the Paw Paw Police Department.

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10. Nielsen updated the Council regarding several projects including: MML Liability & Property Pool refund for pooled dividend return, Village was approved for $375,000 for East Michigan Ave improvement project for 2020, project similar to the West Michigan Ave improvements finished last year, Riding Tide update, this project could include 1% loans for residents in the Village to preform home improvement construction and plans have been received for new trail head/parking lot/park for old industrial park area. Nielsen also commented the F&A committee review Banking Services Agreement. Nielsen noted the Council should have also received annual report from the Planning Commission 2015.

11. Rohr reported committee met. Items discussed; review of Banking Services Agreement.

12. No report

13. No report.

14. No report.

15. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; uncork Paw Paw aids, grant approval for Van Buren Motor Supply, John Tapper Automotive and updates to the Paw Paw Berkshire Housing Project


17. No report.

18. No report.

19. No report.

20. No report.


22. Plaszczak commented on the volunteer cleanup work done over the week in Village Parks and Maple Island. Plaszczak also thanked Chief Marshall for his continued outstanding work with the Paw Paw Police Department.
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23. Motion by McIntosh with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                          Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, May 9, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday May 9, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, and (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused).

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the Agenda for Monday, May 9, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores with support of McIntosh to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of April 25, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores with support of Jarvis to approve accounts payable in the amount of $285,318.42. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Larcinese and Rohr.

6. Kayak Kenneth was in the audience to discuss the summary of proposed Paw Paw Paddle & Water Events for the year 2016. The Two Rivers Coalition is planning several public events in the Paw Paw Village area, these events staged in prior years. Kenneth is looking for support from the Village regarding the event. Nielsen noted he would place the events on the next agenda for Council action.

7. Phil Oretsky, candidate for Van Buren County Sherriff was in attendance to address the Council regarding his accomplishment and background. Oretsky commented regarding his past years in law enforcement along with his years of service. Oretsky thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and took questions.

8. Dan Abbott, candidate for Van Buren County Sherriff was in attendance to address the Council regarding his accomplishment and background. Abbott commented regarding his past years in law enforcement along with his years of service. Abbott thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and took questions.

9. Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh to set a public hearing for May 23, 2016 shortly after the start of the meeting to take public comments on the MEDC Loan application for 204 South Kalamazoo Street, Brenda Atkinson, Properties 204 LLC. All members present, voting yes, motion carried.
10. Flores noted the DPS Committee would like to continue review of the CIP Plan. Flores asked the Council for continue feedback and comments regarding the Plan.

11. No report

12. Flores reported the Department of Public Service Committee met. Items discussed included; water main and electric projects, Paw Paw Well Head projects with the schools.

13. No report.

14. No report.

15. No report.


17. No report.

18. No report.

19. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included; sign ordinance updates

20. No report.


22. Plaszczak commented on the streets being kept clean.

23. Jarvis noted of the weed boat out on Maple Lake working.

24. Nielsen noted of several updates included in Council packets; update with 319 Grant, PA 295 reports, Grape Lake 5k run being handled through Wings of God group, County Tax Sale for properties in the Village and receipt from MSDA regarding approval of sale between Village of Paw Paw and the Paw Paw Housing Commission.
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25. Motion by McIntosh with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.  

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,  
Roman Plaszczak                                          Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, May 23, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday May 9, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, (Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, excused) and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the Agenda for Monday, May 23, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of May 9, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $556,289.20. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Jarvis and Flores.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Motion by Flores with support of McIntosh to recess the regular session into a public hearing at 7:36 to take public comment on Resolution 16-03 MEDC Loan Application for 204 South Kalamazoo Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Greg Nicholas, Cinnaire was presented to discuss the application for MEDC Loan for Brenda Atkinson, 204 S Kalamazoo Street. Nicholas indicated Nielsen was very kind in preparing Resolution 16-03 for the public review of the application. Nicholas indicated the loan funds are from the former RLF Funds from the Village of Paw Paw. Nicholas stated Atkinson has been wonderful to work with and was very encourage by the project.

9. Let the record show no public comment was received.

10. Motion by Flores with support from Rohr to close the public hearing at 7:49 and re-enter the regular session.
11. Motion by Flores with support from Jarvis to adopt Resolution 16-03 approving the CDBG RLF application for Brenda Atkinson, Properties 204 LLC and granting the Village Manager to execute all related necessary and appropriate documents on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinse, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores and Jarvis all voting yes, motion carried.

12. William Buhl, on behalf of Wings of God to provide to the Council an annual report of the year in review from 2015. Buhl commented on the continued success of the program. Buhl commented on several funding raising projects.

13. AJ Brucks, Executive Director of the Van Buren Conservation District was in attendance to discuss the project the District was working on; 319 Grant, Household Chemical Waste Recycling Collection and ballot proposal for the Conservation District. Brucks thanked the Council for Nielsen’s continued efforts regarding improving the Paw Paw Water Shed.

14. Motion by McIntosh with support from Rohr to adopt and approve Resolution 16-04 authorizing the Village Manager to Act on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw for the purpose of continuing, or noticing for termination of the current agreement with Indiana Michigan Power based on the finding facts from the IMMDA meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Tom Elsman, Sporty’s Pub & Veranda Grill was present to discuss the use of Village sidewalks in front of his establishment for sidewalk sales. Elsman noted he was requesting use of the sidewalk in accordance with MLCC requirements for outdoor sales. A general discussion ensued regarding the request. The consensus of the Council was to allow staff more time to research the request from Elsman.

16. No action was taken regarding Tax Levy information. Nielsen noted the levies would stay the same. It was the consensus of the Council not to take a new action.

17. The WHF Committee submitted an additional request for use of sidewalks and parking lot for the annual Wine and Harvest Festival 2016. A general discussion ensued. The consensus of the Council was to allow staff more time to research the request.

18. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to enter into the agreement with the Van Buren County Conservation District and agree to sponsor up to $500.00 towards the disposal of chemical waste brought in by the Village residents. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

19. Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve the request from the Two Rivers Coalition as a local community organization and complete the Local Governing Body Resolution to be submitted to the State of Michigan. All members present voting yes,
motion carried.

20. A general discussion ensued regarding the former Paw Paw Plating Property. The MDEQ agreed to release the six figure lien against the property for $15,000.00. The Michigan Land Bank Authority has offered to sell the land to the Village for $30,000.00. Prior Council discussion was to explore the condition of the property and what condition or restriction may be placed on the property. Nielsen noted of the report provided to Council from Phillips Environmental LLC. Nielsen noted from the report the simple conclusion is that the property, with due care, can be developed. The consensus of the Council was to hold until staff to research further.

21. The consensus of the Council was to decline on the Delinquent Property tax sale offered by the Van Buren County Treasurer.

22. Motion by Jarvis with support from Flores to approve and adopt Resolution 16-05 an agreement between the Village of Paw Paw and the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program, Utility Service Partners International for residential property owners to have the right to participate in the voluntary insurance program, and allow the Village Manager to execute related necessary appropriate documents on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

23. Motion by Flores with support from Rohr to accept the recommendation from the Public Service Committee and enter into the engineering agreement with Wightman & Associates and authorize the Village Manager to execute related necessary appropriate documents on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

24. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the request from the Two Rivers Coalition the use of Village Parks and Boat Launches for their schedule of activates offered by the Coalition this summer 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

25. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met. Items discussed; banking services proposals.


