

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Special Meeting, December 16, 2024**

The Special Village Council meeting of Monday, December 16, 2024, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw Township Hall, Meeting Room. President Plaszcak presiding.	Meeting Convened
Present: President Roman Plaszcak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock (excused), Trustees Steve Richardson (excused), Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Clerk Karla Tacy and Chief of Police Eric Rottman.	Members Present
Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.	Approval of Agenda
Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2024, with corrections. All members present voting yes, motion carried.	Approval of Minutes
Motion by McQueen with support from Hamilton to approve claims for Monday, December 16, 2024, in the amount of \$425,029.10. President Plaszcak abstaining, remaining members voting yes, motion carried.	Approval of Claims
None	Audience Participation
None	Council Member Comments:
Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve the DWSRF pay request No. 15 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$112,774.89. Roll call vote; Martinez, Hamilton, McQueen, Plaszcak and Rohr voting yes, motion carried.	Action Items: DWSRF Pay Request #15
Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the CWSRF pay request No. 20 for Oselka Constructors Co LLC in the amount of \$396,364.83. Roll call vote; Martinez, Hamilton, McQueen, Plaszcak and Rohr voting yes, motion carried.	CWSRF Pay Request #20
Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to accept the proposed contract from Riverworks Construction, Inc, for the replacement of the Maple Island Pedestrian Bridge in the amount of \$739,507 and authorize its execution. All members voting yes, motion carried.	Maple Island Bridge-Riverworks Construction Contract
Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to accept the proposal from McKenna for a review and update of the Village of Paw Paw’s Community Master Plan and authorize the preparation of a contract, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Roll call vote; Rohr, Plaszcak, McQueen, Hamilton and Martinez, voting yes, motion carried	Master Plan Proposal- McKenna
Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to adopt a resolution authorizing public entity membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool, for a minimum of three years. Roll call vote; Rohr, Plaszcak, McQueen, Hamilton and Martinez, voting yes, motion carried	Police Department Health Insurance Resolution

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Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to cancel the December 23, 2024, Village of Paw Paw Village Council meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried.

December 23 Village Council Meeting Cancellation

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve Village payment of expenses thru January 13, 2025, provided a list of disbursed checks be provided to Council and all policies adhered to. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Claims Approval Through January 13, 2025

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to approve the 2025 Village Council meeting schedule of the 2nd and 4th Monday each month, excluding a second meeting in December 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

2025 Council Meeting Schedule

The Parks and Rec Committee recently participated in a Zoom meeting with a representative from the National Fitness Campaign regarding information about their fitness court installations.

Committee Meetings Parks and Rec

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

Economic & Residential Opportunity

There will be no December Farmers Market meeting.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

The Historical Commission's next meeting will be in February.

Historical Commission

The Director of the Housing Commission, Chuck Black, rescinded his letter of resignation. Their next meeting will be January 15, 2025, at 3:00pm.

Housing Commission

No Report.

Maple Lake Preservation

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

President Plaszczak has heard wonderful feedback regarding the Lighted Truck Parade. There will a holiday party for staff at La Cantina, Friday, December 20th at 12:00pm.

**Council Member Comments:
Plaszczak**

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Trustee Rohr wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Rohr

Trustee Martinez inquired about recent electrical work done downtown, that led to power outages at several businesses.

Martinez

Manager Myrkle reports in January he will be presenting to Council the following items for discussion: proposed draft budget, update on the Sol America solar project, a partnership proposal with the Van Buren County Tech Center and possible changes to the Escrow Policy.

Manager Comments

Chief Rottman reports staff is busy learning to navigate the Prosecutor's Office's new software system. With the help of MSP, Paw Paw Officers were able to bring 4 students on the Shop with a Cop trip to South Haven Walmart. The recent academy graduates are now doing field training with their training officers.

**Staff Comments
Rottman**

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

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President