



**Paw Paw Village Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting, September 27, 2004**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 13, 2004 convened at 7:30 P.M. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan, and President Plaszczyk presiding. **Meeting Convened**

Present: Trustees Plaszczyk, Larcinese, Pioch, McIntosh, Basinger, and Rohr. **Accounts Payable**  
Excused: Wilhelmi

Also present: Village Manager Bradley Noeldner, Village Clerk Barbara Morrison, Director of Public Services Jon Small and Chief of Police Russ Reynnells

Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh, to approve the September 13, 2004 minutes of the regular meeting, with the following corrections on page 2, Finance Committee: Change ‘the Committee felt’ to ‘the Committee recommended’. Motion carried. **Members Present**

Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$101,163.46. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Accounts Payable**

1. Greta Williams, from the United Way, asked for support for this year’s United Way Drive. The drive has begun. The goal is to raise \$475,000. Of the people helped by the Van Buren County United Way, 16% are from Paw Paw. **Public Comment**
2. Deb asked about the procedure for having a street light installed in front of one’s home. Brad and John will give her the information.

No report from Attorney Page. **Attorney Page Update**

1. **DDA:** Meets October 18, 5:30 P.M. **Committee Reports**
  - The DDA has authorized towards the Fall Spectacular, \$100 to the Carnegie Center for the use of that building, \$50 to the Chamber for supplies.
  - Becky is authorized to send a letter to Van Buren Motors requesting use of the parking lot.
2. **Parks & Recreation:** Meets October 4, 7:00 P.M.
3. **Housing:** Meets October 18, 7:00 P.M.
  - They have accepted bids for new doors for the handicap areas.
  - Sent out new bids for Needs Assessment, which, according to HUD, is due.
  - The residents have created a RAB (Residents Advisory Board)
  - The ‘Knocks Boxes’ remain under discussion.
  - Nancy Waterworth was injured when leaving the last meeting.
4. **Fireboard:** Meets October 5, 7:30 P.M.

5. **Wine & Harvest Festival:** Meets October 6, 6:20 P.M.
6. **Zoning Board:** Meets October 18, 7:00 P.M.
7. **Planning Commission:** Meets October 28, 7:99 P.M.
  - Discussed signs and billboards
8. **Finance:** October 5, 6:30 P.M.
9. **Public Service:** Meets October 11, 6:30 P.M.
10. **Revolving Loan:**
11. **Red Arrow Study Report:**
  - Eric attended a meeting for a Study for Southwest Michigan. It would involve nine counties

**Plaszczak:** Roman suggests thought be put into revamping the industrial area.

**Basinger:**

**McIntosh:** Mary presented a list of things to do if we want a community that is beautiful and enhancing.

- We've lost a fine housing area with the expansion of the hospital.
- We are currently working on the Liberty Street area.
- The west side of the Village needs attention.
- LaGrave Street needs attention.
- We need to observe other areas for potential renovation.

**Wilhelmi:**

**Rohr:**

**Pioch:**

**Larcinese:**

**Noeldner:**

- Chief Reynnells has provided a report on additional expenses involving the Wine & Harvest Festival.
- Brad and John attended a Michigan Municipal Electric Association seminar last week. The electrical rate structure, as we know it, is going to be revamped.
- Included in the packet is a letter from the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy. We have been successful in receiving an award in the amount of \$8,160.
- Also, attached is a memo from Chief Reynnells regarding the role of his office and staff in the Wine & Harvest Festival?
- Festival equipment has been placed back in storage.
- Brad and Becky will be attending a one-half day seminar in Kalamazoo. This concerns Health Savings Account programs and may benefit the Village and its employees.
- A copy of a Michigan Department of Transportation letter is included in your packet. Brad will be attending a meeting on Monday.
- We received the final document on our DPS permit.
- The Chamber Dinner is Tuesday, October 12 at Gallagher's.
- The Committee needs to discuss items before beginning budget discussions.

**Council Comment**

**Manager's Report**