27. No report.

28. No report.

29. Larry reported the Downtown Authority met.

30. No report.
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31. No report.

32. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included; sign ordinance updates

33. No report.

34. No report.

35. Motion by McIntosh with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                           Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday June 13, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Leonard Lux, Community Development Coordinator, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve the Agenda for Monday, June 13, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Rohr to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of May 23, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve accounts payable in the amount of $682,833.75. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Rohr and Larcinese.

6. Kip Kirby, Great Lakes Belting was in attendance to voice his support for agenda item #1 under ongoing business with reference to Sporty’s Pub & Veranda Grill, Café Seating.

7. Chris Cook, President, Abonmarche was in attendance to present to the Council and guess an updated timeline of the Village of Paw Paw SRF Project. Cook covered the current financing schedule along with a schedule of when bid processing and bonding statues will happen. Cook thanked Nielsen for preparing Resolution 16-07 which sets the timeline for the project.

8. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and accept Resolution 16-07 SRF Project purchase, acquire and construct improvement to the Village of Paw Paw sanitary sewer system and publish notice of intent to issue revenue bonds. Roll Call vote; Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr voting yes, motion carried.

9. Chief Marshall and Detective Eric Rottman, presented to the Council the Paw Paw Police Department Annual Report from 2014-2015. Marshall noted the report would be updated to the Village of Paw Paw website for review as well. Highlights of the report included; mission statement, traditional law enforcement, narcotics enforcement, crime, successes, community policing, TEAM, partnerships, equipment / technology updates and concluding with challenges...
10. Tom Elsman, Sporty’s Pub and Veranda Grill was in attendance to continue the discussion from prior meeting regarding establishment for sidewalk sales in accordance with the MLCC. Local permission is required for these types of sales. Staff has provided updated information for the Council regarding the request.

11. Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve and accept the recommendation of staff, and agree to the ‘Letter of Intent’ provided in the agenda memo and enter in to a 60 day trial basis beginning with the first day of placement of the outdoor decking and allow outdoor sales, granting uses of Village sidewalk and parking in front of Shorty’s Pub & Veranda Grill to Tom Elsman. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh and Jarvis all voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and accept the site plan submit for Tapper Ford 413 East Michigan Ave with the eight conditions;

   a) The provision of on additional parking space along the east side of the site for a total of seven parking spaces, as required by Section 42-404
   b) The delineation of sidewalk or pedestrian walkway along Oak Street the width of property frontage
   c) Compliance with the screening and landscape requirements of Section 45-405 and Section 42-406c
   d) Proposed signage shall be subject to compliances with Ordinance standards
   e) Village Fire Department review/approval
   f) compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and local codes, ordinances, laws and regulations.
   g) Village Public Utilities Department review/approval of all existing and or proposed utility extension/connections and the storm water disposal plan.
   h) Compliance with applicable standards and requirements of Van Buren County Drain Commission office including soil and sedimentation requirements.

   All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve the use of Village Streets and sidewalks during the day of June 18, 2016 by the Paw Paw Knights of Columbus Council #3798. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to enter into the agreement with the National League of Cities, Service Line warranty Program, Utility Services Partners and authorize the Village Manger to execute the related necessary, appropriate documents on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. Roll Call vote; Rohr, Plaszczak,
McIntosh, Jarvis, Craddock voting yes, Larcinese, no. Motion carried

15. Motion by McIntosh with support from Rohr to approve and accept the Water System Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by John, Small, Director, Department of Public Services. Small thanked Prein & Newhof for their assistances with preparing the plan. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to approve and adopt Resolution 16-06 in support of the planning and development of a Paw Paw River Water Trail in conjunction with local municipalities along the Paw Paw River. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

17. No report.

18. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services Committee met. Items discussed included; CIP Plan submitted by Small, Sporty’s Bar request for outdoor area, and other department updates

19. No report

20. Jarvis reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; Maple Island updates, DDA flowers


22. No report

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included; site plan review/special land use at 413 E Michigan Ave, Tapper Ford.


27. No report.

28. Plaszczak commented on the positive shape of the Maple Island and surrounding parks.
29. Nielsen reminded staff, and Council of the Master Plan survey.

30. Motion by McIntosh with support by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                           Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday June 27, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused).

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the amended Agenda for Monday, June 27, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of June 13, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $270,773.06. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Flores and McIntosh.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Eric Cook, Taphouse 120 was present to discuss his request for outdoor entertainment (Cabaret). Cook discussed his proposed schedule of event with the Council and took several questions regarding the request.

8. Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to approve the request by Eric Cook, 120 Taphouse to have outdoor entertainment with the follow condition noted;
   a) Volume limit at no more than 70 decibels as measured at the patio fence lines
   b) Speaker mounted no more than 4 feet off ground level (not off the stage or platform level)
   c) Prohibitions of utterance of obscenities whether live, recorded, performed or otherwise communicated that extend, carry or can be heard beyond the property
   d) Day and Time limits: Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 7:00 pm and 10:15 pm during June, July, August and September 2016 when school in not in session and Friday and Saturday evening between 7:30 pm and 10:45 pm
   e) Minimal outdoor staffing in the patio area at all times of at least 1 person easily identified at Taphouse 120 staff
   f) Revoking of permit for violation of above and on police department recommendation based on complaints of behavior or calls to respond to disturbances.
All members present voting yes, motion carried

9. Matthew Nilson, candidate for State Representative District 66 was in attendance to discuss his experience, education and expertise of why he is the best candidate of the job. A general discussion ensured. Nilson thanked the Council for the opportunity.

10. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and grant the request from the Van Buren County Domestic Violence Coalition the use streets, sidewalks of Power Plant Road, Kalamazoo Street, Michigan Ave and Hazen Street on October 7, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 am through 3:30 pm for the purpose of holding their annual Zombie Run. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Nielsen noted the Finance and Administration Committee would like to continue review of proposals before proceeding.

12. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met. Discussion items included; recommendation to keep Mercantile Bank of Michigan as the Village of Paw Paw primary financial institution, continued review of the Maple Lake South Basin engineering proposals and the committee received updated regarding the Assistance Manager Position.

13. No report

14. No report

15. No report


17. No report

18. No report.

19. No report.

20. No report


22. No report.
23. McIntosh asked the Council if they were ready to discuss the proposed text amendments to the sign ordinance. The Council was consensus they were not.

Council Comments
McIntosh

24. Jarvis commented on the discussion she was involved in regarding Paw Paw Township’s increase to their sewer rates.

Jarvis

25. Rohr commented on the Van Buren County projects happening on Berrien Street and Niles Street.

Rohr


Nielsen

27. Motion by Flores with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,             Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak               Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, July 11, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday July 11, 2016, convened at 7:33 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees (Douglas Craddock, excused), (Marcos Flores at ZBA meeting, excused), Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the amended Agenda for Monday, July 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Nielsen thanked the Council for approval as the amended agenda, as he was out of the office last week.

4. Motion by Rohr with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of June 27, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve accounts payable in the amount of $271,395.31. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Larcinese.

6. William Webster, candidate for Van Buren County Commission District 5 was in attendance to take comments and questions. The Council thanked Webster for his presentation.

7. Larry Hummel, Chief Engineer, Van Buren County Road Commission was in attendance to present and discuss the Van Buren County Road Millage renewal. Hummel provided detail information for the audience regarding what and where the millage funding is for. Hummel also provide some historical information regarding the millage. Hummel explained the renewal was not an increase but a renewal of the existing rate. Hummel took several questions and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

8. Chris Cook, President, Abonmarche was in attendance to present the Council with the following bid information from last week’s bid opening. Each bid tabulation identifies the engineers estimate. Cook noted the bids were 9% under the budget estimate and all the bidders are experienced and qualified. Cook reminded the Council the bids were for; Contract #1 Gremps, Cedar, Oak and North Street Lift Stations, Contract #2 Niles and LaGrave, Contract #3 Lift Station improvements & Force main Replacement and Contract #4 Rehabilitation Projects.
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9. Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to approve and accept the recommendation of Abonmarche of Resolution to tentatively award a construction contract from Wastewater System Improvements; Peter Construction Company for Contract #1, Northern Construction Services for Contract #2, Selge Construction Company for Contract #3 and Insituform for Contract #4. Roll call vote; Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis all voting yes, Flores and Craddock absent. Motion carried.

10. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the site plan at 204 South Kalamazoo Street, applicant Brenda Atkinson with the following conditions:

   A) Compliance with applicable parking requirements through the following parking proposal is acceptable: 20 parking spaces required, 12 on-site parking spaces provided, 11 off-site parking spaces (within 300ft) in a shard parking arrangement with the adjacent property proposed, on street parking spaces available

   B) The shared element of parking proposal is acceptable conditioned upon presentation of a shared-parking agreement with the affected properties

   C) Village Fire Department review and approval

   D) Village Public Utilities Department review and approval of all proposed utility extensions/connections and modifications to the existing on-site storm water disposal

   E) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and Local laws regulations, codes and ordinance.

   All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Rohr with support from Larcinese to approve and accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission of the site plan at 403 South Kalamazoo Street, applicant John Tapper with the following conditions:

   A) Compliance with the following screening and landscaping requirements: The 6ft high wood fence that exists along the east property line is sufficient to meet applicable screening requirements (Section 42-405), The landscape area along the east property line is sufficient to meet applicable screening requirements. The existing vegetation within the landscape area shall be supplemented so as to comply with (Section 42-405b), the 15% (7610 sq ft) landscape requirement (Section 42-406c) shall be met through the designated landscape area along the east property line.

   B) Village Fire Department review and approval

   C) Village Public Utilities Department review and approval of all proposed utility
extension/connections and modifications to the existing on-site storm water disposal.

D) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and Local laws regulations, codes and ordinance.
All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to public notice in accordance with the statutory requirements for amendments to the Village of Paw Paw Master Plan and distribute the proposed amendments to the required bodies for comment, and allow the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing regarding amendments. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. It should be note President Plaszczak removed himself from the comments and discussion regarding this action item due to conflict of interest. President Pro Tem Larcinese will handle the comments and discussion.

14. Larcinese asked the Council for feedback regarding the recommendation from the Planning Commission. The application was for a variance regarding parking U-Haul trailers on the property at 301 West Michigan Ave. The Commission is recommending approval, but with conditions of receipt of the variance approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A general discussion ensued regarding the recommendation. Comments included; many concerns about approval of recommendation without knowing if the ZBA action, several members asked staff if this would be acceptable to hold the recommendation and asked the Planning Commission to review the application once knowledge of the ZBA action would also be concluded. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Planning Commission review the recommendation. Larcinese questioned the process regarding the variance and the site plan being considered. Nielsen replied both can be heard at once but both must be approved for the project to be approved. Larcinese questioned the enforcement of the parking limit. It was the consensus of the Council to send the recommendation back to the Planning Commission to have them consider how the parking restrictions.

15. Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh to approve the date correction and allow the Domestic Violence Coalition use of Power Plant Road, Kalamazoo Street, Michigan Avenue and Hazen Street on October 8, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:30 pm of the purpose of holding their annual run. All members present voting yes, motion carried

16. No report

17. No report
18. No report

19. No report.

20. No report

21. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; rebid of phase two need assessment.

22. Plaszczak reported the Historical Commission met. Items discussed included; Paw Paw Corkers schedule, possible walking tour.

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. No report.

26. No report

27. Plaszczak commented on positive feedback he was receiving regarding the flowers in the downtown. Jarvis also commented on the positive feedback she had received also.

28. McIntosh commented on the positive results of the “Ladies on the land lake” event on Maple Lake.

29. Larcinese commented on the events surrounding the outdoor sitting at Sportsman’s and was wondering how the 60 day trail period was going why if the Council approve the trail period before the MLCC issued Sportsman’s license. Larcinese also asked staff to research options for a possible Police Millage District Larcinese also asked staff to research option for a possible Police Millage District for the Wal-Mart properties. Several comments received regarding the research. The consensus of the Council was to have staff proceed with research and report back to Council with findings.

30. Rohr expressed her condolences and comforts to the Law Enforcement Community for their losses in Dallas, TX and St. Joseph, MI. Rohr asked the Council for a moment of silent for those lost in the recent shootings.

31. Chief Marshall thanked the Council for their kind words and thoughts. Marshall reminded the Council and audience of the difficulties of Law Enforcement Officers today, and asked the community to remember those lost. Marshall also reminded the community to thank Law Enforcement every chance possible, not
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just when tragedy happens. The brave men and women in the Law Enforcement community put their lives on the line every day.

32. Nielsen commented regarding “target marketing analysis” the report was in and would be presented to the Council along with; Planning Commission, DDA. Nielsen would like to set a meeting when all parties would be available to review data. Nielsen also noted of the Uncork the Arts Events for this weekend.

33. Motion by McIntosh with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,  
Roman Plaszczak                                         Christopher Tapper

Adjournment
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Regular Meeting, July 25, 2016  

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday July 25, 2016, convened at 7:33 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.  

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh excused), and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused)  

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the amended Agenda for Monday, July 25, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.  

4. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of July 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.  

5. Motion by Jarvis with support of Flores to approve accounts payable in the amount of $354,646.38. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Larcinese.  

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.  

7. AJ Brucks, Van Buren County Conservation District was in attendance to update the Council regarding the 319 Grant, acquisition of the Kusmack Easement. Brucks also commented on the County wide millage request being placed on the election ballot this year.  

8. Michael McKay, candidate for Van Buren County District Court Judge. McKay, provided some additional information regarding his qualifications for District Court Judge. McKay provided several examples for his past experiences as Assistance Prosecutor and as a Michigan State Police Officer.  

9. Aaron Mitchell, candidate for Van Buren County Clerk was in attendance to discuss his experience, community commitment and education. Honesty and integrity will return to the Clerk’s Office along with transparent and open to the residents of Van Buren County.  

10. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and accept the request from the Paw Paw Area Rotary Club the use of streets for their annual Santa Run on December 10, 2016 9:00am and will follow the same route as prior years, the approval as includes in-kind services from the Department of Public Services
along with the Paw Paw Police Department. Motion carried.

11. It was the consensus of the Council to allow staff to find a date to meeting with the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority to hold a joint meeting regarding the Target Market Analysis. The following dates were provided as consensus; August 25, 29, and or 29 timeframe of 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

12. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and accept the request from Nadine Jarvis on behalf of the Village Council to hold a Village of Paw Paw Farmers Market to be held every Sunday during the month of August 2016 in the Paw Paw municipal parking lot located on Gremps and Paw Paw Street from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Council also is appointing Jarvis as the Chairperson to handle the event and activates for the dates list. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Flores with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the request from the Southwest Michigan Artists Association for use of the parking lot at 129 South Kalamazoo Street on Tuesday, August 19, 2016 between the hours of 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It should be noted the SWMAA understands only a portion of the driveway can be blocked off as access to Eleanor’s Beauty Salon must be maintained and opened. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Flores with support from Rohr to approve and accept the Resolution 16-08 to Authorize Issuance of Sanitary Sewer System Revenue Bonds. Roll Call vote; Jarvis, Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak and Flores All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. No report

16. Flores reported the Department of Public Services met. Items discussed included; Berkshire project, local road patch work, demolition at 204 S Kalamazoo Street and updates to restrooms at the parks almost completed.

17. No report

18. No report.

19. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; grants approved for Masonic Temple and the Game Plaza.

20. Larcinese added to his report from prior meeting. The Fire Board also heard from the Van Buren County Emergency Coordinator. Larcinese noted the Coordinator had some options with regards to the Tornado warning for Village residents. More information to follow.
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21. No report

22. No report

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. No report.


27. Plaszczak reminded everyone of the primary election date of August 2, 2016 and encouraged everyone to remember to vote.

28. Nielsen commented on the 60 day trail outside sales at Sporty’s Bar and Veranda. Nielsen noted of future requests to come from Amores at 117 West Michigan.

29. Flores asked for a reminder of an update from the Water/Sewer Line insurance program the Village would be offering to residents.

30. Motion by Flores with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                              Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday August 8, 2016, convened at 7:33 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, (President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, excused) and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused)

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Jarvis to approve the amended Agenda for Monday, August 8, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of July 11, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $2544,533.98. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, McIntosh and Jarvis.

6. Bill Webster, candidate for Van Buren County Commission 5th District was in attendance to take questions and comments.

7. Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to approve the use of the Village parking lot behind the Tap House 120 on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm for the Midwest Brass and Gas Horseless Carriage club. All members present voting yes, Motion carried.

8. Motion by Flores with support from Rohr to approve and accept the use of the Village ROW in front of 117 West Michigan Avenue submitted by Franco LaFranca for the purpose of café seating and approve the conditions and terms as submitted by Village Manager. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Flores with support from Jarvis to adopt Resolution 16-09 and set a public hearing to take comments on vacating a portion of Miller County with the Hearing set to begin shortly after the start of the Regular Council meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on September 12, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Nielsen noted to the Council a request from a US military veteran applied for a permit to operate a hot dog cart on Village sidewalks and property. Public Act 359 of 1921 allow Veterans the right to hawk, peddle or vendor their own goods, wares and merchandise with paying any permit fees. Nielsen noted Village
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Attorneys have reviewed the application and determined the request can be approved, but the Village can regulate them regarding; location, hours, bond, insurance. The current application does comply with all. Nielsen noted he wanted to bring to the attention to the Council before the dates took place.

11. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the Facility Rental Fee schedule as adopted.

12. Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh to approve the request from Director, Department of Public Services, Small to purchase and installation or a new transfer switch and electronic controls from Cummins Power Sales and Service at a price not to exceed $11,679. Small noted the item was not budgeted and thanked the Council for review of the request. Roll call vote; Plaszcza, McIntosh, Flores, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr, voting yes, motion carried.

13. Small also reported he and Supervisor, Motor Pool, Gary Elferink have requested the purchase of a 2002 International dump truck for $35,515 from Midwest Tractor & Equipment Company. Small noted the request was budget, but wanted to share the finding with the Council. Small noted he and Elferink would be picking up the truck sometime next week.

14. Jarvis reported of the prior Farmers Market held last week. Jarvis received several positive marks from all vendors and visitors. Jarvis was looking forward to the next outing.

15. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met. Items discussed included; POAM negotiations to begin soon, 2016-2017 budget review.

16. No report

17. No report

18. Jarvis reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; proposed dog park/trail head, also review of the Facility Rental Fees

19. No report.

20. No report

21. No report

22. No report

23. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included; U-Hal parking application from 301 West Michigan Ave, Sign Ordinance review and Paw
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Paw Village Pharmacy request for review of text amendment to Form Base Codes standards regarding signs.

24. No report.

25. No report.

26. Craddock reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met. Items discussed included; new shirts were in and looking for volunteers.

27. McIntosh inquired when the next Economic Development Committee would be scheduled.

28. Flores provided positive feedback he had received regarding Chief Marshall and the Paw Paw Police Department.

29. McIntosh inquired when the Maple Lake draw down request hearing was schedule.

30. Plaszczak reminded the Council of Assistant Manager interviews scheduled for this week

31. Motion by Flores with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                          Village Clerk,                     
Roman Plaszczak                              Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, August 22, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday August 22, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and (Donne Rohr, excused). Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve the Agenda for Monday, August 8, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of Craddock to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of August 8, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Flores to approve accounts payable in the amount of $594,259.32. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, McIntosh and Jarvis.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Motion by Larcinese with support from Craddock to close the regular session at 7:34 pm and enter into a public hearing to take public comments regarding amending Resolution 16-03 for 204 S Kalamazoo Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Nielsen provided to the Council an amended Resolution 16-03 regarding Properties 204 LLC RLF Loan Project. Nielsen noted the resolution was being amended to submitted of a Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Community Development Block Grant. Nielsen noted the applicant has been very understanding during this amendment process. The project approved in May was to renovate and rehabilitate for blighted property. The project has now become a job creation project. The allows the applicant to get financing to the owner, from $55,000 to now $104,375. Three jobs are to be created and changes the public hearing and amend the resolution.

9. Let the record show no public comment was received.

10. Motion by Larcinese with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:40 pm and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion
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carried.

11. Motion by McIntosh with support from Flores to approve and accept Resolution 16-03 as amended. Roll call; Flores, Jarvis, Craddock, Larcinese, Plaszczak, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

12. Jarvis reported of the prior Farmers Market held last week. Jarvis received several positive remarks from all vendors and visitors. Jarvis was looking for the Council to approval an addition request to hold the event through the month of September and October.

13. Motion by Larcinese with support from McIntosh to approve the extension request of the Paw Paw Farmers Market; September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Larcinese noted the contingency of obtaining proof of insurance certificates from vendors showing the Village of Paw Paw as an additional insured party. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Nielsen provided to the Council an updated plan regarding the Trail Head on South Gremps on the old Basket Factory property. Nielsen asked the Council for their continued feedback regarding the designs. The new railroad owners met with MDOT and MDNR regarding the possible uses of the trail.

15. No report

16. Flores reported the Department of Public Service Committee met. Flores noted several projects have been going on and the Department has been very busy.

17. No report

18. Meeting September 5, 2016

19. No report.

20. Meeting September 6, 2016


22. Meeting September 19, 2016

23. Meeting September 1, 2016

24. No report.

25. No report.

New Business
Res 16-03

Ongoing Business
Farmers Market update

Farmer Market extension dates

Trail Head Project update

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Public Services

Master PC

Parks and Rec.

DDA

Fire Board

Historical Comm.

Housing Commission

Planning Commission

Wellhead Protection

EDC

27. Larcinese inquired regarding the new location of the dumpsters behind Brewster’s and the unusual smell coming from the prior location. Staff to follow up regarding the concerns.

28. Motion by Flores with support from Larcinese to close the regular session at 8:12 pm and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with Attorney David Whitfield, Warner Norcross & Judd, regarding a contested hearing before an administrative law judge. Roll call vote; Jarvis, Craddock, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

29. Motion by Larcinese with support from Craddock to re-enter regular session at 8:58 pm. Roll call vote; Jarvis, Craddock, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores all voting yes, motion carried

30. Motion by Larcinese with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                      Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                      Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday September 12, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, (President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, excused) and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, (Department of Public Services, John Small, excused) and (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused)

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the Agenda for Monday, September 12, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of August 22, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve the executive session minutes of August 22, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $828,533.08. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, McIntosh and Flores.

7. Ellen McGuire was in attendance to asked the Council questions regarding the parking lot expansion project. Nielsen indicated this was a Van Buren County project and was not anything the Village was working on. The Village however was receiving much positive communication with the County regarding the project.

8. Motion by McIntosh with support from Rohr to close the regular session at 7:50 pm and enter into a public hearing to take public comments regarding Resolution 16-10 for Vacating a portion of Miller Court. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Mike Pioch was present to speak in favor of the Resolution 16-10 Declaring the intent of the Village of Paw Paw to vacate a portion of Miller Court.

10. Pat Winston was present to speak in favor of the Resolution 16-10 Declaring the intent of the Village of Paw Paw to vacate a portion of Miller Court.

11. Wayne Wilhelmi asked questions regarding the Resolution 16-10. Wilhelmi provided positive comments regarding the Resolutions.
12. Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:55 pm and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve and accept Resolution 16-10 Declare Intent to Vacate Portions of Miller Court as presented. Roll call; Jarvis, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the Resolution 16-11 Convey Vacated Portion of Miller Court as presented. Roll call; Jarvis, Craddock, Rohr, Plaszczak, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the request from the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce the use of Village Streets, sidewalks and parking lots for the 21st Annual Paw Paw Days Events, July 23, 2017 as outlined in request dated August 26, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve and accept the request from The Uncork the Arts Festival Committee, sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Artists Association the use for Lake Front Park, Amphitheatre along with parking spaces along the park, from Gremps west to the bridge, along with waiving the noise ordinance beginning at 12:00 noon Saturday, July 16, 2017. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Jarvis with support from McIntosh to approve and accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and grant site plan approval for Biggby Coffee at 400 South Kalamazoo Street with the following conditions;
   A) Village Fire Department review/approval
   B) Village Public Utilities Department review/approval of all proposed utility extension/connections and modifications to existing on site storm water disposal.
   C) MDOT review/approval of the proposed Kalamazoo Street driveway.
   D) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and Local statutes, laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.
   All members present voting yes, motion carried.

18. DOD Text Amendment was asked to hold until next meeting.

19. Nielsen noted the annual Paw Paw Fire Department was schedule for October 6, 2016 at 7:00. Council members and staff are encouraged to attend.

20. Nielsen noted the online survey was out and encouraged Council members and public to take the survey.
21. Rohr reported the Finance and Administrative Committee met. Items discussed included; departmental updates.

22. No report

23. No report

24. Meeting October 3, 2016

25. Meeting September 19, 2016

26. Meeting October 4, 2016

27. Meeting November 30, 2016


29. Meeting October 6, 2016. Jarvis noted a special meeting was September 14, 2016

30. No report.

31. No report.

32. Craddock noted of the success of last weekend’s Wine and Harvest Festival. Craddock wanted to thank staff, Chief Marshall and Director of Public Services, John Small for all the communication and hard work from the weekend. The Festival was a wonderful opportunity for many organizations and people.

33. Plaszczak echoed the comments of Craddock. The Wine and Harvest Festival is a wonderful show case for Paw Paw. The efforts of many groups was shown.

34. Jarvis echoed Plaszczak and Craddock’s comments. Thanking everyone who volunteer for a success event. Jarvis also reminded everyone of the continued Farmer Market schedule for this Sunday.

35. Nielsen commented on several projects that would be addressed now the Festival was completed. Nielsen thanked the Council for their recommendation on the hiring of Sarah Moyer-Cale as the new Assistant Village Manager. Nielsen noted Moyer-Cale needed to provide 30 days’ notice to the Village of Almont before starting her new assignment in Paw Paw. Nielsen looking forward to the opportunity with Moyer-Cale as his new Assistant, before she becomes the new Village Manager in Paw Paw.
36. Motion by McIntosh with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                          Christopher Tapper
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Regular Meeting, September 26, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday September 26, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall,

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the Agenda for Monday, September 26, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of September 12, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Flores to approve accounts payable in the amount of $256,589.91. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Larcinese.

6. Wayne Wilhelmi was in attendance to ask the Council to continue its efforts educating residents of the importance of grass clippings. Wilhelmi commented when the grass ends up in the Village storm drains, then ends up in the Maple Lake.

7. Parishes DeReo was in attendance to ask the Council questions regarding the old Sheriffs House. DeReo asked for clarification regarding ownership of the building along with Village Council’s thoughts about the historical landmark.

8. Douglas Turnbull was in attendance to voice positive comments regarding the Village Farmers Market. Turnbull is a new property owner in the Village and has been very happy with the transition to the community.

9. Motion by Flores with support of Rohr to approve and accept the request from the Paw Paw High School Homecoming Parade Committee the use of Main Street, Michigan Avenue and Johnson Road on October 7, 2016 for the annual PPHS Homecoming Parade beginning with line-up at 4:15 PM. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Mark Lipson, owner of 1027 East Michigan Ave, formerly Legends Bar & Grille was in attendance to formal ask the Village of Paw Paw to proceed with his request to annex a portion of his property from Antwerp Township to the Village of Paw Paw.
11. The annexation process for the property from the Township to the Village will be heard by the Van Buren County Commission. Nielsen noted he had asked Antwerp Township Supervisor, Daniel Rusick his comments on the annexation request and has not heard back from him. A general discussion ensued regarding the request and the possibility of development by Lipson. It was noted the Council would hold approval until hearing from Antwerp Township and the County Board of Commissions.

12. Village Council members considered a text amendment regarding Downtown Overlay District signage. Council members ultimately determined the 2 east entryway/gateway parcels were unique because of the road configuration at the LaGrave Street and E. Michigan Avenue intersection. That intersection is the point where the NE to SW angled portion of East Michigan Avenue meets the east to west portion of the E. Michigan Avenue that then leads into the 2 blocks of the traditional/historic downtown. Therefore, this is the entryway/gateway. The other considered entryway parcels are much different in character and location and therefore not considered entryways.

13. Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to approve a text amendment to allows 2 parcels to have a 24 sq ft projecting sign with 50% of the sign surface illuminated knowing this allowance is calculated with their total allowed signage and does not amend any other Downtown Overlay District sign standards. Roll Call vote: Flores, Jarvis, Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak and McIntosh yes, motion carried.

14. No report

15. Flores report the Department of Public Services met. Items discussed included; project updates.

16. No report

17. Meeting October 3, 2016

18. Plaszczak reported the DDA did not meet due to the passing of Chairperson, Jon Schincariol. Plaszczak commented Schincariol was a tremendous and wonderful public servant. Schincariol had years of positive work done with regards to the DDA and the Village of Paw Paw. Schincariol will be missed by all.

19. Meeting October 4, 2016

20. Meeting November 30, 2016

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22. Meeting October 6, 2016

23. TBA

24. TBA

25. Craddock noted meeting scheduled for September 28, 2016

26. Jarvis asked to be excused for the Parks & Recreation meeting schedule for October 3, 2016.

27. Motion by Rohr with support from Flores to close the regular session at 8:38 and recess into Executive Session to discuss contested hearing and speak with legal consultation regarding the hearing with administrative law judge. Roll call vote; Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr yes, motion carried.

28. Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to close Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 9:32. Roll call vote; Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr yes, motion carried.

29. Motion by Flores with support by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,  Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak  Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, October 10, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday October 10, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and (Donne Rohr, excused). Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall,

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Larcinese to approve the Agenda for Monday, October 10, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of September 26, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Jarvis with support of Craddock to approve the corrected executive session meeting minutes of October 10, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Larcinese with support of Craddock to approve accounts payable in the amount of $295,226.75. All members present voting yes, Plaszczak abstaining, motion carried. Next claims, Jarvis and McIntosh.

7. Let the record show public comment was received.

8. Ken Berthiaume and Darcie Shelagowski, from Berthiaume & Company were in attendance to present the Village of Paw Paw audit for fiscal year 2015-2016. Berthiaume wanted to thank Village Clerk Tapper for all his support and cooperation during the site visit and audit process. The Village Council has a clear set up for checks and balances with staff working with Siegfried Crandall PC, handing oversight with monthly reporting and reconciliations. Berthiaume thanked Jim Baker CPA and Anna Knafel for their support during the audit as well. A general discussion ensured regarding presentation

9. Berthiaume discussed the changes in GASB reporting from last year’s audit to this year’s audit. Berthiaume presented several areas of discussion regarding the Village’s long term liabilities with respect to employee pension fund (MERS). Berthiaume noted the Village as a whole saw a net increase in overall net position. Other areas discussed as highlights were several projects the Village completed examples included; West Michigan Ave street project which also saw improvements to the water and sewer systems. Others projects included; SAW grant phasing into the
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adoption of new Village Bonds for improvement to the Village Sewer infrastructure.

10. Berthiaume thanks the Council for the opportunity to preform services for the Village and took questions and comments from Council and staff.

11. Motion by McIntosh with supported from Craddock to approve and accept the resolution from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and allow Paw Paw Brewing Company to produce distilled spirits at 780 South Gremps. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Larcinese with support from Jarvis to approve and accept the audit report presented by Berthiaume & Company for fiscal year 2015-2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Item held until action from Antwerp Township.

14. Larcinese reported the Finance and Administration Committee met. Items discussed included; audit report fiscal year 2015-2016.

15. No report.

16. No report

17. Nielsen reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; Maple Lake draw down, and search for new weed cutting boat.

18. Plasczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; appointment of Mary Lou Hartman as new chair person, Grants approved and discussed further updated.

19. Meeting October 4, 2016

20. Meeting November 30, 2016


22. Meeting October 6, 2016

23. TBA

24. TBA
25. Craddock noted meeting scheduled for September 28, 2016

26. Jarvis asked to be excused for the Parks & Recreation meeting schedule for October 3, 2016.

27. Motion by Rohr with support from Flores to close the regular session at 8:38 and recess into Executive Session to discuss contested hearing and speak with legal consultation regarding the hearing with administrative law judge. Roll call vote; Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr yes, motion carried.

28. Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to close Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 9:32. Roll call vote; Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Flores, Jarvis, Craddock and Rohr yes, motion carried.

29. Motion by Flores with support by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                             Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, October 24, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday October 24, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Pro Tem Eric Larcinese presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Larry Nielsen, Ast. Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale, Chief Eric Marshall and Public Services Director John Small.

3. Motion by Flores with support of McIntosh to approve the Agenda for Monday, October 24, 2016 with the addition of the request to close streets for the annual Christmas Parade and a request to convene in executive session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve of the minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of October 10, 2016 with a correction to paragraph 27. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh with support of Jarvis to approve accounts payable in the amount of $657,264.63. All members but Rohr (abstain) voting yes, motion carried, 6-0-1. Next claims, Rohr and Larcinese.

6. Let the record show no public comment was received.

7. Sarah Moyer-Cale was introduced as the new Assistant Manager. Her employment began October 24, 2016. All welcomed her to Paw Paw.

8. Charley Amos III was introduced as the new electrician, replacing retiring Bill Crook. Amos presented his wife Susan and their two children. All welcomed him and his family to Paw Paw.


10. Matt Meersman and Colleen Forestieri of the Van Buren County Conservation District were present to give a final report on the 319 Project. The Village received a grant to implement best management practices upstream of Briggs Pond and Maple Lake with the goal of reducing sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen loading into the south branch of the Paw Paw River and, thus, having a positive impact on the Village’s efforts to restore Maple Lake water quality. A handout, attached with these minutes, presented key data on the outcomes of the project. Approximately $7,000 of the Village’s cash match was unused and will be available going forward. Council members asked about ongoing monitoring and other activities which can continue the success of the project. Meersman and Forestieri indicated they will be presenting a proposal to the Village for just such purpose.
11. Kirk Perschbacher, Lakeshore Environmental, was present on behalf of developers, Midwest V, LLC, who wish to develop a new venture at 711 East Michigan Avenue; formerly Paw Paw Laundry. The developer desire to use about $203,000 in Brownfield tax increment financing to assist the development. There are serious soil and ground water contamination issues. The Brownfield Plan can only be put in place if the Village DDA and the Village Council adopt resolutions removing the new investment ($1,000,000 +/-) from the DDA District and allow the new taxes to be captured by the Brownfield Authority. Following discussion, a motion by Rohr with support by Larcinese to accept adopt Resolution 16-13 allowing the Brownfield Authority to capture taxes on the new investment was approved by roll call of all members voting in the affirmative. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by McIntosh with support of Flores to adopt the State’s Resolution recognizing St. Mary’s as a local non-profit charitable organization operating within the Paw Paw community and recommending the Michigan Bureau of Lottery, Charitable Gaming Division approve applications to conduct fundraising licensed activities was approved with all members present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

13. Motion Larcoine with support of Craddock to grant use of various streets and parking lots for the annual Children’s Christmas Parade on December 3, 2016 was approved with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

14. Mark Lipson was present regarding his request to annex a portion of his property into the Village of Paw Paw. Nielsen commented two adjacent parcels owned by the MDOT would also be added to the annexation request. Nielsen reported on the process, contact with Antwerp Township and the County Administration. Both are in agreement with the annexation and ready to follow the process. Motion by Jarvis, with support of Rohr to adopt Resolution 16-12 stating the Village’s intent to annex three parcels was approved with all members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Motion by McIntosh, with support of Rohr to authorize the President and the Clerk to execute the petition to the County requesting the County Board of Commissions conduct a hearing on the on the annexation of the three parcels into the Village. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Flores reported the Public Services Committee is looking into obtaining a needed easement for utilities.
17. Rohr reported the Housing Commission has completed their conversion to RAD financing.

18. Other Committees had no reports.

19. Plaszczak noted the Governor’s visit went well. He also noted the new sanitary pipe has been installed under the lake.

   Jarvis commented on final Farmers Market of the season scheduled for October 30 and noted people are already looking forward to next year’s season.

20. Nielsen asked Marshall to comment on department training, the MCOLES audit and the hit and run fatal on I-94.

21. A motion to recess into Executive Session at 9:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation was offered by McIntosh with support of Rohr. Roll Call of all members present voting in the affirmative, motion carried.

   Council returned from Executive Session at 9:34 p.m.

22. Motion by Craddock with support by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Manager,
Roman Plaszczak                                          Larry Nielsen
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday October 10, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also, present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Assistant Village Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale. Director, (Department of Public Services, John Small, excused), (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused)

3. Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the Agenda for Monday, November 14, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr with support of Flores to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of October 24, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $606,641.43. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Flores and McIntosh.

6. Amy Craddock was in the audience to formally invite the Council to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Craddock thanked the Council for the continued support for the community event taking place December 2, 2016 at 5:30 at the Downtown Development Authority. Craddock provided an agenda for the event and looked forward to seeing everyone.

Kenneth Nesbitt from the Two Rivers Coalition was in the audience to formally invite the Council, December 7, 2016 at 6:30 to the Van Buren County Conference Center for an information meeting head by the Two River Coalition.

9. Peter Ter Louw, President & Executive Director, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy provided an executive summary of the activities of the Michigan Land Conservancy in Southwest Michigan. Louw discussed several projects and events happening in the area. Louw noted of a new preserve in the Alema/Antwerp Township area with sensitive habitats and access to the public. Louw discussed several special plants & animals in the preserve that have been deemed endangered at the Federal and State levels. As part of the SWMLC’s 25th anniversary celebration in 2016, the Conservancy will highlight threatened or endanger species that benefit from protected and conserved land in southwest Michigan.
10. Lisa Phillips, Chairperson, Pamela Jackson VBC Brownfield, and Erik Peterson, Envirolologic Consulting Services were in attendance to present to the Council an updated regarding the Van Buren County Brownfield Development projects and programs. Brownfield Redevelopment is a term used in urban planning to describe land previously used for commercial or industrial purpose. Such land has been contaminated with hazardous waste or is feared to be so contaminated. Once cleaned up such an area can become host to a business development. Land that is more severely contaminated and has high concentrations of hazardous waste or pollution, such as a superfund site, does not fall under the Brownfield classification.

11. Motion by Flores with support from Larcinese to approve and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve;
   1) Amending the Master Plan Future Land Use Map to reclassify the three parcels 80-47-257-001-00, 80-47-257-003-00, 80-47-257-007-00 from MDR-Medium Density Residential to CC-Corridor
   2) Rezoning two parcels from Ro-Restricted Office and one parcel currently zoned R-2 Single and Two Family Residential to B-2 General Business District.
   Roll Call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to accept the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors and establish a public hearing to take place shortly after the start of the regular Council meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016 for the purpose of taking comments on amending and restating the Tax Increment Financing Plan. Roll Call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

13. Larcinese updated the Council regarding the Paw Paw Area Fire Board. Items discussed included; statues of the Phase II department building expansion, only one firm submitted a proposal after ten were solicited, board members concern about future of existing agreements between townships, seeking assistances from outside Fire Authority’s, organizations, possibility of reorganization. Larcinese asked Council members for their comments and suggestions regarding the Phase II study proposals.

14. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met. Items discussed included; budget topics for fiscal year 2016-2017.

15. No report.

16. No report

17. Jarvis reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; Maple Lake draw down, and search for new weed cutting boat.
18. No report

19. Already reported


21. No report

22. No report

23. Meeting October 18, 2016

24. TBA

25. Craddock reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met. Items discussed included; election of board members, financial report and proposal of budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

26. Plaszczak noted of the progress at Berkshire Paw Paw.

27. McIntosh asked staff and Council to review the list of proposed ordinances, she asked about amending last year.

28. Flores reported the Zoning Board of Appeals would be holding a public hearing November 28, 2016 at 6:00.

29. Motion by Flores with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                         Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                           Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, November 28, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday November 28, 2016, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, and Donne Rohr. Also, present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Assistant Village Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale. Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Flores with support of Craddock to approve the Agenda for Monday, November 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of November 14, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores with support of McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $246,339.71. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Craddock and Rohr.

6. Let the record show, no public comment was offered.

7. Motion Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve and accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for Greg’s Paw Paw Blend at 804 South Kalamazoo Street Suite 7, along with granting the special land use request allowing a drive through addition subject to the following conditions:
   a) Variance approval from the 60ft setback requirement from the right of way of Commercial Drive by the Zoning Board of Appeals
   b) Compliance with the proposed on site landscaping and delineation of the proposed circular drive thru route. A revised site plan detailing the proposed berm/landscape island, method of driveway delineation and fencing along the outside curve of the drive thru route is required
   c) Village Fire Department review/approval
   d) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and Local codes/ordinances. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by McIntosh with support from Flores to amended the Village of Paw Paw Council meeting schedule for the month of December 2016 as followed;
   Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:30
   Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:30
   All members present voting yes, motion carried.
9. President Plaszczak asked to be excused from the following discussion regarding Game Plaza, 301 West Michigan Ave as he has a conflict of interest in the property. Plaszczak turned the meeting discussion over to President Pro-Tem Larcinese.

10. Larcinese and staff updated the Council from the previous discussion regarding the application of Special Land Use request at 301 West Michigan Ave. The Planning Commission granted the request back July 7, 2016 for the proposed establishment of a U-Haul Truck & Trailer Operation at the existing site. The Planning Commission recommended approval based upon a finding of compliance with the site plan review criteria and subject to a condition the property would have no more than 4 trailers/truck at a time on the property.

11. A general discussion ensued regarding the request. Several Council members expressed concerns with enforcement of the number of trailers. Other comments including questions from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes. Moyer-Cale addressed questions from both the meeting minutes from the Planning Commission and ZBA.

12. Motion by Rohr with support of Jarvis to approve and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan along with special land use request at Game Plaza, 301 West Michigan Ave with the following condition of the property would have no more than 4 U-Haul trailers/trucks on the property as any one given time. All members present voted; Larcinese, McIntosh, Jarvis, Rohr voting yes, Craddock and Flores voting no, Plaszczak abstaining, motion carried.

13. No report.

14. Flores reported the Department of Public Service Committee met. Items discussed included; Berkshire, SRF, Christmas lighting contest and retirement of Lineman, Bill Crook from the Paw Paw Electric Department.

15. No report, meeting December 14, 2016

16. No report, meeting December 5, 2016

17. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; grants approved, updates regarding 210 East Michigan Ave, and update regarding public hearing on continuing the Authority.

18. No report

19. No report

20. No report
21. No report

22. No report

23. No report

24. No report

25. Plaszczak noted of the Maple Lake Association Christmas dinner Sunday, December 4, 2016 at LaCantina, Council and staff are welcome to attend.

26. Nielsen noted of the approval from the Van Buren County Commissioner regarding the annexation of the property at 1027 East Michigan to the Village of Paw Paw from Antwerp Township.

27. Chief Marshall updated the Council regarding some current investigations happened in the Village. Marshall thanked the Van Buren County Sheriff’s Department along with the State Police for their assistances with the investigations still on going.

28. Motion by Larcinese with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,  
Roman Plaszczak  
Village Clerk,  
Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, December 12, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday December 12, 2016 convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, (Marcos Flores, excused) Nadine Jarvis, (Mary McIntosh, excused) and Donne Rohr. Also, present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Assistant Village Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale. Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Jarvis with support of Rohr to approve the Agenda for Monday, December 12, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of November 28, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $467,008.85. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Flores and Jarvis.

6. Let the record show, no public comment was offered

7. Plaszczak on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw presented Van Buren County Sheriff, Dale Gribler with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years of service to the citizens of Van Buren County. Gribler has been a tremendous resource as Sheriff to Van Buren County. Gribler has run an outstanding department for the past 20 years and Plaszczak thanked him for wonderful relationship with the Paw Paw Police Department. Plaszczak and the Council shared several positive remarks and stores from experiences with Sheriff Gribler. Gribler is set to retire from his post in January 2017.

8. Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to close the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 7:45 to take comments on the restating the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Let the record show no public comment was received.

10. Mary Lou Hartwell, Chairperson, DDA and Mary Springer, Coordinator DDA were present along with Assistant Village Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale to present to the Council and audience members the extension to the DDA TIF plan. Hartwell thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the plan along with the review of the last 20
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years of work the DDA has done in the district. Hartwell commented on how proud the DDA was of the work the Authority has done over the past 20 years. Hartwell outline several examples of the goals and objectives the DDA set forth 20 years ago, Hartwell stated more than 70% of those goals and objectives were met.

11. Springer outlined the activities the DDA is involved in the community. Several examples included; support with the Wine & Harvest Festival, Christmas in the Village, Summer Band concert series, flowers and street improvements in the DDA, welcoming signs, Uncork Paw Paw campaign and renovations to the Carnegie Center.

12. Moyer-Cale provided information regarding the years of grants and loans the DDA has offered along with success stories of the program. Moyer-Cale stated the grant and loan program has been a wonderful program for business in the DDA to help support items including; façade, building improvements, demolition projects, educational & training, and marketing campaigns for business.

13. Motion by Jarvis with support by Rohr to recess the public hearing until Monday, December 19, 2016 to allow more public comment to be received. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Rohr with support by Craddock to re-enter regular session at 8:15 and All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Jarvis with support by Rohr to approve and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan submitted for 205 S Kalamazoo Street, Van Buren County Jail with the following conditions;
A) The fencing/gates proposal in the new service area shall comply with Section 42-405(c) and shall not include privacy slats (Reference Sheet SD4.1 – Site Details)
B) Proposed outdoor lighting shall comply with Section 45-405 (a) -Lighting
C) The proposed building addition is found to meet the building design requirements set forth in Section 42-245 (Reference Revised Building Elevation presented on December 1, 2016)
D) Village Fire Department review/approval
E) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local codes/ordinances. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Rohr with support by Jarvis to approve and accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for the S Gremps, Trailhead Park submitted by Wightman & Associates on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw with the following conditions;
A) Village Fire Department review/approval
B) The storm water disposal proposal shall be subject to compliance with Section 42-402 (3) q and Village review/approval
C) Village Public Utilities Department review/approval of all proposed utility extension/connections
D) All utilities (telephone, electric, cable) shall be placed underground
E) Proposed street lighting shall comply with Section 42-348 C. Street Lights; site lighting detail shall be provided and shall be subject to compliance with lighting standards set forth in Section 42-405 Lighting
F) The provision of street trees along Gremps Street as required by Section 42-348 B
G) Placement of benches and trash receptacles within the plaza area along the ‘proposed trail’ and near the cross-access sidewalk to benefit pedestrian activity
H) Consideration of alternate building materials that will be consistent with the requirements of Section 42-347 A.3 – Building Materials
I) Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local codes/ordinances.

All members present voting yes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Craddock with support by Jarvis to accept Village Staff recommendation and approve the 2017 smoothed rates for electric customers, the rates to reflect the additional $0.027272 cents per kilo watt hour for all customers. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

18. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met. Items discussed included; Departmental and budget updates for fiscal year 2017-2018.

19. No report

20. No report, meeting December 14, 2016

21. No report

22. No report

23. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; development of Fire Authority versus Fire Board, meeting with David Peterson scheduled.

24. No report

25. No report

26. Jarvis reported the Planning Commission met. Items discussed included; Van Buren County Jail Additions and S Gremps Trail Head.

27. No report

28. No report

29. No report
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30. Plaszczak noted of the positive turn out for last weekend’s Santa Run. Plaszczak also noted of the hard work by the DPS Department and keeping the streets cleared off during the last snow events.


32. Motion by Craddock with support by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                           Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                             Christopher Tapper

Council Comments
Plaszczak

Nielsen

Adjournment
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, December 19, 2016

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday December 19, 2016 convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-Tem Eric Larcinese, and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Marcos Flores, (Nadine Jarvis, excused) (Mary McIntosh, excused) (Donne Rohr, excused). Also, present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Assistant Village Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale. (Director, Department of Public Services, John Small, excused) (Chief of Police, Eric Marshall, excused).

3. Motion by Larcinese with support of Craddock to approve the Agenda for Monday, December 19, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese with support of Craddock to approve of the corrected minutes of the regular session meeting minutes of December 12, 2016. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores with support of Craddock to approve accounts payable in the amount of $291,912.28. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims, Larcinese and Craddock.

6. Let the record show, no public comment was offered.

7. Motion by Flores with support from Craddock to close the regular meeting and re-open the Public Hearing which was recessed from 12-12-16 at 7:35 to take comments on Amending and Restating the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Let the record show no public comment was received.

9. Mary Lou Hartwell, Chairperson, DDA and board members Patrick Lynch were in attendance to take questions regarding the restatement of the DDA Tax Increment Financing Plan. Lynch commented, in his opinion, a comparison with other communities in Van Buren County, Paw Paw’s Downtown Development Authority stands alone with their commitment to business growth and support. Lynch added, the DDA has helped provide support to not only the existing business in the DDA, but has been an outstanding partner to bring new business to the community.

10. Motion by Flores with support by Larcinese to close the public hearing at 7:40 and “re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
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11. Motion by Flores with support Craddock to adopt Ordinance 455 Amending and Restating the Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority for twenty years beginning with fiscal year 2016-2017 and continuing through fiscal year 2035-2036. Roll Call vote; Craddock, Larcinese, Plaszczak and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

12. A general discussion ensued regarding the old Paw Paw Plating property located on Commercial Ave. The 1.5 acres is in the Revitalizations PUD, and has been offered to the Village of Paw Paw via Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority. The MDEQ had a hefty lien on the property but has agreed to release the lien should the Village acquire the property. Staff recommended the Village acquire the property because of its location and assistance available through the Van Buren County Brownfield Authority. Larcinese expressed concerns with the Village’s possible long term liabilities if the Village was in ownership of the property. Staff to further inquire regarding long term concerns and to research other options.

13. Flores expressed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and hoped everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

14. Nielsen reminded audience Santa will be at The Carnegie Center Monday, December 19, Tuesday, December 20, and Wednesday, December 21 from 3 pm to 8 pm.

15. Motion by Flores with support by Craddock to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,  
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,  
Christopher Tapper