

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, June 12, 2006**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 12, 2006, convened at 7:31 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: Plaszcak, Pioch, Basinger, Rohr, McIntosh, Wilhelmi and Larcinese. Also present: Village Attorney, Kelly Page, Village Manager Bradley Noeldner, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Russell Reynnells.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the May 22, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approved Minutes

Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr, to approve accounts payable for \$505,329.50 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese, to close the regular meeting and open a truth in taxation public hearing. All members voting yes, motion carried. Regular meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.

Public Hearing to receive public comment for establishment of the combined 2006 millage rate

Village Manager Noeldner provided a brief explanation of why it is necessary for the Council to hold a truth-in-taxation Public Hearing and that the increased revenue for operations and streets combined will be \$25,154.00 more than the previous year, if there were no hearing.

There being no additional public comment; motion by Basinger, supported by Larcinese, to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. All members voting yes. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

At this time, Village President Plaszcak announced that it was his pleasure to perform one of his favorite jobs as Village President. He came forward to present a certificate, service pin, and in two instances, engraved awards to several of the employees for their many years of employment and service to the Village.

Employee Service Awards

He began by presenting an award, service pin and certificate to Ken Butler for over 40 years of dedicated service to the Village. While receiving his award, Ken stated that he started working for the Village in high school and one of his first duties was mowing lawn around the Village.

The second award, service pin and certificate were presented to Chief of Police, Russ Reynnells for over 30 years of dedicated service to the Village.

Other service pins and certificates of appreciation for years of service were presented to employees as follows.

Trace Kirvan	25 years
Jerry Stipes	20 years
Bill Crook	10 years
Eric Rottman	5years
Brad Noeldner	5 years

Other employees, not in attendance, were also recognized as follows.

Kirk Goodrich	15 years
Karen Adkins	15 years
Dale Martin	10 years
Todd Brower	5 years
Rusty Ritsema	5 years

Plaszczak then went on to acknowledge three awards presented to the Village from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for projects completed last year. The Village received APWA's Public Works Project of the Year for improving Quality of Life for the "Rotary Bridge Project" constructed in 2005.

APWA Public Works Awards

The Village is also the recipient of APWA's Public Works Project of the Year for Emergency/Disaster Preparedness for the "Briggs Pond Dam Improvement Project".

Plaszczak also presented the APWA Public Works Project of the Year-Honorable Mention Award for Quality of Life, received for the "Miller Street Park Project" constructed in 2005.

Attorney Page was in attendance to answer questions about a memorandum he had provided in regard to the newly drafted agreement between the Village and American Electric Power Company (AEP), for the purchase of electricity. The new agreement is for a term of twenty years and provides all the terms under which the Village will be paying for electricity purchases as a wholesale customer of AEP.

Attorney Page

Nate Voigt-Neiderveld Assoc. of Holland and representative for Advance Auto Parts Store provided a brief presentation regarding the existing use of property located at this location, and the proposed use by Advance Auto Parts Store. His presentation included information regarding storm water disposal and landscape plans.

**Site Plan Approval
for Advance Auto
Parts Store-308 S.
Kalamazoo Street**

McIntosh had questions regarding the size and type of signs and lighting proposed for the site and when construction was going to take place. Mr. Voigt replied that signs and lighting will be in compliance with Village approvals. Proposed construction will take place as soon as all permits and agreements are finalized.

Rohr inquired if they plan to tear the Warner house down? Mr. Voigt indicated that both the Warner house and the Century 21 buildings are going to be removed.

Basinger inquired if Advance Auto Parts is a “chain” auto parts store? Mr. Voigt replied that it is. Basinger then asked how they selected Paw Paw as a site for their new facility. Mr. Voigt stated he is not sure.

Wilhelmi asked if the trees to be located along Kalamazoo Street are salt resistant. Mr. Voigt stated that they are planning to plant sugar maples in the tree lawn.

McIntosh then voiced her disappointment that we couldn't save the house and have it relocated. This house is over 100 years old and having it torn down is just one more loss of our history.

With no further comment or questions, motion by Larcinese, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the proposed site plan for Advance Auto Supply Store at 308 S. Kalamazoo Street, as presented with one contingency. Members Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, Basinger and Plaszczak voting yes. McIntosh voting no. Motion carried.

1) The applicant is to comply with all Federal, State and local laws and regulations, including those pertaining to wetlands, and obtain all necessary permits.

Noeldner presented Council with a Lease Agreement between the Village and Central Cable Contractors, Inc. for the use of the public property at the corner of Gremps St. and Lilac Street.

**Central Cable
Contractors, Inc.
Lease Agreement**

Central Cable Contractors, Inc. has proposed leasing this site from the Village for an initial term commencing June 13, 2006 and expiring at midnight December 13, 2006. Lessee is not to use the site for any reason other than the storage of equipment, trucks and materials needed for the installation of Fiber Optic Cable. General discussion took place which included questions about hours of operation, specifically, not wanting equipment and loud disturbances prior to 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

Central Cable Contractors, Inc. will pay the Village \$250.00 per month for the term of the Agreement for the use of this site.

Motion by Pioch, supported by Basinger, to authorize staff to enter into the Lease Agreement with Central Cable Contractors, Inc. as presented.

Motion by Larcinese, supported by Wilhelmi, to establish a combined 2006 millage rate at 18.8551. Roll call vote.

**Establish 2006
combined millage
rate of 15.8551**

Pioch	Yes
McIntosh	Yes
Basinger	Yes
Plaszczak	Yes
Larcinese	Yes
Rohr	Yes
Wilhelmi	Yes

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger, to authorize the Village President and Village Manager to enter into the new electrical agreement with AEP beginning July 1, 2006, as presented in the proposed contract. Roll call vote.

**AEP Purchase Power
Contract**

McIntosh	Yes
Basinger	Yes
Plaszczak	Yes
Larcinese	Yes
Rohr	Yes
Wilhelmi	Yes
Pioch	Yes

McIntosh presented information from a Department of Public Services Committee meeting and based upon three proposals received by the Village, she recommended that we accept a bid for sidewalk, curb and flat work from J.W. Yarbrough in the amount of \$12,035.00

**J.W. Yarbrough
Contract for work
behind Bistro 120**

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to authorize entering into a contract with J.W. Yarbrough for parking lot, sidewalk and curb work not to exceed \$12,035.00. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

McIntosh also presented information from the DPS Committee meeting relating to the inspection of the turbine at the electric power plant at the north end of Maple Lake.

**North American
Hydro Contract for
inspection of turbine**

Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh, to enter into an agreement with North American Hydro to finish the turbine inspection at a cost not to exceed \$4,380.00. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

McIntosh presented information and recommendation from the DPS Committee regarding proposals received for the inspection and rehabilitation of equipment at Water Well # 6.

**Peerless-Midwest
Contract for
inspection and rehab
of Well # 6**

Wilhelmi questioned if both companies had bid the same work, due to a large difference in bids? Small said yes, they both had the same specification package. He also pointed out that Peerless-Midwest is currently performing our well maintenance program and this may have had some impact on their price.

Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to enter into an agreement with Peerless-Midwest to perform inspection, maintenance and repairs at Well # 6, at a cost not to exceed \$23,598.00. Roll call vote.

Larcinese	Yes
Rohr	Yes
Wilhelmi	Yes
Pioch	Yes
McIntosh	Yes
Basinger	Yes
Plaszczak	Yes

McIntosh brought to the Council information relating to additional work necessary at Parking Lot # 3. As reconstruction of the lot was taking place, it became apparent that two of the old basements which were filled years ago, need to be excavated to remove wood and other construction debris so that a solid base can be achieved under the new parking lot. It is the recommendation to have

**Lounsbury
Construction
Contract for
additional work in
Parking Lot # 3**

Lounsbury Construction to perform this work while reconstructing the new parking lot.

Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh, to enter into a contract with Lounsbury Excavating to remove debris from two buildings buried in parking lot # 3 at a cost not to exceed \$5,250.00. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Wilhelmi reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee recommendation to hire North American Hydro for inspection of the turbine at the hydro plant. He also reported that bleachers on the Rocket Football have been replaced by volunteers from Rocket Football. He reported that soccer volunteers have been working on improvements to areas of the facility for soccer fields and that staff is looking into securing an RFP for engineering services for a walkway along M-40 from Maple Island to the boat launch area. Wilhelmi also informed Council about topics the Parks & Recreation Committee are involved with including: looking into a new agreement for weed control for future years, looking into requiring organized fishing tournaments to secure a permit in the future so that we don't have several tournaments taking place at one time.

Committee Reports

Pioch reported the Fire Board has several items taking place. Bills and accounts in the amount of \$12,383.46 were paid. Three fire fighters are attending incident command training put on by FEMA, Berthume & Co. will be the Dept. auditor for the coming year and the Department is developing a Capital Asset List for the auditor.

Pioch also reported on the Wine & Harvest Committee indicating that the committee ~~has reviewed~~ ***is in** their standard operating ***mode procedures** and that they have a number of suggestions for this year's Grand Marshall. ***As corrected on June 26,2006**

McIntosh reported on the DPS Committee meeting held last week and indicated that several of the topics discussed at the meeting had already been brought to Councils attention by action taken earlier in the meeting. She also said that the DPS Committee is meeting with Wilcox and Associates to discuss an RFP for the walkway along M-40 between Maple Island and the boat launch.

The Revolving Loan Committee is going to set a meeting sometime prior to the next Council Meeting.

Plaszczak discussed the Mayor Exchange with the Village of

Council Comments

Middleville and presented the Key to the Village of Middleville which he received on our trip to Middleville. He told a little of the history of Middleville, *Middleville explaining that it was a stage coach stop and rest point between Hastings and Grand Rapids. Which is the reason the now have a stage coach as their logo. Also, that the Village has had a stage coach built and we were honored to have a ride down their trail way system on the coach. *As corrected June 26, 2006.

Plaszczak

Plaszczak also pointed out the assistance Middleville has had in getting a bridge across their river constructed and that we were presented with a copy of the entire application and information packet for our use.

Plaszczak informed Council that members of the Rotary had planted shrubs, plants, flowers and trees at the Rotary Bridge last week-end. He also notified Council that a dedication ceremony for the Paul J. Kaiser Bridge and Trail way Project will take place at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, June 24th at the covered bridge.

McIntosh commented on Mayor Exchange with Middleville and the beautiful walk along the river. Also, the nice condominium project and the cooperation between the Village and the Developer that have been instrumental in making the project a reality. She brought up the fact that we still need to look into the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to carports and a need to continue working with our residents to reduce blighted properties.

McIntosh

Noeldner went over his manager's report and stated that all the items had already been discussed.

Manager's Report

Small reported that the parking lot project is progressing well. Lot # 2 islands should be complete this week and the concrete should be placed in lot #3 this week. Paving of Lot # 3 is scheduled for next week and at this time everything appears to be on schedule.

**Department Head
Comments
Small (DPS)**

Thanked the Council for the recognition of his years of service and commented that the time has gone fast. He appreciated the Councils comments.

Reynnells(Police)

Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:
Bradley J. Noeldner