

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Special Meeting, October 27, 2004**

The special Village Council meeting of Wednesday, October 27, 2004, convened at 6:40 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczyk presiding.

**Meeting
Convened**

Present: Plaszczyk, Pioch, Larcinese (late 6:57 p.m.), Wilhelmi and Rohr. Basinger and McIntosh excused. Also present: Village Manager Bradley Noeldner, Village Clerk KeVen Riley, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Russell Reynnells.

**Members
Present**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve Wightman-Jones, Inc. to provide engineering services as proposed in October 25, 2004 letter at a price not to exceed \$11,700 for the Briggs Dam Repair. All members voting yes, motion carried unanimously.

**Briggs-Dam
Engineering
services**

There was several other items that were discussed as follows:

**Other Items of
Discussion**

1. **Meeting Minutes** – How much discussion information does the Council request to be put into the minutes? The Council felt that everything is ok with the contents right now.
2. **Conflict of interest item – Kelly Page.** Noeldner stated there were a couple of cases there was conflict. What he wants is some direction for the next year budget. Some issues at hand were the Road Commission issue with the Millage, the law suit with the property over a quiet title (Otto Smead case) and there has been some cases in criminal court where Page was the defense attorney. The council felt they needed to set some guidelines for Page to avoid these conflicts. Plaszczyk and Noeldner will provide Page with direction on what the Village expects.
3. **Audit report** update possible updates that can be expected through the Sarbanes Oxley Act. Noeldner and Riley attended a meeting that this was discussed. Nothing to act on now but this may be something to watch in the future.
4. **Economic Development** – Industrial areas with possibility of Brownfield Development, business attraction and resources available (state and federal). Review time and costs for budgeting purposes. Rohr feels that Bronson is still looking to develop the south I-94 property. Plaszczyk is interested in the north I-94 zones. Larcinese would like to see a sub-committee that would do some of the work with marketing. Pioch wants to work with some of the

- already developed committees. Plaszczak wants to put this into our goals for next year.
5. **Update on CMAQ project** – Michigan Avenue turn lanes. Noeldner will be submitting this October 28, 2004.
 6. **Hiring another police officer or possible detective-lieutenant or administrative lieutenant.** Follow-ups and having the presence with the County Task Force again is needed. Reynnells feels the necessity to have some restructuring within the department.
 7. **Committees and their make-up.** Plaszczak wants to set forth some clear directions and guidelines. Wilhelmi said the committee has evolved from going from four or five committees to only the current two committee. Pioch feels that good direction from Plaszczak and Noeldner would be better.
 8. **Review the sample Special Events ordinance.** The Wine and Harvest board wants council to review and give some feedback.
 9. **Briggs Pond Dam Repair** – Actual construction work. Noeldner clarified that tonight's previous action did not cover the actual construction of the dam repair.
 10. **Engineering Services** – Noeldner wants to set an engineering company since Paul Kaiser is no longer on staff. Questions that arose were a monthly fee for their services? Gove of Kalamazoo, Wightman and Wightman of St. Joseph, Wightman-Jones of Allegan or Fleis and VandenBrink of Grand Rapids are all good firms.
 11. **Paw Paw Laundry** – updated the Council letting them know about the monies owed and the formation of Alliance Laundry.
 12. **Legislative Update regarding infrastructure and Local Control on HB 4538.** Noeldner asked that council contact the senator Tom George and ask him to vote no.

Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,
KeVen Riley

