

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, September 11, 2006**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 11, 2006, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: Plaszcak, Basinger, McIntosh, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Rohr and Pioch. Also present: Village Manager, Bradley Noeldner, Village Clerk, KeVen Riley, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Patrick Alspaugh.

Members Present

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger, to approve the August 28, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. Rohr abstained, all other members voting yes, motion carried.

Approved Minutes

Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr, to approve accounts payable for \$320,706.88 as presented. Wilhelmi asked about Municipal Supply check for water meter's and Small indicated that was these were the new electronic meters and supplies. Rohr indicated that there will be one additional vehicle to pay for but it hasn't come in yet. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Joe Snyder from On-Trak Communications was present to update the council on how well the construction is going and how great the DPS crews have been to work with. They started out wanting to provide services to every home but found it to be cost prohibitive; therefore they are only running their services to homes that have committed to taking their products. They hope to be on line late October early November 2006, on a limited basis. McIntosh was concerned over the esthetics of where the boxes are located. Snyder and Small will meet with McIntosh and will review them. Riley asked how the Village of Paw Paw telephone number appeared on On-Trak's advertising and Snyder stated he spoke with Noeldner prior to this being placed on their ads.

**Public Comments:
Joe Snyder – On
Trak
Communications**

Carol Edinger was also present to update the Council on the improvements they have made at Channel 12, many equipment upgrades totaling \$86,443.12 will soon be in place. McIntosh was concerned over the possible funding drop with the politics that AT & T and the cable companies franchise agreements may bring *and Edinger hoped the Village would provide the continued funding for their programs.***As corrected 9-25-06.**

**Carol Edinger –
Channel 12**

Alexander Lipsey is running for State Senator and presented his

Alexander Lipsey –

campaign information to the Council.

Senator Candidate

Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr, to temporarily suspend the enforcement of the sign ordinance pertaining to political signs (Section 15.5.9) until a review can be completed. Roll call vote, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Larcinese voting nay and Pioch, Basinger, Plaszcak and Rohr all voting yes. Motion carried.

**Sign Ordinance
Section 15.5.9
Political Signs –
temporarily
suspended**

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese, to approve the bid for Ortquist Excavating of Paw Paw for a three year contract for snow removal on the village parking lots for a total not to exceed \$550, \$570 and \$590 per plow for the 2006-07, 2007-08 and the 2008-09 respectively. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Parking Lot Snow
Plowing Bid**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch, to approve staff to enter into a five year lease with Paw Paw Rocket football for the use of the facilities located at Tyler Field (Concession stand and Press Box). Larcinese opposed. All other members voting yes, motion carried.

**Rocket Football lease
agreement**

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger, to allow Paw Paw Public Schools to have a homecoming parade on Friday, September 29, 2006 at 5:00 from the Community Education building to Paw Paw Road. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Homecoming Parade

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to adopt the following resolution of support for the Van Buren County 10-year plan to end homelessness:

**Homelessness
Resolution**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas, the Village of Paw Paw believes all of its residents should enjoy the opportunity to live in peace and safety; and

Whereas, measures designed to prevent homelessness before it occurs will provide the most efficient means to stop homelessness in the Village of Paw Paw; and

Whereas, safe, affordable, permanent housing is an essential component of strong families and communities; and

Whereas, breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness requires innovation and commitment to action; and

Whereas, the collaboration of governmental units, human service providers, business owners, housing providers, educational institutions, economic developers, and individuals citizens will

have a profoundly positive impact on the overall quality of life in the Village of Paw Paw; and

Whereas, we are dedicated to ending homelessness, we support and endorse the Van Buren County 10 year Plan to End Homelessness.

All members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Larcinese, supported by Pioch, to allow staff to enter into a design engineering agreement with Fleis and VandenBrink for the East Michigan Avenue improvements from Kalamazoo Street to the East Village limits for a cost not to exceed \$29,300 including expenses for design engineering and topographic survey required for the project. Roll call vote: Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Basinger, Plaszczak and Larcinese voting yes. Motion carried

**Fleis and
VandenBrink –
Design Engineering
Contract for
Michigan Avenue**

Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to allow staff to enter into a contract with Weston Waterworks for the work that needs to be done on the sanitary forced main for a cost not to exceed \$9,400 All members voting yes, motion carried

**Weston Waterworks
– force main sewer
repair contract**

Wilhelmi reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee and stated they discussed the lease agreement with the Rocket Football that was presented for approval tonight. Dredging bids were being put together and they are continuing their review of the bass tournament permits. They also want to look at removing the lily pads on Maple Lake ~~*but~~ **because** they don't want them to spread.
.*As corrected 9-25-06.

**Committee Reports
Parks and
Recreation**

Rohr reported that Ms. Winston is doing a great job and the window project should be very close to being finished.

Housing Commission

Pioch reported the Fire Board paid claims in the amount of \$16,572.07. The annual fire dinner will be held on October 5, 2006 and on the 18th of September their will be a training drill for decontamination.

Fire Department

Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest committee will have a wrap-up meeting on September 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Mitchell's.

Wine and Harvest

Plaszczak had three items, a letter came in from Dennis Taplin thanking the Village for the flashing yellow light on Hazen Street, a thank-you card from Russ Reynnells and a reminder to the Council on the manager's evaluation which he will be reviewing at

**Council Comments
Plaszczak**

the next meeting.

McIntosh wanted to thank the Department of Public Services and the Police Department for the wonderful job on the Wine and Harvest, she also thanked Village Hall staff.

McIntosh

Noeldner reported the trash surveys were done and Woodfield Apartments is requesting the Village take over Woodfield Circle and make it part of our street system. Most of the other items on his report had been gone over. Patrick Warner is due in court on September 25, 2006 for his show cause hearing on the outstanding zoning complaints. The I-94 westbound on ramp will be closed from September 11 – 15. He also reported he responded to Craddock's letter to the editor and provided a copy to the Council. The *DEQ hearing for the Wal-Mart wetland's mitigation is set for September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. He also expressed his condolences to Rohr for the loss of her father-in-law. ***As corrected 9-25-06.**

Manager's Report

Alspaugh reported that ***he** provided an account for his additional manpower and expenses for the Wine and Harvest Festival. ***As corrected 9-25-06.**

Alspaugh comments

Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:
KeVen L Riley
Village Clerk