

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

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| 1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 14, 2008, convened at 7:34 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Plaszcak, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh. Excused Basinger and Pioch. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper. | Members Present |
| 3. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the corrected June 23, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Rohr abstaining, motion carried. | Approved Minutes |
| 4. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Larcinese, to approve accounts payable for \$528,836.92 as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Rohr and Pioch then McIntosh and Basinger. | Accounts Payable |
| 5. Lieutenant, Al Parsell of the Village of Paw Paw Police Department was in attendance to discuss the changes with the Village of Paw Paw opt-out insurance benefit. Parsell stated he was a non union employee who had the option to elect the health insurance provided by the Village or elect to take the opt-out insurance benefit. Parsell commented the changes to non union employees would be very sudden and asked Council to delay the changes so the non union employees would have the opportunity to way the options. Parsell concluded the changes in insurance benefit with the opt-out would be a reduction in benefit for his family. | Comments from
Audience Members
Lt Allen Parsell |
| 6. Department of Public Service Director, John Small was in attendance to discuss the changes with the Village of Paw Paw opt-out insurance benefit. Small agreed with Parsell and commented he thought the changes were very sudden and asked the Council to delay the changes for non union employees. Small concluded he was still not sure of all the information being change and would like the opportunity to review with his family. | John Small, DPS
Director |
| 7. Nielsen provided Council with two spreadsheets explaining the changes Parsell and Small were discussing. Nielsen explained the Village had offered the opt-out insurance benefits to employees who elect not to register for health insurance through the Village of Paw Paw. | Nielsen |
| 8. Larcinese remarked the changes for non union employee did seem sudden and would be ok delaying the changes for a time agreeable to Council. Council discussion included delaying the changes 30 days, 60 days and or until October 1, 2008. | Larcinese |
| 9. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese, to extend the current opt-out benefit arrangements for five (5) non-union employees until October 1, 2008. The five (5) non-union employees would then be able to elect the new health | Opt-Out Extension
for insurance
benefits |

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insurance benefit if needed. All members present voting yes, Rohr opposite, motion carried.

10. Rohr commented the Council and staff had arranged several meetings and agendas regarding the health insurance benefit changes and did not agree on delaying the changes for non union employees due to the long time table of meetings and agendas for employees. **Rohr**

11. Stump commented she was in attendance to further discuss information regarding ground water concerns in the Hidden Lane area. Stump asked several question regarding CCNA and new testing the company had been conducting in the Glenview, Hillcrest area. Stump referenced several reports she had received through the Department of Environmental Quality Michigan office. Stump asked Nielsen and the Council to please continue to try and set up a meeting with all parties involved with the ground water concerns. **Diana Stump**

12. Nielsen provided Council with current information and historical information regarding Code Enforcement in the Village of Paw Paw. Nielsen provided several handouts and discussion points for Council. Nielsen referenced memo date 7/14/08 titled Code Enforcement. **New Business
Discussion regarding
Code Enforcement**

13. Key agenda points included; (a) Junk, Inoperable and Unlicensed Vehicles, (b) Weeds and Grasses, Mowing Lots, (c) Accumulation of Trash, Debris, Garbage, (d) Existing Structures, (e) Timely and Consistent Application and Follow Through, (f) Abating Violations, (g) Other Code Violations of Note. Nielsen concluded with the codification, additions and amendments of the Village of Paw Paw Code of Ordinances completed and publication the Council can now begin consent enforcement of the “Good Neighbor” Ordinances.

14. Council comments regarding possible personnel who would be responsible for Code Enforcement included the Village of Paw Paw meter reader and several other Village of Paw Paw employees. After reviewing possible personnel it was determined the meter reader would not because of the relationship the meter reader and the owner and or resident have on good standing.

15. McIntosh thanked Nielsen for providing detailed information regarding the issue of Code Enforcement in the Village of Paw Paw. McIntosh provided to Council and Nielsen a memo she drafted regarding her concerns with Code Enforcement in the Village of Paw Paw. **McIntosh**

16. Nielsen concluded by asking Council to review the memos and handouts regarding Code Enforcement to find a common format, template and process for moving forward with Code Enforcement in the Village of Paw Paw.

