

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, October 8, 2007**

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, October 8, 2007, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczyk presiding. **Meeting Convened**
2. Present: Plaszczyk, Rohr, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Basinger. Excused Larcinese and Richardson. Also present: Village Clerk Christopher Tapper, Department of Public Services Director John Small, Police Chief Patrick Alspaugh and Village Manager Larry Nielsen. **Members Present**
3. Others present: Debra Klinger, Ken Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. Rysenga, John Mohney and Janet Clough.
4. Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh, to approve the "Drafted" corrected October 8, 2007 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Approved Minutes**
5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger, to approve the corrected October 1, 2007 minutes of the workshop session. All members present voting yes, Rohr abstaining, motion carried.
6. Motion by Basinger, supported Plaszczyk, to approve claims in the amount of \$291,444.65. Basinger authorizing payment of electric bill and health insurance pending review of Village Manager and Finance Administrator. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next accounts payable Rohr and McIntosh. **Accounts Payable**
7. In was the consensus of the Council to hold Reed City Power Lines check # 24261 until approval from Village Attorney.
8. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Wilhelmi to recess the regular session 7:46 p.m. and open a public hearing to discuss the request from Abe Wechter, of Wechter Guitar. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Recess Regular Meeting**
9. Plaszczyk reported the request from Wechter was to package an existing loan with a new loan of \$60,000 for use of working capital. The loan will allow him to hire two new employees working to manufacture guitars. One employee would meet the low to moderate income level. Plaszczyk invited public comments **Public Hearing
Revolving Loan
Wechter Guitars**
10. No Public Comments were received.
11. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to close the public hearing and reconvene to regular session at 7:49 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Close Public Hearing**
12. Ken Merriam (212 Cedar Street) was in attendance to ask questions and listen to and also consideration of a single source trash and rubbish removal contractor. Merriam ask questions regarding drinking water. **Presentation and Guests
Ken Merriam**
13. Small responded they would meet with Merriam at his convenience.
14. Janet Clough was in attendance to announce she had been awarded the 2007 volunteer of the year. **Janet Clough**
15. Council and Nielsen congratulated Clough on the award and said it was well deserved.
16. Nielsen explained the recommendations of the Planning Commission had made on carports. The Planning Commission is asking Councils consideration to accept the **New Business
Recommendations from**

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Commission thorough review of existing codes and procedures and has determined that carports are already covered sufficiently in current codes.

**Planning Commission.
A) Carports**

17. The Planning Commission recommendation is all applicants would need to go through the building permit process and comply with codes and procedures involved and carports would be an accessory structure.

18. Council members McIntosh and Basinger asked to have language changes with the definitions of what could be stored in carports.

19. Nielsen explained the Planning Commission was requesting the Council to consider building into next fiscal year budgets consideration of updating the Villages Master Plan. The Commission was trying to coordinate the Master Plan update with the environmental review and planning being completed with a grant the Village received earlier from the Paw Paw River Watershed Group.

B) Master Plan

20. The consensus of the Council was to take a progressive approach to the Master Plan Update. Council recommended Nielsen to find out more information on cost of the project before moving into the budget process.

21. Nielsen reported his findings regarding Carnegie Center options and recommendations. Nielsen recommended the following options to Council: 1) Consider changes to current operation and expect revenue increase. 2) Connecting with the Villages younger generation and expecting revenues to increase. 3) Solicit proposals from private and public entities to purchase, lease or accept responsibility for the Center. 4) Locate the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority in the Center and hope the Greater Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce will move with the DDA. 5) Other.

**On Going Business
Carnegie Center
John Mohney**

22. The consensus of the Council was to approach the DDA regarding the recommendations and processed with options of the DDA and the Paw Paw Chamber. The Council would like an agenda update at the next meeting October 22, 2007.

23. The property owner to the west of Catalpa and Sycamore streets has requested the option not to vacate Catalpa and Sycamore for the purpose of future development.

**Vacating Sycamore
Street**

24. The consensus of the Council was to seek Attorney Pages legal advice on the request of the Rysenga's.

25. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by McIntosh to accept the Public Services committee's recommendation and authorize the Village Attorney Kelly Page to file suit against Reed City Company to recover cost related to manufacturing defect in 80 light poles and bases. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Reed City Suit

26. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr, to award the corrective work for all 80 street light poles and bases to Custom Coating for a not to exceed amount of \$14,000 subject to extending the warranty and the approval of Attorney Page.

Custom Coating

27. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr to table the motion until next Council meeting October 22, 2007. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Table Custom Coating
Motion.**

28. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by McIntosh to except the bid from JW Yarbrough for additional repair to the Maple Lake Dam wing walls for a not to exceed price of \$1,800.00. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**J W Yarbrough
Maple Lake Dam Wing
Walls**

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29. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger to approve the new revolving loan application from Abe Wechter, Wechter Guitars 200 South Gremps Street for a not to exceed amount of \$60,000. Roll call vote:
Yeas: Basinger, Plaszcak, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh.
Nays: None
Absent: Richardson and Larcinese. **Wechter Guitars
Revolving Loan
Application**
30. Plaszcak commented on the volunteer Maple Lake clean on October 21 and 27, 2007 all persons interested please meet at the boat landing 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. **Council Comments
Plaszcak**
31. McIntosh thanked Mohney for all of his and the Carnegie Boards hard work over the past years. McIntosh commented on how well the Fire Department dinner went last Thursday and was thankful for having such a proud volunteer department. **McIntosh**
32. Wilhelmi commented on the electric service fee that was on the Village utility bills. Wilhelmi stated the fee was no different than Consumers or any other utility service company fees. **Wilhelmi**
33. Nielsen asked censuses of Council members who would be attending the Paw Paw Chamber dinner on October 16, 2007. Nielsen updated the Council on the status of payment from the State of Michigan Economic Development regarding the grant the Village had applied for. Nielsen stated Paw Paw Township did not have any concerns with the Council using the Township meeting space. **Village Manager**
34. The consensus of the Council was to move the meeting location of the Paw Paw Village Council meetings to the Paw Paw Township building starting November 26, 2007
35. Motion by McIntosh supported by Basinger to adjourn meeting at 9:17 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszcak

Village Clerk
Christopher Tapper