

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, December 22, 2008**

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| 1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, December 22, 2008, convened at 7:32 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Plaszcak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Pioch, Basinger and McIntosh (late 7:35). Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper. | Members Present |
| 3. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Pioch, to approve the corrected December 8, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Basinger and McIntosh both abstaining, motion carried. | Approved Minutes |
| 4. Motion by Basinger, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$435,493.72 as presented. Basinger question claim number 26618. Wilhelmi question claims number 26618, 26595 and 26658. Rohr question claims number 26593 and 26646. Nielsen responded to all questions and will provide a data memo regarding questions about budget items. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Accounts Payable |
| 5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger to appoint Wilhelmi as third signature and Pioch as fourth signature on the Village of Paw Paw Payroll Checking Account. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | New Business
Additional Signature
on Payroll Account |
| 6. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to recommend and assign the Village of Paw Paw Planning Consultant, Rebecca Harvey to lead the review with the Planning Commission, the Watershed suggestions for the Master Plan and implement the suggestions to the Zoning Codes. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Watershed Interest
Recommendation for
Planning
Commission |
| 7. A discussion ensued about what committee will review the sediment option study. The consensus of the Council was to wait until the new appointments and new committees are appointed in 2009. The Council suggestion was to have the Parks and Recreation Committee review or the Environment and Nature Resource Committee review. | Sediment Option
Study |
| 8. Nielsen presented to the Council two revised drafted ordinances. Proposed ordinances; Parks and Playground Ordinance and Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance. A general discussion ensued regarding the two ordinances. The consensus of the Council was to hold a public hearing on the drafted ordinance; Parks and Playground Ordinance Number 418. | Ongoing Business
Review of Drafted
Ordinances |
| 9. Wilhelmi question several wording changes with purposed ordinance "Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance". Wilhelmi and Plaszcak agreed section 6.4 needed language definition and possible wording change. Nielsen to advise questions to Village Attorney and bring language changes back to Council after review. | |

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| 10. A general discussion ensued regarding the lane changes MDOT proposed to M-40. MDOT plans to change M-40/Kalamazoo Street from four lanes to three lanes between Oak Street and Power Plant Road. The changes will allow one lane north bound and one lane south, along with a center turn lane. MDOT would add a non-motorized lane on each road side. Nielsen stated comments are needed to be sent to MDOT by the end of December 2008. | MDOT purposed
lane changes M-40 |
| 11. Larcinese stated he was interested in the accident reports MDOT had collected. Larcinese questioned if safety is the real issue with the proposed changes MDOT is pursuing. Larcinese commented motor vehicle speed through the area in question is very concerning. | Larcinese |
| 12. McIntosh responded to several questions Larcinese asked. McIntosh commented this proposed project has been in discussion for several years and would like to see the changes to M-40. McIntosh stated many Village residents use the unsafe walking path from Sun Set Park to Maple Island; with the proposed changes the North Kalamazoo/M-40 roadway would be safer. | McIntosh |
| 13. Nielsen provided to the Council a fifth revision of the drafted edited Village of Paw Paw Personnel Polices and Procedures. Nielsen provided information from labor attorneys in a separate memo and asked Council to review the changes and possibly set a time for action on the revisions. | Revision of Personnel
Polices and
Procedures |
| 14. No report | Committee Reports
F & A |
| 15. No report | DPS |
| 16. No report | Parks & Recreation |
| 17. No report | DDA |
| 18. No report. | Fire Board |
| 19. Plaszczak reported the Historical Commission/ Sesquicentennial Planning Committee met December 18, 2008. Items discussed included; logo contest, games committee, beard contest and possible fireworks display for birthday celebration. | Historical
Commission |
| 20. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included; the successful turnout of the Christmas dinner. | Housing Commission |
| 21. No report, next meeting January 28, 2009 | RLF |
| 22. No report. | PPWHF |

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| 23. Plaszczyk wanted to thank the Department of Public Service crews for the quick response and removal of snow from the last storm. Plaszczyk also commented on the positive response on the DDA Christmas Lights. | Council Comments
Plaszczyk |
| 24. Basinger commented he did not believe the snow plowing and removal was as successful as years past and asked if the Department of Public Services was running two plowing shifts. Basinger asked if an updated report could be provided to Council members on the progress of the Master Planning sessions. Basinger also question the status of “Baby Jesus” and the “heart” police investigation. Nielsen responded to Basinger and advised a new press release would be sent out shortly regarding the two cases. | Basinger |
| 25. Larcinese stated this December was the snowiest winter since 1957. Larcinese commented he believes the DPS crews to be performing well with the snow plowing and removal. Corrections 1-12-09. Larcinese commented about the poor snow plowing and removal on M-40, North and South Kalamazoo and East and West Michigan Ave. Larcinese added this year was the snowiest winter since 1957. | Larcinese |
| 26. McIntosh commented on the Village Parking Lot behind Village Hall. McIntosh noted the parking lot has a fire lane. With the changes and the large amount of snow, the fire lane is not visible. Nielsen to report comments to John Small, Director, Department of Public Services. | McIntosh |
| 27. Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. | Adjournment |

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszczyk

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper