

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

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, December 11, 2006, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczyk presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

Present: Plaszczyk, Basinger, McIntosh, Wilhelmi, Richardson and Rohr. Larcinese late 7:32 p.m. Also present: Village Clerk, KeVen Riley, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Patrick Alspaugh.

**Members Present**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Richardson, to approve the November 11, 2006 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. McIntosh abstained, all other members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approved Minutes**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to approve accounts payable for \$436,423.47 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Accounts Payable**

Linda and Ken Ebersole were present to ask permission to place Neighborhood Watch program signs up in three locations on Maple Lake within the Village limits. President Plaszczyk asked the Chief of Police to meet with the Ebersole's and discuss the possible locations. Director Small indicated that he has the signs on hand.

**Public Comments:  
Maple Lake  
Neighborhood Watch  
Program – Ken and  
Linda Ebersole**

Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr, to award the contract for excavation and removal of materials from Briggs Pond to Griffelle Company of Belding for a not to exceed contract of \$139,900 for the first year. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Briggs Pond  
excavation contract  
award to Griffelle  
Company**

Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to approve the spending of \$5,000 to contract with a qualified Hydrologist from a University to complete a hydrology study of Briggs Pond to include sediment loading calculations and other scientific tasks. Also, Administrative Staff is to contact Representative Upton & Schuitmaker's offices to get long-term funding for this project. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Hydrologist study  
contract approved**

Wilhelmi reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee and stated they reviewed the six bids for the Briggs Pond project, bids ranged from the low of \$139,900 to \$310,880. Small carefully reviewed the low bidder and checked his references. He then recommended the Council to enter into an agreement with

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Parks and  
Recreation**

Griffelle Company. Another agenda item was the work they are doing with the County Drain Commissioner to petition the County to get Briggs Pond into the County drain system. By taking this approach this would allow for funds to come from a special assessment district and possible County monies. They are drafting the petitions now and may need a possible vote of the majority of property owners around Briggs Pond and Maple Lake. The last item reviewed was the fish tournament permits, they are thinking of charging a \$30.00 permit fee, no tournaments on holidays or weekends and no more than one event per day. It would be on a first come first serve basis.

Larcinese reported from the Fire Board meeting and stated the longest discussion was on the Mutual Aide Response System (MARS) agreement, stating the Van Buren County Chief's Association has drawn up a new agreement and asked that each department sign it. Paw Paw did not sign the current agreement that was put into place in 1992. Larcinese wasn't sure all the history behind it and thought maybe Richardson could enlighten the Council. Richardson wasn't real sure of all of the history but thought that it was instigated by the full-time chiefs on the west side of the County. They paid claims in the amount of \$6,136.45. They also reviewed the up coming year budget.

#### **Fire Board**

Richardson reported the Wine and Harvest festival board met and they discussed new sponsorship packages. Director Anthony is supposed to have the projected new budget for 2007-08 and the financial report for the 2006 festival.

#### **Wine and Harvest**

Plaszczak reported that he and Chief Alspaugh met with Wal-Mart and they are developing new revised site plans to move the building and parking lot. With the revisions, part of La Grave Street would need to be vacated. Riley looked into whether or not this was a Village street, after doing some research it was discovered that when this was annexed into the Village, the County did not relinquish control over this road. Therefore, Wal-Mart will have to petition to the County Road Commission for ownership of this road. But Riley also pointed out that the property needs to be rezoned from L-1 (light industrial) to B-2 General Business.

#### **Planning Commission**

Basinger stated the Finance Committee met and discussed **\*certain policies in the personnel policy \*manual** and the medical insurance for the Village. **\* As corrected 12-20-06.**

#### **Finance Committee**

Plaszczak stated he has set a joint meeting with the Paw Paw

#### **Council Comments**

District Library Board for December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. He also wants to review the completed electric study and wants Dale Kessinger to meet with the whole council on December 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. He also reported he attended a good conference on tourism, along with Mary Springer and John Mohney. He said the state is pushing tourism and they have increased up to \$13,000,000 for their budget to put a large push on the Cincinnati, OH area. They developed a slogan, "They leave their money here, but take their problems with them." He spoke with the DEQ about the possibility for grants for the library projects, they gave him some ideas, not only on the library project but for websites and it gave him some good contacts for the Paw Paw area.

**Plaszczak**

Wilhelmi asked that Riley fax the MML alert on the cable franchise agreement to Senator George's Office.

**Wilhelmi**

McIntosh stated the town looks very nice for the holidays.

**McIntosh**

Richardson asked about the quick response request. Riley was going to look the last time this was paid. She thought it was paid this year but wasn't sure.

**Richardson**

Small indicated they were working on getting everything cleaned up from the winter storm last week. He also asked each council person to let him know who was going to attend the annual holiday luncheon on December 21, 2006 at noon as soon as possible.

**DPS Update**

Alspaugh reported that he appointed two new field training officers, Officers Rottman and Huston. Huston will be attending school first and it is unsure when Rottman will be attending at this time.

**Police Update**

Riley reported the office was extremely busy and she is hoping to get a new hire in place shortly after the first of the year. She also asked the finance committee about the holiday bonuses and Basinger indicated Plaszczak had it and would be getting the information back to her.

**Village Hall Update**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:  
KeVen L Riley  
Village Clerk