

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Budget Workshop Session, February 26, 2008**

1. The Joint Budget Workshop Session of Tuesday, February 26, 2008, convened at 7:00 p.m. at 111 East Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. **Meeting Convened**

2. Present: Village Council Trustees: Plaszcak, McIntosh, Basinger and Rohr. Excused Larcinese, Richardson and Wilhelmi. Planning Commission Members: Larson, Rumsey and Greensly. Excused Roger, Bogen and Thomas. Also present: Village Clerk Christopher Tapper and Village Manager Larry Nielsen. **Members Present**

3. Plaszcak opened the floor for discussion and options on the two candidates LSL Planning and McKenna Associates. **Plaszcak**

4. Rohr commented on McKenna and how they had worked with Paw Paw Township on a Master Plan for the township. Rohr stated she liked both candidates and the Village of Paw Paw could not go wrong with either of the two planners. **Rohr**

5. Basinger explained how important it was to update the Village of Paw Paw Master Plan. Basinger commented on the slow down of development south of I-94 and the loss of businesses in the downtown. Basinger question the cost of the two plans and wanted to make sure the Village would be purchasing the economic studies the two firms would be providing. **Basinger**

6. Larson agreed with Basinger about the importance of updating the Master Plan. Larson also agreed with Basinger about the economic studies. Larson explained the studies would help identify which type of businesses the Village of Paw Paw was missing and allow the opportunity to see what additions could be made. **Larson**

7. Rumsey commented on the two prior Master Plans the Village had completed. Rumsey want to make sure this Master Plan would not just sit on a shelf. Rumsey commented on the years of experience with the planners from McKenna but questioned if the Village should consider years experience versus new experience. **Rumsey**

8. McIntosh agreed with Rumsey. McIntosh explained she would like a plan implemented and not something that sits on the shelf. McIntosh commented on how well the LSL Planning presentation went. **McIntosh**

9. The consensus of the Council and the Commission was to have Nielsen research other communities and check references for LSL Planning. The consensus also includes allowing Nielsen to draft a proposal for LSL Planning and to schedule a follow up ~~presenting~~ **correction 3/10/08** meeting with LSL Planning. **LSL Planning**

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10. Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszcak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper