

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, November 10, 2008**

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| 1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, November 10, 2008, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Plaszcak, Basinger, Wilhelmi, Larcinese and McIntosh. Excused: Pioch and Rohr. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper. | Members Present |
| 3. Tapper provided the official swearing into office Trustee Larcinese, Wilhelmi and Village President Plaszcak. | Trustee swearing into office for 2012 |
| 4. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Larcinese, to approve the corrected October 27, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, McIntosh abstaining, motion carried. | Approved Minutes |
| 5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$135,188.68 as presented. Also included is the approval of the American Electric Power invoice. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Wilhelmi then Basinger and Rohr. | Accounts Payable |
| 6. John Ruiter, former Director of the Village of Paw Paw Department of Public Service was in attendance with several other Village of Paw Paw retirees to discuss the consideration of the MERS Benefit E Program for Retirees. Ruiter express his concerns with not adopting the continuation of Benefit E and explained he and other retirees would be glad to answer any questions Council had. Ruiter thanked Council for the opportunity to present and comment. | Audience Members
John Ruiter |
| 7. Marilyn Clear, Director, of the Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival presented to the Council an award for outstanding support for the Wine and Harvest Festival 2008. Clear gave a finance report of this years Festival and commented how success the Festival was. Clear commented on events and items that went well and events and items that can be changed for next year. | PPWHF Presentation |
| 8. Motion by Basinger, supported by McIntosh, to authorize the deposit of Village of Paw Paw funds in FDIC secured accounts, in the name of Village of Paw Paw, in the amount of \$250,000.00 each at National City Bank, Bank of America, Fifth Third Bank and Keystone Community Bank; and designate the following signers at each: Village President, Roman Plaszcak, Village President Pro-tem, Dean Basinger, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper and Village Manager, Larry Nielsen. Roll Call vote; Plaszcak, Larcinese, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Basinger voting yes, motion carried. | New Business
FDIC Deposit |
| 9. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Basinger to approve and accept the Greater Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce street closure request for the annual Christmas parade. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | GPPCC Street
Closure Request |

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| 10. Nielsen present and provided more and new information to Council regarding the MERS Benefit E Resolution. The information provided included options for the Village of Paw Paw renewal, different benefit programs provide by MERS and a back ground history of the MERS program. | Ongoing Business
Continue MERS
discussion |
| 11. A general discussion included the following; who and why choose the MERS benefit program? When did the Village start the MERS program? How would the Retirees see a change in benefits from one MERS program to another? Would Retirees be able to change MERS classification one to another? How many years has the Village contributed to the benefit and has it always been the same contribution? | |
| 12. The consensus of the Council was to adjourn the discussion until all members of Council are available to vote on the resolution. Noting the resolution needed to be completed to MERS by November 25, 2008. | |
| 13. Basinger reported the Finance and Administration Committee met before tonight's Council meeting. Basinger noting Rohr was absent. Basinger reported to the Council the Village Manager review was discussed. Items included; term of agreement, extending for one year, bonus of \$2,000.00 was approved based on the evaluation, base increase of 3 percent salary and some wording changes involved with term. | Committee Reports
F & A |
| 14. No report | DPS |
| 15. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met November 3, 2008. Items discussed included; Tyler Field Fence, Park Rules Ordinance and Maple Lake seawall repairs. | Parks & Recreation |
| 16. No report | DDA |
| 17. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met November 4, 2008. Items discussed included; repairs request for the tanker truck, new member Michael Bush, new budget information to consider for next fiscal year and claim paid. | Fire Board |
| 18. Plaszczak reported the Historical Commission Committee met October 26, 2008. Items discussed included; development of a Village of Paw Paw Historical logo, events proposed for the 150th celebration and the possibility of Fireworks tied into the event. Next meeting December 11, 2008. | Historical
Commission |
| 19. No report | Housing Commission |
| 20. No report | RLF |
| 21. No report | Wine & Harvest |
| 22. Plaszczak present and provided Council with a memo regarding the Blue Star | Council Comments |

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Mothers of the men and women that serve in our United States Armed Forces. **Plaszczak**

23. Larcinese commented about an article in the Michigan Planner, regarding foreclosures and how and what can local municipalities can do to help prevent. Larcinese asked about the status of the Natural Resource & Environment committee and any persons of interest please contact the Village President and Manager. Larcinese concluded asking what American Electric Power's stance on renewable energy was. Larcinese stated by the year 2015 electric companies need to be generating 10 percent renewal energy. Larcinese proposed the question would the Village Power Dam be useful to American Electric Power. **Larcinese**

24. McIntosh questioned if the sidewalk concern of Hazen and North Street had been addressed. Nielsen responded all concerns have been met. **McIntosh**

25. Basinger questioned if any new business had inquired to the Downtown Authority? **Basinger**

26. Motion by Basinger, supported by Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper