

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, April 14, 2008**

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| 1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, April 14, 2008, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Plaszcak, Basinger, Richardson Larcinese, Rohr, McIntosh, and Wilhelmi. Also present: Village Labor Attorney Tom Fette, Village Clerk Christopher Tapper, Village Manager Larry Nielsen and Department of Public Services Director John Small. | Members Present |
| 3. Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the corrected March 24, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Plaszcak abstaining, motion carried. | Approved Minutes |
| 4. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by McIntosh, to approve the corrected accounts payable for \$655,166.86 as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Accounts Payable |
| 5. Plaszcak reopened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. from recess March 10, 2008 hearing. Let the record show no public comment was received. Plaszcak closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. | Public Hearing
Ordinance # 413 |
| 6. Carole Motycka, Van Buren County Register of Deeds gave a presentation on her bid for election this November 2008. Motycka explained she was appointed this past year. Motycka commented on her years experience working in the Van Buren County Register of Deeds office. Motycka concluded stating a fundraiser would be held June 11, 2008 at Bistro 120. | Presentation and
Guests
Carole Motycka |
| 7. Plaszcak reported Trustee Richardson had submitted his resignation to the Village Council. Plaszcak commented Richardson was resigning due to a new employment position in Alpena, Michigan. Plaszcak stated the resignation would take effect April 30, 2008. | Steve Richardson
resignation |
| 8. The consensus of the Council was to appoint a new trustee, but give the residents of the Village of Paw Paw an opportunity to submit a letter and or resume of interest in the appointment. | New Appointment to
Village Council |

RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
Council Vacancy

Please take notice the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw is taking letters of application for appointment to a vacant Village Council seat. Current Council member Steve Richardson and his family will be relocating out of the Village. This opens a seat on the Village Council. Mr. Richardson's input and guidance as a Council member will be missed as he has served Paw Paw well. His resignation is effective April 30, 2008. The vacancy will serve until the remainder of his term is filled by the Village election in November 2008. Residents of the Village of Paw Paw who are registered voters and whom are interested in being appointed may send a letter of interest to Village President Roman Plaszcak at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, PO Box 179, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Letters of interest may also be dropped off to the Village Clerk Christopher Tapper at Village Hall. Please include a brief resume with the letter of interest. Those who may or may not intend to run in the November election for the remainder of the term may apply for consideration to be appointed. Those interested are asked to have their letters submitted by 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2008.

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| 9. Nielsen presented to the Council quotes for the purchase of a new police vehicle. Quotes received from John Tapper Automotive and Berger Chevrolet. Nielsen commented he was happy to see a local dealer offer competitive price and that the bid from John Tapper Automotive came in under state purchasing price. Nielsen concluded the new police vehicle was budgeted for this fiscal year. | New Business
New Police Vehicle |
| 10. Motion by Richardson, supported by Wilhelmi, to accept the quote from John Tapper Automotive and authorize staff to order a new 2008 Chevrolet Impala Police 4 door sedan for a price not to exceed \$ 20,941.00. Roll call vote: Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Basinger, Plaszczak and Richardson voting yes, motion carried. | Approve Purchase of
New Police Vehicle |
| 11. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to approve the request and close the following streets in conjunction with the Annual Paw Paw Days Car and Truck Show the streets involved are:
a) 100 block of North Niles
b) 200 block of South Niles
c) 200 block of Paw Paw Street
d) 100 and 200 block of East Michigan Ave.
All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Street Closers for
Paw Paw Days |
| 12. Nielsen reported he has been working on the drafted Master Plan agreement with LSL Planning. At this time Nielsen was waiting on LSL Planning to review the draft and response to draft agreement. Nielsen to update Council at next meeting April 28, 2008 | Ongoing Business
Master Plan
Agreement |
| 13. Nielsen reported all additions and amendments had been published regarding the Village Code of Ordinances. The additions and amendments have been assigned Ordinance # 413. | Additions and
Amendments to the
Code of Village |
| 14. Motion by Basinger, supported by McIntosh to approve Ordinance # 413 and make the amendments and additions to the Village Code of Ordinances. All members present voting yes, motion carried. The approved ordinance would take effect twenty days after publishing. | Approve
Ordinance # 413 |
| 15. Basinger reported the Finance and Administration Committee met tonight before council meeting. Items discussed: Master Plan, Memo from Chief of Police, Patrick Alspaugh regarding vacant police position and Briggs Pond information on public hearing. | Committee Reports
Finance &
Administration |
| 16. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services met tonight before council meeting. Items discussed: washing water tower, blowers rebuild at lift stations, force main repair, streets and paving projects and Maple Island geese control. | Department of Public
Services
DDA |

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| 17. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to allow staff to have the Village of Paw Paw Water Tower cleaned by Scrub-a-Home at a price not to exceed \$3950.00. McIntosh noted this expense was budget for this fiscal year. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Cleaning of water tower |
| 18. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to allow staff to contract services for rebuild pump number three at lift station number one for a price not to exceed \$5050.00 and to rebuild blower number one for a price not to exceed \$3169.00 and blower number two for a price not to exceed \$6323.00. McIntosh noted both expense were budget for this fiscal year. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Contract services for rebuild blowers at lift stations |
| 19. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Richardson, to allow staff to contract services to rebuild pumps at lift station number one and three parts only for a price not to exceed \$5050.00. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Contract services for rebuild pumps at lift stations |
| 20. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Wilhelmi, to allow staff to contract services to repair a force main at a price not to exceed \$16,128.81. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Contract services for force main repair |
| 21. McIntosh reported to the Council the DPS committee suggestions on controlling the geese population on Maple Island. The DPS committee was suggesting running an advertisement. | Maple Island Geese Control |

RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
Maple Island Geese

Please take notice the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw invites comment on suggestions to reduce the goose population on Maple Island. The influx of hundreds of geese is unsanitary and presents special concerns. Many different alternatives have been researched and reviewed. Suggestions offered and under consideration include: Planting vegetation along some stretches of shoreline to control erosion and prevent a barrier geese will not cross; placing temporary fences along some of the shoreline; placing coyote decoys around the shores of the island; allowing a selected dog to have free run of the island between 7 and 9 a.m. Monday-Sunday thus keeping the gate closed and serving notice to the public that an unleashed dog is on the island during these days and times; spraying an environmentally safe deterrent on the grass where geese tend to graze and congregate. These ideas are presented for your comment. Please feel free to comment to your Village Council members, the Village Manager or the Village Clerk. Thank you for your interest and comment.

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| 22. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation committee met April 7, 2008. Items discussed: changes with waste hauler language with Ordinance # 413, Ride for Kids project and Tyler Field fence concerns. | Area Parks & Recreation |
| 23. No report | DDA |
| 24. No report | Housing Commission |
| 25. No report | RLF |

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26. Nielsen reported for Richardson. Nielsen reported the Wine and Harvest Festival committee met April 2, 2008. Nielsen commented on progress new Director, Marilyn Clear was making with fund raising. **Wine and Harvest**

27. Plaszczak commented on the passing of Charles (Bud) Dent and Jan Groenland. Dent and Groenland both were current members of the Village of Paw Paw Zoning Board of Appeals. Plaszczak stated he was saddened to hear of the two passing and they will both be missed. Dent and Groenland were both admirable individuals. **Council Comments
Plaszczak**

28. Plaszczak asked staff to run an advisement for three vacancies on the Village of Paw Paw Zoning Board of Appeals. **Zoning Board of
Appeals Vacancies**

RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
Vacancy Zoning Board of Appeals

Please take notice the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw is taking letters of application for appointment to three vacant positions on the Village Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The Zoning Board of Appeals is required under state law. In Paw Paw, the ZBA meets as necessary. The ZBA hears appeals of building codes and regulations; requests for variances from zoning and development regulations; and special exceptions and conditional uses of property. While meetings are not regularly scheduled, the ZBA is an important appointed body. Residents of the Village of Paw Paw who are registered voters and whom are interested in being appointed may send a letter of interest to Village President Roman Plaszczak at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, PO Box 179, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Letters of interest may also be dropped off to the Village Clerk Chris Tapper at Village Hall. Please include a brief resume (background) with the letter of interest. Interested persons are asked to have their letters submitted by 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2008. Thank you.

29. McIntosh asked Nielsen to follow up on the downtown parking concerns residents and landlords were having about over night parking and fewer spaces available. **McIntosh**

30. Basinger asked Nielsen and Small for an update regarding the repainting of light pole corrections 4/28/08 poles in the downtown parking lots. Small responded the company responsible was waiting for the weather to break. **Basinger**

31. Motion by Basinger, supported by Richardson, to enter into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss items related to labor negotiation with Police and Public service employee's roll call vote: Plaszczak, Richardson, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Basinger voting yes, motion carried. **Motion to enter into
Executive Session**

32. Wilhelmi excused at 9:55 p.m. **Wilhelmi**

33. Motion by Richardson, supported by Larcinese, to exit executive session at 10:00 p.m roll call vote: Larcinese, Rohr, McIntosh, Basinger, Plaszczak and Richardson voting yes, motion carried **Motion to exit
Executive Session**

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34. Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper