

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, May 28, 2024**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Tuesday, May 28, 2024, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczyk presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszczyk, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, 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, Director of Public Services Tim Brandys.

Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the workshop minutes of May 13, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve claims for Monday, May 28, 2024, in the amount of \$382,518.00. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Lyle Swinehart of 110 W St. Joseph Street, voiced his concern with the music volume from the recent Warner Vineyard concerts. Mr. Swinehart states “loud noise” is affecting his quality of life.

**Audience
Participation**

Lon Reinbold of 125 W St. Joseph Street, is also concerned with the noise level during the Warner Vineyards concerts.

Barbara Burmester of 119 W St. Joseph Street, inquired as to whether the Village had a noise ordinance.

Kimberly McNatt of 120 W St. Joseph Street, is concerned with the excess noise & traffic Warners and other venues create near residential areas downtown.

Manager Myrkle responded that he has spoken to Pat Warner regarding the Village’s and residents’ concerns. Mr. Warner did not seek permits or submit a site plan before beginning remodeling work on his concert venue. It is the consensus of Council to encourage Mr. Warner to reach compliance. Council would like the Village Attorney to draft a letter to have on hand for the next meeting.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to enter into a public hearing to take comments on the millage rates for the fiscal year 2024-2025 at 7:52pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczyk, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing:
2024 Truth in
Taxation**

No public comment was received.

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Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to close the public hearing at 8:00 pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to adopt Resolution 24-12 to establish millage rates for fiscal year 2024-2025. Roll call vote: Martinez, Jarvis, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to certify delinquent utility & miscellaneous charges for inclusion on the Village tax roll. Roll call vote: Martinez, Jarvis, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the DWSRF pay estimate No. 10 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$11,441.60. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to authorize an additional \$10,113.00 for amphitheater electrical upgrades. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

It was the consensus of Council to not adopt any proposed ordinance changes regarding short-term rentals at this time.

Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to approve Rowdy's Kaboom LLC's permit to present the 2024 Wine & Harvest Festival's fireworks show based on his competency and a \$2,000,000 insurance aggregate. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, McQueen, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, Plaszczak voting no, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Richardson to end the Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Paw Paw Township upon its June 30, 2024 expiration date. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

No Report.

Discussion was held regarding property assessments in the DDA.

Hellwege will be scheduling an Economic and Residential Opportunity meeting.

The Farmers Market had a record number of vendors for opening day.

No Report.

No Report.

The Housing Commission received a good audit report with no findings.

**Action Items:
Resolution 24-12
Operating Millage**

**Certification of
Delinquent Fees to
Tax Role**

DWSRF Pay Request

**Amphitheatre
Electrical
Improvements**

Short-term Rentals

**Wine & Harvest
Festival Fireworks
and Contract**

**Non-Action Items:
Paw Paw Township
Sewer Contract**

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

DDA

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

Farmers Market

Fire Board

Historical Committee

Housing Commission

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The Maple Lake Preservation Committee discussed the Maple Island Bridge and Briggs Dam projects.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Craddock applauded the fantastic Memorial Day ceremony and the great turnout even in inclement weather.

**Council Member
Comments:
Craddock**

Trustee Martinez presented pictures of murals located in different municipalities. Mary Springer of the DDA thought Paw Paw could benefit from downtown art.

Martinez

Trustee Jarvis commented how gorgeous the wildflowers at Sunset Park were. Jarvis thanked Trustee Martinez for taking over as Director of the Farmers Market and looks forward to his fresh ideas.

Jarvis

Trustee Rohr's visiting family commented on how wonderful the downtown area looks with the flowers and new wayfinding signs.

Rohr

Trustee Richardson appreciates Manager Myrkle's situation/project updates.

Richardson

Manager Myrkle reported that the Maple Island Bridge project remains on schedule.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys thanked Council for their support regarding not renewing the Paw Paw Township Sewer Maintenance Agreement.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

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

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President