17. Nielsen presented to the Council drafted Ordinance 417 Authorization of the Sale of Certain Village Owned Real Estate at Private. Nielsen explained **Introduction of Ord
417, Sale of Public**

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August 15, 2008 was the deadline for residents to communicate with the Village of Paw Paw regarding the property along the east side of Tyler Field. Nielsen concluded after the August 15, 2008 the Village should know which residents wish to purchase adjoining property.

Property

18. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to authorize staff to submit payment of the initial two months premium payment based on 20 employees being enrolled at \$868 each per month or \$34,720.00. Roll call vote: Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried.

**Insurance Changes
Payment to
Operating Engineers**

19. Finance and Administration committee needing to set a meeting date, waiting to hear from Trustee Basinger.

**Committee Reports
F & A**

20. No report

DPS

21. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation committee met July 7, 2008. Wilhelmi reported items discussed included; transfer and sale of east boundary fence line at Tyler Field and policy for placement of memorials on public land. **Corrections 7/28/08 Wilhelmi also commented on memo received from Attorney Kelly Page regarding park rules for the Kids Paradise.**

Parks & Recreation

22. No report

DDA

23. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met July 8, 2008. Larcinese reported items discussed included; new member Clark Imus, paid claims and the Village of Paw Paw would be the location of the Michigan State Fireman Association Conference for June 2009.

Fire Board

24. No report

Historical

25. No report

Housing Commission

26. No report

RLF

27. Pioch excused, no report

PPWHF

28. Plaszczak commented about changing working hours for Village of Paw Paw employees. Plaszczak stated the idea was discussed in a department staff meeting. Plaszczak commented the idea was working 4 ten hour days and being shut down for three days. Plaszczak commented this idea could be a cost savings to the Village of Paw Paw and its residents. Plaszczak asked Council to consider the idea.

**Council Comments
Plaszczak**

29. Rohr questioned the status of the repainting of parking lots light poles? Small responded the repainting work was completed.

Rohr

30. McIntosh questioned staff about current financial reports? Nielsen responded he

McIntosh

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would follow up with Finance Administrator, KeVen Riley.

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| 31. Wilhelmi commented about the idea of placing blinds or cretins in the second story windows at Village Hall to help reduce the energy use of the heating and cooling system. | Wilhelmi |
| 32. Larcinese question the status of the resolution with the Hydro Electric Dam? Larcinese was inquiring if staff was taking the next steps to find out if the Village of Paw Paw could reopen the plant. Nielsen and Small both responded the concerns with cost and were waiting to hear from United States Congressman, Fred Upton about assistance with permits to operate the plant. Nielsen asked the DPS committee to include on next agenda when the committee meets. Larcinese concluded asking the status of Housing Grant Applications? Nielsen responded staff has received three applicants as of July 14, 2008. | Larcinese |
| 33. Larcinese commented the real question is how much electricity the Village of Paw Paw would be able to produce if the Hydro Electric Dam was operating? Larcinese continued, we want to be able to produce electricity to our residents at a low rate. The Village of Paw Paw has budgeted for the information to be collected on the Hydro Electric Dam but we as Council have not seen the data. | |
| 34. Council asked Nielsen and Small to follow up with Upton and the engineer firm that was collecting the data. Nielsen commented the DPS committee will review the status and report back to Council when the information is available. | |
| 35. Nielsen asked Council to schedule individual ride a longs to comment about Council members concerns with Code Enforcement. Nielsen commented with the ride a longs he would be able to see what the Council sees and what the Council is getting for complaints. | Village Manger
Comments |
| 36. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese, to enter into executive session at 9:32 p.m. to discuss items related to labor negotiation with Police and Public service employees, roll call vote: Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Rohr voting yes, motion carried | Motion to enter into
Executive Session |
| 37. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese, to exit executive session at 10:01 p.m roll call vote: Plaszczak, Larcinese Rohr, Wilhelmi and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried | Motion to exit
Executive Session |
| 38. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese, to authorize Village President, Village Manager and Director of Department of Public Services to enter into an extension agreement from March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2011 with the DPS employees - International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324. Roll call vote: Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Rohr voting yes, motion carried | Collective Bargaining
Agreement of
International
Union of Operating
Engineers Local 324
DPS Union Contract |

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

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszcak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper