

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, June 11, 2007**

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 11, 2007, convened at 7:29 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding. **Meeting Convened**

2. Present: Plaszczak, Richardson, Basinger, Rohr, McIntosh, Wilhelmi and Larcinese. Also present: Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Department of Public Services Director, John Small and Chief of Police Patrick Alspaugh. **Members Present**

Others present: Paul South from MDOT, Debra Klinger, Bruce Hendrickson and Penny Hendrickson, Gordy Myers and Office Rottman.

3. Motion by Rohr, supported by Richardson, to approve the May 29, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting as corrected. Council member Basinger correction paragraph #16 sentences # 2 the word procedure spelled incorrect. Council member Plaszczak correction paragraph # 7 sentences #2 should read: Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss Collective bargaining agreement. Council member Larcinese correction paragraph # 13 sentences #3 should read: to discuss moving forward on Wal-Mart site plan and possible closing date. John Small doing research on possible water tower and water reservoir in the area. Larcinese wanted to add Council comment, the request for a Profit Loss statement on Electrical fund to do additional research, and discussion on possible grant money for dredging of Village waterways also working on grant money for Parks from federal government. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Approved Minutes**

4. Motion by, Richardson, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$408,348.71 as presented. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Accounts Payable**

5. Motion by, Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to close the regular meeting and go to the public hearing for the revolving loan application for St. Julian Winery Project – loan #007-001. All members voting yes, motion carried. Regular meeting closed at 7:36 p.m. **Public Hearing to receive public comment for establishment of the loan application for St. Julian**

6. There being no additional public comment. Motion by, Rohr, supported by Basinger, to close the public hearing and reopen to regular meeting at 7:38 p.m. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Reopen Session**

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7. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Richardson, to close the regular meeting and go to public hearing in regards to truth and taxation hearing at 7:38 p.m. All members voting yes. Motion carried. **Public Hearing to receive public comment on Truth and Taxation**
8. Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. All members voting yes, motion carried. Regular meeting reopen at 7:35 p.m. **Reopen Session**
9. Paul South from Michigan Department of Transportation was in attendance to discuss M-40 road project coming up in 2009. Mr. South commented about road lanes changing from four lanes to three lanes, with sidewalks and bike paths. Changes would help pathways from Maple Island to the North. Looking to draw travelers from the Kal-Haven trail into the Village of Paw Paw. Council member Larcinese question in regards to Davis street apartments and on coming traffic. Council member McIntosh question in regards to speed limits, would MDOT provide a study. Also it was the consensus of the Village Council that this project was a good thing and was looking forward to a formal review of the project. Question also from Small in regards to crosswalks and the timing of the green lights. Plaszczak comment that the DPS committee would look for a recommendation on a possible lane change to help with the crossing lights. **Public Comment:
Paul South MDOT**
10. At this time, Village President Plaszczak announced that it was his pleasure to perform one of his favorite jobs as Village President. He began by presenting an award, service pin and certificate to Bruce Hendrickson for 20 years of dedicated service to the Village. **Employee Service Awards**
11. Plaszczak remarked on Ordinance Number 408 stating this was still a work in progress. Internet policy was being reviewed by Attorney Page and than with staff. Dress code policy was also being review and would be ready for next meeting agenda. Council member McIntosh commented in regard to t-shirts for DPS should be consider uniforms if had Village of Paw Paw logo. McIntosh also remarked about open toe shoes, needed to be at Supervisors discretion, and also in regards to tennis shoes possible being black or white and clean. Council member Larcinese was concerned about open toe and that could lead to **Old Business**

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workers compensation case.

- 12.** Motion by Richardson, supported by McIntosh, to approve the payment to St. Julian Winery for \$200,000 for Revolving Loan project # 007-001. **St. Julian Winery Loan**
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Basinger, Plaszczak, Richardson, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh.
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- 13.** Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to establish the 2007 rate at 15.881 mils. **2007 Mils Rate**
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Basinger, Plaszczak, Richardson, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh.
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- 14.** Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to approve the following resolution recognizing the Kids Paradise Committee as a local fund raising committee seeking funds on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. **Kids Paradise Committee**

“Kids Paradise”

WHEREAS, the Paw Paw Village Council has agreed to a group of citizens and volunteers to solicit funds on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw, to create a playground structure at Tyler Field and,

THEREFORE, I Roman Plaszczak, President of the Village of Paw Paw, on behalf of its citizens do hereby proclaim on June 11th, 2007 the Village of Paw Paw recognize the **“Kids Paradise Committee”** as a legitimate fund seeking committee to create this playground structure at Tyler Field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds sought for and donated to this project will remain with the Village and only be used for the purpose intended;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Village President and Village Council, of the Village of Paw Paw, have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official seal of the Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, State of Michigan to be hereunto affixed in the Village of Paw Paw of Michigan on

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this 11th day of June 2007.

All members voting yes, motion carried.

