

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, November 11, 2024**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, November 11, 2024, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

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

Members Present

Motion by Jarvis with support from Martinez to approve the agenda as presented with the adjusting of Action Item #8 from a Closed Session to Open and the addition of #9 Pay Request for Michigan Paving & Materials. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, November 11, 2024, in the amount of \$1,621,239.52. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Didik Soekarmoen, a vendor of the Paw Paw Farmers Market, spoke on his appreciation of Trustee Jarvis' years of dedication as Market Manager.

**Audience
Participation**

Jason Deibler-Love believes Trustee Jarvis has been an excellent representative of Village Council.

Harold Goodrich, Trustee Jarvis' son-in-law has loved watching her become part of the Paw Paw community through the years.

Terrejo Arbo met and forged a deep friendship with Trustee Jarvis through volunteering at community events.

Evan Turner voiced his appreciation for Trustee Jarvis' great efforts as a Council member and Village resident.

Oliver St. Onge thanked Trustee Jarvis for all her hard work as Farmers Market Manager.

Trustee Jarvis thanked everyone who came to support her at her final Council meeting.

**Council Member
Comments:
Jarvis**

Trustee Martinez thanked Trustee Jarvis for her wonderful mentoring as he took over the position of Farmers Market Manager.

Martinez

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Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to accept Resolution 24-13 Commemorating the Distinguished Service of Village Council Trustee Nadine Jarvis. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Resolution 24-13
Honoring Trustee
Jarvis**

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve the DWSRF pay request No. 14 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$23,403.52. Roll call vote; Martinez, Jarvis, McQueen, Plaszcak, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF Pay Request
#14**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the DWSRF Change Order No. 2 for \$200,934.81. Roll call vote; Martinez, Jarvis, McQueen, Plaszcak, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF #2 Change
Order**

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve the Lead Service Line Replacement pay request No. 4 to Five Star Energy Services LLC for \$290,807.52. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Plaszcak, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez, voting yes, motion carried.

**Lead Service Line
Replacement Pay
Request #4**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to accept the Change of Scope request for construction services from Fleis & Vandenbrink for the 2024 Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$19,500. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Fleis & Vandenbrink
Change of Scope**

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the request from the DDA to hold the annual Christmas parade on December 7th beginning at 10 am and to facilitate the necessary road closures. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of
Christmas Parade**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to pledge \$1,000 to the Van Buren County Conservation District Resource Recovery Program. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**VBCO Conservation
District Pledge**

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to accept the terms of the settlement agreement with former police officer Jason Therrien. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Therrien Settlement
Agreement**

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to accept the terms of the settlement agreement with former police officer Sarah Bleything. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Bleything Settlement
Agreement**

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve the pay request from Michigan Paving & Materials for the Hazen Street resurfacing work, in the amount of \$144,505.70 Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Plaszcak, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez, voting yes, motion carried.

**Michigan Paving &
Materials Pay
Request**

Discussion continued regarding the proposed short term rental ordinance. Trustees Martinez and Jarvis would like to see minimal short term ordinance regulations. Trustee Rohr has heard concerns from residents regarding short term rentals neighboring their homes.

**Non-Action Items:
Short-Term Rental
Discussion**

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The Parks & Rec Committee discussed renovations needed at the amphitheater and surrounding boardwalk. The Maple Island Bridge project went out to bid. The lake buoys and kayak launch have been removed for the winter.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

No Report.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

No Report.

**Historical
Commission**

No Report.

Housing Commission

No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

The Planning Commission reviewed site plans from Tapper Automotive for a Special Use Permit for 214 E Berrien St. The Commission was also presented concept plans for a new condo complex off Old Lane Road.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Rohr wished Trustee Jarvis the best in her retirement.

**Council Member
Comments:
Rohr**

Trustee McQueen believes the proposed condo complex on Old Lane Rd would be wonderful for the community.

McQueen

Trustee Jarvis knows that as a Trustee she has left a footprint and been beneficial to Village residents during her tenure. Trustee Jarvis thanked the veterans for their service.

Jarvis

Trustee Martinez thanked President Plaszczak for his military service.

Martinez

Manager Myrkle reports that Barr Engineering is behind their deadline for the Briggs Dam project. Village offices will be having new phones installed next week.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys reports that the Wastewater Treatment Plant renovation project is basically complete. Park restrooms have been closed for the winter.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

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Chief Rottman reports the academy cadets have 3.5 weeks left of schooling. PD Accreditation Manager, Larry Haynor, is doing blight enforcement for the Village.

Rottman

Motion by Jarvis with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President