

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, March 12, 2007**

The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 12, 2007, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Pro-tem Basinger presiding.

**Meeting  
Convened**

Present: Richardson, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Basinger and Rohr. Larcinese and Plaszcak excused. Also present: Interim Village Manager Bill Sinclair, Village Finance Administrator/Clerk Keven Riley, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Chief of Police Patrick Alspaugh.

**Members  
Present**

Motion by Wilhelmi supported by McIntosh, to approve the February 26, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approved  
Minutes**

Motion by Basinger, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve accounts payable for \$470,502.65 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Accounts  
Payable**

**\*The adoption of** Ordinance No. 408 that provides for and regulate the protection of groundwater resources in the Village of Paw Paw and the Village of Paw Paw environmental permits checklist, ~~was~~ ~~Was~~ postponed until Small could have Kelly Hahn with Michigan Rural Water come to the Council and explain any questions that may come about. **\*As corrected 3-26-07.**

**Old Business –  
Ordinance No.  
408**

Harold Schuitmaker was present to speak about the trees that were removed from his property without his permission by Griffelle, the contractor hired by the Village for the Brigg's Pond dredging. He stated that he has never been in contact with anyone from the Village prior to the trees being removed from his property and he was looking for an apology. Basinger commented that on behalf of the Village Council he was very sorry for the incident and the finance committee has given Small permission to continue negotiations with Schuitmaker and Village attorney Page.

**Public  
Comment:  
Harold  
Schuitmaker**

Motion by Rohr, supported by Richardson, to close the regular meeting and go into the public hearing for the parking lot grant from MEDC. All members voting yes, motion carried. Regular meeting closed at: 7:50 p.m.

**Public Hearing  
for the MEDC  
grant**

Marilyn Smith explained the necessity to have this hearing again, stating it was because when the meeting was held in October the public hearing opened too soon, **\*which violated standard procedures.** Therefore, the MEDC required a second hearing. **\*As corrected 3-26-07.**

No one from the public had comments with regards to the grant.

Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to close the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing  
Closed**

Regular meeting re-opened at: 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to change Bill Crook worker classification from a IV to a V **\*as recommended by the finance committee**. All members voting yes, motion carried. **\*As corrected 3-26-07.**

**Crook employee  
class changed**

Wilhelmi reported that at the Parks and Recreation meeting there was discussion held on the amount of soil that had been removed and as of March 5, 2007 there was about 1,000 yards out of the predicted 5, 000 yards. Small was happy to announce the contractor hit solid ground by the tubes at about 14 feet. Small also reported he has a meeting set with several people regarding a wooden playground structure similar to the ones in Lawton and Lawrence. They are looking for grants. Riley indicated she suggested some type of health grant because of the rise in diabetes and obesity in children. The committee also was asked about the youth baseball program and some of the parents concerns over the coaching and managing.

**Committee  
Reports: Parks  
and Recreation**

Richardson stated he was unable to attend but the director sent him the minutes of the Wine and Harvest Committee and they are still upset over having to meet at Village Hall and they were concerned about whether the Director should have a key to Village Hall. They also discussed the upcoming Comedy Night and how the festival is going overall.

**Wine and  
Harvest**

Basinger gave a report from the March 7, 2007 Finance Committee meeting stating they discussed the following items:

**Finance  
Committee**

1. Crook employee class changed – voted on earlier.
2. Briggs Pond – Harold Schuitmaker trees – discussed earlier.
3. Labor negotiations – A consensus of the Council was to have Sinclair and Alspaugh start with the Police Union to find out what their wish list was.
4. Employee Insurance – The committee is close to having some comparisons.
5. Dress Policy – The committee is still putting some ideas and thoughts into a policy.
6. Manager search – Sinclair will update during his session of the meeting.
7. Clerk search – They are waiting for Riley and Sinclair to move forward on their findings from the applicants.

8. Tyler Field monies – Wilhelmi couldn't remember anything being earmarked but asked Small to check with Paynich which was the committee chairman at the time the money was given to the Village.

McIntosh reported the DPS committee met 2-26-07 and they discussed several items including grants and Riley brought up that the DDA will be looking at signs at the Village limits, along with those at I-94 for the Red Arrow Committee.

**DPS Committee**

Basinger asked the whether the Paw Paw Queens request for the purchase of charms could be considered and asked whether Riley or Sinclair could contact the Village auditor to find out if this is a legal expenditure or not.

**Council  
Comments  
Basinger**

Sinclair stated he had 45 applicants and has now eliminated them to 12 and would like the Council to make their evaluation of each applicant and get the information back to him by the next meeting.

**Manager's  
Report**

Small stated he and Bob Harvey will be going to Hart, Michigan to review their Hydro-Plant next Monday on their way to the Michigan Rural Water Conference.

**DPS Report**

Alspaugh indicated that Michigan Works will be helping him to get applicants for his clerk-receptionist position.

**Police Report**

Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Richardson, to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,  
Roman Plaszczak

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Village Clerk  
KeVen Riley