

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, April 24, 2006**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, April 24, 2006, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding.

**Meeting
Convened**

Present: Plaszcak, Pioch, Basinger, Rohr, Larcinese and Wilhelmi. McIntosh excused. Also present: Village Manager Bradley Noeldner, Village Finance Administrator/Clerk KeVen Riley, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Russell Reynnells.

**Members
Present**

Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr, to approve the April 10, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. All other members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approved
Minutes**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$132,825.99 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Accounts
Payable**

Pete Walker and Dan Rose from Wilcox Engineering promoted their engineering business to the Council. They went over their scope of services.

**Wilcox
Engineering
presentation**

John Tapper, County Commissioner reported the County is operating \$7,000,000 in the deficit. They are considering borrowing money to operate. The 2006/07 budget is \$18,500,000. When asked by Larcinese about any proposed cuts, Tapper indicated he was not at liberty to speak about it at this time. He also wanted to inform everyone he has filed for County Commissioner again.

Tapper

Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese, to allow the Wine and Harvest Festival use and access to various public areas, streets and personnel as in the past for the 2006 Festival. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**2006 Wine and
Harvest
approval**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to rescind the noise ordinance for the Wine and Harvest festival for Friday, September 8, 2006 with Saturday, September 9, 2006 as a rain date. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Rescinding the
noise ordinance**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch, to proclaim May 7 – 13, 2006 as Arson Awareness Week. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**National Arson
Awareness
Week**

Director Small left at 8:06 p.m. to assist his crews on a sewer problem.

Small left

Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the request for the transfer from Brewsters at the Dyckman to transfer ownership of the 2005 Class C license with dance entertainment permit from Spoons, Inc for the property located at 201 E. Michigan Avenue. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Transfer of
Class C licenses
from Spoons to
Brewster**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch, to approve the rules of procedure for the meeting and public hearings as follows:

**Meeting Rules
adopted**

1. Public comments will be addressed in the public hearing session of the meeting and the public comments sessions.
2. Address all comments to the Village President or his designee.
3. Please state name for the record.
4. Limit comments relevant to the topic being heard.
5. Limit comments to three minutes, in order for all public comments to be voiced. Public comments can be extended at the discretion of the President or his designee.
6. Avoid being repetitious of comments already heard.
7. Please be courteous and avoid talking when others have the floor.

All members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to allow Bethiaume and Company to bring the Village audit into compliance with GASB 34 for a cost not to exceed \$2,500. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**GASB 34
adoption**

Rohr reported the Commission is down to negotiating with one women applicant. The elevators are in need of repairs and the windows should be replaced by September 2006.

**Committee
Reports:
Housing
Commission**

Plaszczak reported that the DDA discussed various projects such as the I-94 street light ramp lighting project and the August 31, 2006 deadline and the downtown beautification project. They want to plant the flowers as soon as there is no chance for freezing. They also had several businesses that are interested in purchasing the medallion Village logos.

DDA

Pioch reported from the fire board stating they paid bills in the amount of \$21,317.35. They are looking into a new auditor and the department applied for a new pumper under the 2006 FEMA grant.

Fire Board

Pioch reported that most contracts have been executed for this years entertainment and the guides will be available soon.

**Wine and
Harvest**

Plaszczak reported the Revolving Loan committee met on April

14, 2006 and evaluated all outstanding loans and reviewed one new application. Also one loan has *been paid off since the last meeting. *As corrected 5-8-06.

Revolving Loan

Plaszczak explained a memo regarding the new electric rates and the proposed contract with AEP and the rate increase could be anywhere from 4.85% to 15.81% depending on the final 20 year contract price. The Village contract has allowed for some credits for the possibility of using the hydro-dam and alternative sources that may be installed later. As soon as the final contract is available he will bring it back to the Village Council for final approval.

AEP Contract update

Plaszczak reported he has a meeting with MDOT, Van Buren County Road Commission, Tonya Schuitmaker, Paw Paw Township and the Railroad to move forward for future funding on a bridge across the Paw Paw River. The annual Mayor's banquet for Blossomtime will be held on May 2, 2006 at the Pebblewood Country Club. He also asked that everyone take time to look at the covered bridge the department of public services is rebuilding. The project is coming along very well.

**Council
Comments
Plaszczak**

Basinger reported he found an article that spoke of Wal-Mart being a kinder, gentler Wal-Mart. They are trying to assist other local businesses.

Basinger

Pioch stated that Joe Parman was appointed as County Drain Commissioner.

Pioch

Wilhelmi asked what happened with the survey in the utilities on the proposed one trash hauler. Noeldner indicated it will go out with the May 2006 bills. He also asked everyone to send letters to oppose SB1157 and HB 5895.

Wilhelmi

Rohr stated the landscaping in front of the Allegis credit looks very nice.

Rohr

Noeldner went over his manager's report and most items had already been discussed, he did reiterate what Wilhelmi had stated about SB1157 and HB 5895. If passed this will eliminate the cable franchise fee and channel 12. Michigan Works grand opening for their new facility will be 4-26-2006. He asked again for any comments to be sent to him regarding the two outstanding items:

**Manager's
Report**

The Taxi ordinance and the Carport amendment.

Reynnells reported that Police Department is busy with blights. Kusmack had finished his rifle training.

Police Report

Motion by Pioch, supported by Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting.
All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at
9:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:
KeVen L. Riley