

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, May 22, 2006**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 22, 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, McIntosh and Wilhelmi. Larcinese 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 Wilhelmi, to approve the May 8, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. Rohr abstained. All other members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approved
Minutes**

Motion by Basinger, supported by McIntosh, to approve accounts payable for \$112,167.14 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Accounts
Payable**

John Tapper, County Commissioner reported the County is attempting to change their fiscal year to September 30. He stated even though they are working on a nine month budget for the first year, they are just prolonging their short falls in revenue. He did indicate that personnel cuts were their last ~~resource~~ **resort. *As corrected 6-12-06.**

Tapper

Joe Parman, the new drain commissioner introduced himself and announced he will be seeking election this year. ***As corrected 6-12-06.**

Parman

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to adopt the following resolution:

**Cable Franchise
Resolution**

VILLAGE OF PAW PAW

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF LOCAL
CONTROL OF CABLE FRANCHISING AND
OPPOSITION TO MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 1157
AND HOUSE BILL 5895**

WHEREAS, AT&T and Verizon have been actively advocating across the country that local cable franchise agreements be eliminated, and

WHEREAS, AT&T is blaming Michigan communities as the reason they can not enter into the cable/video business, while

local communities, and local residents, want more cable competition and would quickly allow AT&T into their community, AT&T has refused to negotiate a franchise with any city, village, or township, and

WHEREAS, legislation introduced in the Michigan Legislature, House Bill 5895 and Senate Bill 1157 would:

- Eliminate local cable franchising, and requires Secretary of State to grant a statewide franchise.

- Allows any cable, or video provider, to stop serving any area in a city, village, or townships based on out-of-state corporate economic decisions. Current law guarantees service to all local residents. Cable and phone companies could turn off service to neighborhoods because they are not profitable, basically ‘cherry-picking’ and ‘redlining’ neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, local government participation in the cable franchising process ensures build-out requirements so that all residents irrespective of age, race, education, or income level, receive the same service, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Paw Paw opposes Senate Bill 1157 and House Bill 5895 and urges our state legislators to oppose the bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council hereby affirms its support for the current local cable franchise agreement system and urges federal and state policymakers to only support legislation that:

1. Maintains local control of the cable franchise process;
2. Ensures build-out requirements so that providers are not able to “cherry-pick” customers;
3. Preserves local governments’ ability to manage the public rights-of-way;
4. Ensures no reduction in direct revenues and that Michigan’s Metro Act is preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our state legislators in Lansing, our Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., Governor Granholm and the Michigan Municipal League.

All members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch, to approve allowing Lawrence Hedgehopper's R/C club use of the Maple Lake float fly on Saturday, July 29, 2006 with Saturday, August 5, 2006 as a rain date. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Hedgehopper's
Float Fly
approved**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to award Kolosar Electric the underground electrical contract for parking lot #3 for a not to exceed price of \$12,100. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Underground
Electric –
Parking Lot #3**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Wilhelmi, to accept the bid from Butler Computers for the police department networking and upgrades for a not to exceed price of \$7,363. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Police
Department
Computer
upgrades**

Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr, to allow staff to use the State purchasing plan to purchase two police administrative vehicles, one street department vehicle, one department of public services and one electric department vehicle for a total cost of \$76,055. Roll call vote: Pioch, McIntosh, Basinger, Plaszczak, Rohr and Wilhelmi voting yes, motion carried. Larcinese absent.

**2006/2007
budgeted
Vehicle
Purchases**

Plaszczak reported that the DDA discussed several façade grants and loans. Dondi Squires was approved for up to \$5,000 for a façade grant on 249 E. Michigan Avenue, and Chan's Restaurant was approved for paint and repair for \$1,466. They also reviewed the some ideas on the directional signs at I-94 as part of the Red Arrow Committee request; they want something that is attractive and easy to read.

**Committee
Reports:
DDA**

Rohr reported the Commission is still negotiating with one women applicant. The window replacement project is moving forward and should be done by September 2006.

**Housing
Commission**

Plaszczak reported that Mayor Exchange went very well on May 17, 2006. The Village looked very good and the DPS did a good job preparing the Village.

**Council
Comments
Plaszczak**

McIntosh commented the gift baskets that were done for Mayor Exchange were very nice but she felt they were extravagant. She also presented the Chief with some blight issues and asked that they be addressed.

McIntosh

Pioch congratulated John Small on his "Citizen of the Year" award.

Pioch

Noeldner went over his manager's report and most items had already been discussed, he did go over the project update list from the DPS. The parking lot projects are moving forward. The fire

Manager's

department has submitted a request to expand their building for future needs and Noeldner will meet with the Chief and assistants to find out exactly what it is they are requesting and report that back to Council. The Village received a letter from MDOT for the Small Urban program schedule for 2007. Al Parsell has been offered and he accepted the Lieutenant's position.

Report

Motion by ~~Baisner~~ **Basinger**, supported by Pioch, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. ***As corrected 6-12-06.**

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:
KeVen L. Riley