- 15.** Motion by McIntosh, supported by Richardson, to approve the hydro geologic study for the Village for a not to exceed price of \$7,850 from Peerless Midwest as recommended by the DPS committee. John Small remarked that this was not a water tower, but for ground water reservoir. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Peerless Midwest**
- 16.** Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Richardson, to approve the purchase of an electric line locator for a not to exceed price of \$4,785 from Municipal Supply Company as recommended by DPS committee. Council took comment from Gordy Meyer from DPS stated that the old ones were breaking down and they had some safety concerns. Myers remarked that is was a good time for an upgrade and new technology was available. All members voting yes, motion carried. **Municipal Supply Company**
- 17.** Motion by Richardson, supported by Rohr, to approve the proposal from Lounsbury Excavating for the storm water from the corner of Woodman to Hamilton along south side of Michigan Avenue as recommended by DPS committee for the not to exceed cost of \$24,400. Council member Larcinese inquired about needing more bids than just from Lounsbury Excavating. Council member McIntosh remarked that Lounsbury Excavating was the only one that came back in the time frame that was needed for the project to continue for Keystone Bank. **Lounsbury Excavating
Contract for work
Woodman Storm Sewer**
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Basinger, Plaszcak, Richardson, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh.
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- 18.** Motion by Richardson, supported by Rohr, to approve the appointment of Police Chief Patrick Alspaugh, as Interim Village Manger. Debra Klinger present in the audience asked about how the search was going. Members Plaszcak, Richardson, Basinger, Rohr, Wilhelmi and Larcinese voting yes. McIntosh voting no, motion carried. **Interim Village Manager**
- 19.** Plaszcak commented that there would be a Special Meeting held Thursday June 14, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to

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interview more candidates.

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| <p>20. Motion by Basinger, supported by Larcinese, to grant wage increases to deserving non-union employees, contingent upon a job performance evaluation conducted by their immediate supervisor for the period February 28, 2006 through February 28, 2007. the maximum allowable increase would be no more than 3% of their current bas wage, and would be retroactive to March 1, 2007 Wage increases shall be determined by the Department Head and/or Village interim Manager, and/or the Village President, and shall be based on their job performance. Council member McIntosh commented that she felt because of the absence of a Village Manager that a lot of non-union employees were picking up a lot more items in their day to day tasks. McIntosh felt the Council should compensate those employees who were going above and beyond during this time.
Roll Call Vote:
<u>Yeas: Basinger, Plaszczak, Richardson, Larcinese, Rohr, and Wilhelmi.</u>
<u>Nays: McIntosh.</u>
Motion carried.</p> | <p>Non-Union Employee Wages</p> |
| <p>21. John Small reported that the meeting went quickly. Comments were involving Kids Paradise project, Briggs Pond level at 30 inches.</p> | <p>Committee Reports:
Parks & Recreations</p> |
| <p>22. Larcinese reported that it was one of the shortest meetings he had ever been to. They approved accounts payable. There were no comments in regards to building expansions.</p> | <p>Fire Board</p> |
| <p>23. Richardson reported they found a local teen DJ for the 2007 Festival. They also discussed the provided work space for Lori Anthony. Ms. Anthony felt the space provided at Village Hall was not always available and she needed to relocate. Sherry Thompson from the Party Wagon offer to donate a space to the Wine and Harvest Committee.</p> | <p>Wine and Harvest Festival</p> |
| <p>24. Council reported there was going to be a special meeting held Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Wal-Mart site plan.</p> | <p>Planning Commission</p> |
| <p>25. Scheduled next meeting Thursday June 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.</p> | <p>Finance Committee</p> |

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26. McIntosh commented on Peerless Midwest, Lounsbury Excavating, Municipal Supply Company and the Design day for Community Celebration. **DPS Committee**
27. Plaszczak commented that the State of Michigan was working on new changes for Revolving Loan Committees throughout the state. **Revolving Loan**
28. Plaszczak reported to council that Friday June 8, 2007 was William Sinclair's last day as Interim Village Manager; he thanked Mr. Sinclair for the time his was able to give and wished him good fortunes. Discussion regarding health insurance information in council's packets, and that there was a work shop session coming up in July 2007. Also briefly talked about codification process with Village ordinances. Informed council there was going to be a breakfast function at Lakeview Community Hospital 505 building to discuss the vote on the Hospital authority selling assets to Bronson. Lastly he commented on the 25 years of appreciation to those involved with the Crop Walk. **Council Comments:
Plaszczak**
29. Larcinese comment on health insurance information in council packets, he felt the council was not in any better position then they were before this ~~analyst~~ * corrections 6/25/07 annalist was done. Larcinese had meet with Lisa Phillips in regards to the Brownfield redevelopment projects and possible different sites, Basket Factory and old Paw Paw Landry were mentioned. ~~Working-on-trying~~ * corrections 6/25/07 County recovery to get EPA grants for petroleum construction. Remarked in regards to Electrical Fund Profit and Loss statement needed information from KeVen. Also, agreed with Plaszczak about the Lakeview vote that members of council should attend, because of how it might affect jobs, property and taxes and ownership. **Larcinese**
30. ~~Wilhelmi questioned where the agreement was for the County Park. Small indicated Plaszczak has signed it and that they are waiting on County.*~~ Corrections 6/25/07 Motion by Wilhelmi supported by McIntosh to approve the County Park Agreement between Van Buren County and the Village of Paw Paw. . All members voting yes, motion carried. **Wilhelmi**

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31. Motion by Plaszczak, supported by McIntosh, to adjourn meeting at 9:01 p.m. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk
Christopher Tapper