

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, August 11, 2008**

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 11, 2008, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. **Meeting Convened**
2. Present: Plaszcak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Basinger, Pioch and McIntosh. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper. **Members Present**
3. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch, to approve the corrected July 28, 2008 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Basinger abstaining, motion carried. **Approved Minutes**
4. Motion by Basinger, supported by McIntosh, to approve accounts payable for \$486,541.34 as presented. Larcinese questioned claim number 25846, Pioch questioned claim number 25820, Wilhelmi questioned claim number 25786 and McIntosh questioned claim number 25879. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Larcinese and Rohr then Wilhelmi and Pioch McIntosh and Basinger. **Accounts Payable**
5. State Representative, Tonya Schuitmaker was in attendance to thank all residents for voting in last Tuesday's primary election. Schuitmaker commented she has represented the 80th district of Michigan for the last four years. Schuitmaker commented on bills and amendments she has passed and helped pass. Schuitmaker remarked about the state budget and how the legislature was working vigorous on not letting last years problems prevent a balanced budget. Schuitmaker addressed the energy crisis all resident face across the county and in the State of Michigan. Schuitmaker concluded remarking about the Great Lakes Withdrawal Act the governor signed into law preventing the shipment of water to the southern states. **Comments from State Rep Tonya Schuitmaker**
6. Larcinese addressed Schuitmaker about the energy crisis all resident were facing. Larcinese commented about staff trying to work with United States Congressman, Fred Upton about getting the Village of Paw Paw Hydro Electric Dam back on line. Larcinese commented the cost to put the Hydro Electric Dam back on line was going to cost the Village of Paw Paw a lot in the short term. Larcinese asked Schuitmaker if she could research the permit fees the state and federal government required to get a Hydro Electric Dam back on line. Schuitmaker thanked Larcinese for the question and stated she would research and get back to the Village about the inquiry. **General Discussion regarding the Hydro Electric Dam (Larcinese)**
7. Stump commented she was in attendance to further discuss information regarding ground water concerns in the Hidden Lane area. Nielsen commented to Stump he had spoke with Dan Fields, CCNA and had no new information. Stumps asked Nielsen and the Council to continue to try and set up a meeting with all parties involved with the ground water concerns. **Diana Stump**

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| 8. Clough thanked Nielsen and Council for looking into the sidewalk lights and commented the sidewalk light on North and Hazen are still very difficult to locate. Nielsen commented he would have John Small follow up with regards to the difficulties locating the sidewalk button . | Janet Clough |
| 9. Wilhelmi presented to the Council the recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee from the last meeting. The recommendation was to locate a pavilion near the Kids Paradise playground at Tyler Field. Wilhelmi commented the drawings were sent out with agendas. Wilhelmi concluded the committee also plans to purchase a picnic table for the open air pavilion. | New Business
Recommendation
from Parks & Recrs |
| 10. Larcinese and McIntosh questioned why the pavilion has not gone before the Planning Commission? Larcinese commented the structure would need approves of all outside agencies before Council could approve the site plan. McIntosh questioned if the committee had risen correction 8/25/08 rose all funding for the purchase or would the Village need to help fund the project? | Council Comments
Larcinese &
McIntosh |
| 11. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr, to approve and accept the Parks and Recreation Committee request to allow the Kids Paradise Committee to locate, fund and construct a pavilion at Tyler Field, subject to the Village of Paw Paw Planning Commission, Associated Government Service for permits and Village of Paw Paw Ordinances. All members present voting yes, McIntosh opposite, motion carried. | Approve
Recommendation
from Parks & Recrs |
| 12. Nielsen presented to the Council the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the Carnegie Garden Club to place a Blue Star Memorial stone at the Carnegie Center at 129 S Kalamazoo Street | Request from
Carnegie Garden
Club |
| 13. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger, to approve and accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee to allow the Carnegie Garden Club to place a Blue Star Memorial at the Carnegie Center located at 129 S Kalamazoo Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | |
| 14. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to approve and accept the Retail Committee of the Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce request to allow the use and close the 100 and 200 block of East Michigan on Friday October 10, 2008 between 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m and if necessary the rain date of October 11, 2008. All members present voting yes, motion carried. | Request from PPCC
PP Retail Committee |
| 15. Nielsen presented to Council a request for a feasibility study of a potential site for dredging materials. Nielsen commented after several meetings with the Van Buren County Drain Commission a site was recommended regarding potential dredging. Nielsen explained the proposal would explore a site for the retention and reclamation of the dredged sediment estimated at (500-600 cubic yards). Nielsen concluded stating Land Development Solutions was the consultant who had been working with the County and was in attendance to | Ongoing Business
Request for
Feasibility Study |

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answer questions if needed. Todd Olin, President of Land Development Solution thanked Council for the opportunity and would kindly answer questions.

16. Larcinese had several questions for Olin and the representatives of Land Development Solutions. Questions included; would the site in questioned be considered a Land fill under the MDEQ and MDNR ~~standers~~ correction 8/25/08 standards, would more information regarding the possible vegetation be available before or after the study, what does the feasibility study include for steps, process and cost?
17. Olin responded to Larcinese and other questions regarding the proposal. Olin explained the letter addressed to Nielsen regarding the proposal. The letter included the following; Statement of Understanding, Feasibility Study Objectives, Scope of Services and Professional Fee. Olin concluded explaining the professional service agreement attached to the proposal.
18. Larcinese commented after just receiving this information tonight he would like more time to review the proposal. McIntosh agreed with Larcinese she like the proposal outline, but would like to take more time to review.
19. The consensus of Council was to have Nielsen add this discussion (request of feasibility study) to next agenda set for August 25, 2008.
20. Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh, to designate Daniel Siskaninetz as employee delegate, Trace Kirvan as employee alternate, Larry Nielsen as employer delegate and Patrick Alspaugh as employer alternate to attend the annual MERS conference and business meeting for the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
21. Nielsen presented to the Council a memo addressing the Maple Lake Weed Problems dated August 6, 2008. Nielsen provided historical resident complaints and significance of Maple Lake to the community. Nielsen stated the lake was an asset to the Village of Paw Paw along with Paw Paw Township. Nielsen discussed SEV levels with regards to property owners around Maple Lake and commented on the attachment letter showing the breakdown of property taxes resident around the lake pay. Nielsen concluded by providing Council with several references of engineers in the area of treatment and or rehabilitation; Aquatic Doctors, JF News, Land Development Solutions and Spicer Group.
22. Larcinese commented on the references of engineers and all had great credentials. Larcinese stated if the Village of Paw Paw was going to proceed with this topic he would like to see Paw Paw Township and the Lake Associations included in the discussion. Larcinese concluded he would like to see a Development ~~Collocation~~ correction 8/25/08 Coalition to help fund and rebuild Maple Lake.

Larcinese

**Designation of
MERS Delegates &
Alternates 2008**

**Maple Lake Weed
Growth Proposal**

Larcinese

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| 23. No report | Committee Reports
F & A
DPS |
| 24. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Service Committee met before tonight's Village Council meeting. Items discuss included; Maple Lake weed growth proposal and feasibility study for dredging | |
| 25. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met August 4, 2008. Items discussed included; pavilion at Tyler Field, Carnegie Garden Club to place a Blue Star Memorial and the Fence Project at Tyler Field | Parks & Recreation |
| 26. No report | DDA |
| 27. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met August 5, 2008. Items discussed included; Fire Chief, Joseph Lemahieu wanting to change correction 8/25/08 discussion possible amendments to the Village of Paw Paw Code of Ordinances section 14.35 regarding the Fire Department. Larcinese commented he would bring up to Council for discussion. Larcinese reported the department had lost two more members and was looking to replace those members quickly. Larcinese concluded discussing plans for a new accounting firm to manage the Fire Department books was in the final stages. | Fire Board |
| 28. Nielsen reported the Historical Commission had a tentative meeting date of August 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m at Village Hall. | Historical
Commission. |
| 29. No report. Next meeting set for August 20, 2008 to discuss a current loan. | RLF |
| 30. No report. | Housing Commission |
| 31. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met August 6, 2008. Items discussed included; Festival subcommittee setting extra meeting dates, reviewing financial statements and reviewing sponsorship and vendor list. | PPWHF |
| 32. Wilhelmi excused at 9:50 p.m. | Wilhelmi |
| 33. Motion by Basinger, supported by Rohr, to enter into executive session at 9:52 p.m. to discuss items related to labor negotiation with Police employees, roll call vote: Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Pioch and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried | Motion to enter into
Executive Session |
| 34. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch, to exit executive session at 10:15 p.m roll call vote: Basinger, Plaszczak, Larcinese Rohr, Pioch and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried | Motion to exit
Executive Session |
| 35. Nielsen asked the Council to excused clerk Tapper to discuss non-union employees. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to excuse clerk Tapper and assign Basinger to take minutes of the meeting. All members present | Village Manager
Request |

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voting yes, motion carried

36. Nielsen present information regarding non-union employees pay increases for the new fiscal year and asked Council to review information.
37. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszcak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper

Village President Pro-Tem
Dean Basinger