

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2024**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 10, 2024, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

Present: President Plaszcak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis (out @ 7:57pm), 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 Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to approve claims for Monday, June 10, 2024, in the amount of \$554,666.65. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Kevin Coughlin inquired as to when the water main replacement project would be complete.

**Audience  
Participation**

Sarah Cox of GG Sweets and Creative Catering, expressed her support for the concerts at Warner Vineyards.

Holly Hamilton owner of H2 Design, expressed her support for the Warner Vineyards concerts.

Local realtor, Suzy Glomski, supports the concerts and believes they draw people to the downtown area.

DDA Coordinator, Mary Springer, believes the Village needs to support downtown businesses such as Warners.

It is the consensus of Council to have staff continue to work with Mr. Warner to reach/maintain compliance.

Trustee Martinez reports Paul DeYoung, Register of Deeds for Van Buren County, lends his support for the concerts at Warner Vineyards.

**Council Member  
Comments:**

Trustee McQueen believes Council must consider both sides of the discussion.

John Braganini of St. Julian Winery expressed his concerns with the significant increase of the amount of concerts at Warner Vineyards. Warner Vineyards is located directly next to St. Julian. Mr. Braganini believes the concert goers are

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John Braganini**

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parking in his lot due to the convenient location, leaving less available spaces for his patrons to park. Mr. Braganini is willing to install a gate in the parking lot off Gremps Street and rent the lot to Warners for concert parking.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to adjust the electrical budget for an additional \$10,000, to cover costs of installing a replacement transformer at the Van Buren County jail. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to authorize an electrical Cost-of-Service study to be conducted by United Financial Services for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to approve Special Adventures request to hold an event for neuro-divergent children free of charge at Kids Paradise/Tyler Field Pavilion on August 17, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

It was the consensus of Council to have Barr Engineering start design work for an 8-foot, wooden bridge for over Briggs Dam. They would like the design to be strong enough to support the possible addition of a roof in the future.

Motion by Craddock with support from Richardson to opt out of joining the PA 95 Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, and Martinez voting yes, Plaszczak and McQueen voting no, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the WWTP project change order #7 in the amount of \$118,244.00 for additional removal of biosolids from Lagoon 1 and Lagoon 2 and additional pump/transfer of wastewater from Lagoon 3 to Lagoon 1 and 2 prior to the startup of the new aeration system. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Chief Rottman believes that the current Police Academy recruits' tuition will all be covered by grants, but if not the Village may have to pay.

The Parks & Rec Board discussed work being done on the Maple Island restrooms.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

**Action Items:  
VBCO Transformer  
Repair**

**Electrical Cost of  
Service Study**

**Special Adventures  
Festival Request**

**Briggs Dam Bridge  
Design Decision**

**PA 95 Opt in or Opt  
Out**

**WWTP Change  
Order #7**

**Non-Action Items:  
Police Academy  
Sponsorship**

**Committee Meetings  
Parks and Rec**

**DDA**

**Economic &  
Residential  
Opportunity**

**Farmers Market**

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No Report.

**Fire Board**

No Report.

**Historical Committee**

No Report.

**Housing Commission**

No Report.

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

The July Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Martinez reported that the Planning Commission was disheartened of Council's decision to not adopt the proposed changes to the short-term rental ordinance.

**Planning Commission**

No Report.

**Wellhead Protection**

No Report.

**Wine & Harvest**

President Plaszczak reports that the library has several events planned this summer at the amphitheater.

**Council Member  
Comments:  
Plaszczak**

Trustee Craddock would like a sign-in sheet available for residents at Council meetings.

**Craddock**

Trustee Martinez notes that the Planning Commission would like to hold another joint meeting with both Council and ZBA members.

**Martinez**

Trustee Rohr would like to know the utility and maintenance costs of each Village owned building.

**Rohr**

Manager Myrkle reports that staff will be attending website training. MPPA was able to buy the renewable energy credits for \$4.30.

**Manager Comments**

Director Brandys reports that staff is able to use the Steel Green machine that was purchased for plowing sidewalks to also spray weeds.

**Staff Comments  
Brandys**

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President