

Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Workshop Session Health Insurance & Benefits, October 1, 2007

1. The Workshop Session Village Council meeting of Wednesday, October 1, 2007, convened at 7:05 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding. **Meeting Convened**

2. Present: Plaszczak, Larcinese (late 7:24 p.m), Richardson, McIntosh, Basinger and Wilhelmi (late 7:19 p.m). Excused: Rohr. Also present: Village Clerk Christopher Tapper and Village Manager Larry Nielsen **Members Present**

Others present: Patty Carr, from Mercer Health and Benefits, John Ruiter, Eric Rottman and Timothy McMeekan Jr.

3. Carr presented Council with updated plans design changes and cost savings information regarding the Village of Paw Paw health insurance carriers. Carr reported the one carrier that provided a bid was United Healthcare.

4. Carr is waiting on information from; Humana, Midwest Secure, PPOM and Aetna. Carr reported the reason why most carriers did not quote the Village was due to the low participation on surveys. Carr recommended to Council to consider grandfathering the ~~existing~~ **correction 10/8/07** current members of Council and Commissions and not allowing the option to current or future Council or Commission members as this would allow carriers to see greater participation.

5. The Council agreed with Carr's recommendation.

6. Larcinese asked for information on HSA accounts. Carr responded there was not due to low participation. She will to provide Council with HSA and HRA accounts next workshop. **Council Comments Larcinese**

7. Wilhelmi asked if Blue Cross and Blue Shield would have new rates out before the end of the year. Carr responded yes and said she would have more information available at the next workshop. **Wilhelmi**

8. Plaszczak questioned United Healthcare rating, and standing. Carr responded UHC has an A rating. **Plaszczak**

9. The consensus of the Council was to have Carr return on November 7, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. for an additional workshop session with the following;
1) More information from newer carriers, with HSA and HRA accounts.
2) More information on dental and vision plans
3) New BCBSM rates.

10. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Richardson, to adjourn workshop session, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:
Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk