

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, July 9, 2007**

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 9, 2007, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. **Meeting Convened**
2. Present: Plaszcak, Richardson, Basinger, Rohr, Larcinese and Wilhelmi. McIntosh excused. Also present: Village Clerk Christopher Tapper, Department of Public Services Director John Small and Interim Village Manager Patrick Alspaugh. **Members Present**
3. Others present: Sid Shank, Debra Klinger and Kevin McCain
4. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr, to approve the corrected June 25, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Approved Minutes**
5. Motion by Basinger, supported by Richardson, to approve accounts payable for \$ 324,348.61 as presented, subject to verification by Interim Village Manger Patrick Alspaugh. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Accounts Payable**
6. Motion by Rohr, supported by Richardson, to allow staff to pay AEP bill and health insurance bills. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
7. Plaszcak commented to the Council about Shank receiving a promotion at Bloomingdale Telephone Commutations as the new General Manager. Plaszcak also commented on the installation of the OnTrack system. **Public Comment**
8. McCain from Abonmarche Consulting Group made a quick presentation about a water system proposal that he turned into the Village.
9. Plaszcak informed the Council that Attorney Page had spoke with him prior to the Council meeting about the dress code Policy and that Page would be sending out a memo in regards to his opinion. Plaszcak commented that the memo would be ready for next Council meeting. **Dress Code Policy**
10. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr, to approve the permit for fireworks display for September 7, 2007 with a rain date of September 8, 2007. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Fireworks Display**
11. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Basinger, to suspend the enforcement of the noise ordinance for the fireworks on September 7, 2007 with a rain date of September 8, 2007. **Suspend Noise Ordinance**

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12. Richardson commented on the four bids for air conditioning that Small had received for Village hall. The highest bid was from W. Soule Company \$42,124.00. The next bid was from Field Heating and cooling \$26,130.00. The third bid was from Bel-Aire Heating and Air condition \$14,380.00. The fourth bid was from Fleetwood for \$10,075.00. Richardson stated that there were some inconsistencies with the Fleetwood bid. **Air Condition for Village Hall**
13. Larcinese suggested to the Council the next step would be to send the bids to Finance Committee to determine where the funds would be dispersed from. Small commented that the project could be funded under the General Fund – Village Hall Building Improvements in the budget. Larcinese also commented that he was pushing for this project to get under way due to the extreme heat conditions at Village Hall.
14. Small also commented that he would not be at the next Council meeting and that he would forward information that he had to Finance Committee for approval. The Council consensus was to allow Finance Committee to review bids and make a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.
15. Wilhelmi reported to the Council about Drain Commission decision on Briggs Pound. The committee was going to ~~presume~~ **correction 7/23/07 pursue** legal action regarding the decision. Wilhelmi also commented on the possible Tyler Field skateboard park presentation of Mary Springer. The committee discussed the current Kids Paradise project and where it will be located. Wilhelmi remarked the committee requested a second presentation in a possible different area. **Committee Reports:
Parks & Recreations**
16. Larcinese commented that he was absent from the last Planning Commission meeting. Plaszczak remarked that KeVen Riley had prepared a written review of the meeting for each Council member. The Planning Commission reviewed a request for rezoning at the old Paw Paw Laundry property. The Commission also reviewed portable storage unit's ordinance and fence language in ordinance # 410. **Planning Commission**
17. Richardson commented to the Council about the fire horn and that some of the DPS employees worked on repairing the horn. Richardson reported that Ken Butler had gotten a quote from Norm's Electric Motor Repair for \$822.40. Richardson suggested that he would take the repair bid to the fire board for payment approval. **DPS**
18. Plaszczak reminded the Council about the meeting with **Council Comments**

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insurance consultants on July 12, 2007. Plaszczak commented to the Council about scheduling a workshop session on July 30, 2007. Larcinese suggested to the Council that he wanted to review the questions and answers from the meeting on July 12, 2007 before the workshop. Larcinese commented that he was not interested in more information on Blue Cross. Larcinese wanted other carriers to be looked at also. Plaszczak responded to Larcinese by explaining that the Council would need to move forward with recommendation from consultants because the Village only had a one year contract with Police and DPS unions. Wilhelmi also agreed with Larcinese that the Council should look at alternative insurance carriers. Plaszczak also commented on the Briggs Pond report from last Van Buren County Drain Board meeting and that the Village had filed an appeal to the decision. Plaszczak reported about web site updates, Paw Paw Days on Friday, July 20, 2007 through Saturday, July 21, 2007 and the Drum and Bugle Corp performances Thursday, July 19, 2007 and Friday, July 20, 2007.

Plaszczak

19. Larcinese reported to the Council that he and Richardson start working on updating ~~personal correction 7/23/07 personnel polices. Larcinese wanted to show the Council some ideas that he and Richardson had. Correction 7/23/07 handed out some ideas to the Council that he and Richardson had worked on.~~ Larcinese commented that the ideas were just for ~~review correction 7/23/07 discussion~~ and that he would have more information next meeting. Plaszczak thanked Larcinese and Richardson for moving forward with the polices. Plaszczak commented that some polices were 20 years old and needed updating.

Larcinese

20. Alspaugh commented on the retirement of two village crossing guards and that the Village would be need to start looking for replacements. Alspaugh also commented that everything at Village Hall was going well. Klinger questioned Alspaugh in regards to the memorandum re: Farmer Market/During Paw Paw Days. Klinger wanted to know if the project was still a go. Alspaugh commented that due the zoning ordinance R-2 (one and two family residential) of the location and the part of the zoning ordinance that controls open-air business it would require Brennan to get a special use permit and get the permit approved by the Planning Commission. Alspaugh also commented that he made attempts to contact Brennan with no response. Alspaugh stated that he spoke with Planning Chairperson Larson and she agreed with the memorandum. Klinger again asked about other locations having open-air

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businesses and wondered why that was not an issue. Plaszczak responded that the other locations that had open-air businesses were during the Wine and Harvest Festival and not during Paw Paw Days.

21. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk
Christopher Tapper