

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, February 9, 2009**

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, February 9, 2009, convened at 7:36 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszcak presiding. **Meeting Convened**

2. Present: Plaszcak, Basinger, Rohr, Pioch Wilhelmi, Larcinese and McIntosh. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Patrick Alspaugh. **Members Present**

3. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Larcinese, to approve the corrected January 26, 2009 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Rohr abstaining, motion carried. **Approved Minutes**

4. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr, to approve accounts payable for \$518,717.02 as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims McIntosh and Pioch (2-23-09). Following claims Wilhelmi and Basinger (3-9-09). **Accounts Payable**

5. Plaszcak noted there was no public hearing schedule for the meeting **Public Hearing**

6. Matt Conklin was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. Conklin expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Conklin expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. Conklin concluded with several questions for Council regarding the Police Department. **Comments from Audience Members
Matt Conklin**

7. Paul Rebori was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. Rebori expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Rebori expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. Rebori concluded with several questions for Council regarding the Police Department. **Paul Rebori**

8. Doug Hubbell was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. Hubbell expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Hubbell expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. Hubbell concluded with several questions for Council regarding the Police Department. **Doug Hubbell**

9. Loren Tarner was in attendance representing the Police Department and the POAM. Tarner was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. Tarner expressed concern regarding the possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Tarner concluded with several questions for Council regarding the budget of the Police Department. **Loren Tarner**

10. Trent DeGroff was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. DeGroff expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the **Trent DeGroff**

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Police Department. DeGroff expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. DeGroff concluded with several questions for Council and Village Manager regarding the Police Department.

11. Jeff Luzern was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. **Jeff Luzern**
Luzern expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Luzern expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. Luzern concluded with several questions for Council regarding the police department.
12. Eric Rottman was in attendance representing the Police Department and the POAM. Rottman was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. Rottman expressed concern regarding the possible budget cuts to the Police Department. Rottman concluded with several questions for Council regarding the budget of the Police Department. **Eric Rottman**
13. Jim DeGroff was in attendance to discuss the budget processes with Council. **Jim DeGroff**
DeGroff expressed concern regarding possible budget cuts to the Police Department. DeGroff expressed the importance of the Police Department to the community. DeGroff concluded with several questions for Council and Village Manager regarding the Police Department.
14. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to authorize Village staff to make the necessary arrangements to place an additional \$1.5 million of Village funds in secured FDIC accounts. Roll call voting: Pioch, Wilhelmi, McIntosh Basinger, Plaszcak, Larcinese and Rohr voting yes, motion carried. **New Business
Investing in FDIC
accounts**
15. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Basinger to approve and accept the proposal and recommendation from Small and authorize the purchase of upgrades to the remote reading system for electric, wastewater and water from United Systems in an amount not to exceed \$7,100. Small noted to the Council the purchase was not budgeted for this fiscal year, but would still be under budget for the upgrades. All members present voting yes, motion carried. **Itron upgrades**
16. Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh to accept the recommendations of the Revolving Loan Committee in a memo dated February 6, 2009 and amends the plan guiding the use of the revolving loan funds. All members present voting yes, motion carried **Revolving Loan Fund
amendments**
17. Nielsen presented to the Council an update regarding the groundwater modeling Coca-Cola North America has completed. Nielsen noting in the report “no more investigation is required by MDEQ”. Nielsen continued, this means the extent of the plume and the characteristics of the plume such as content, mounding and movement appear known. CCNA and MDEQ are working to establish a date for a community meeting. Nielsen concluded the **Ongoing Business
Groundwater
Investigation Update**

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actions of MDEQ to CCNA are still unknown.

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| 18. Nielsen and Council responded to questions from Brian and Dianna Stump who were in attendance to discuss the investigations and reports along with the possible community meeting. | |
| 19. Nielsen presented to the Council traffic control plans from the Michigan Department of Transportation for a possible road project involving South Kalamazoo Street. Nielsen reporting the project would involve lane changes from Harry L Bush Blvd north to Michigan Avenue. The plan also details the alternate routes for traffic during construction. Nielsen concluded stating he; Small and Plaszczak would be attending a meeting regarding the project February 10, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. | Review MDOT Plan for M-40/S Kalamazoo |
| 20. Council comments included: how will this project work with the proposed project of North Kalamazoo, will this project include repairs and maintenance to curbs and ect., will this project lead to the repairs and construction to the I-94 overpass and will the MDOT project allow for Master Plan comments and suggestions. | |
| 21. Plaszczak opened the following for discussion on review of the draft 2009-2010 budget. Council comments included; still needing more information on Police Department operations, wanting more time to review the revised number three budget and needing more time to review materials and memos provided by Department Head and Village Manager. The consensus of the Council was to hold a budget workshop Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00pm at Paw Paw Township if available. | Review & discuss draft 2009-2010 budget |
| 22. Budget workshop held before tonight's Council meeting. | Committee Reports F & A DPS |
| 23. No report | |
| 24. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met February 2, 2009. Items discussed included; five year recreation plan and Master Plan update. | Parks & Recreation |
| 25. No report | DDA |
| 26. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met February 3, 2009. Items discussed included; Grant approval for \$43,000 for new radios and budget for 2009-2010. | Fire Board |
| 27. Plaszczak reported on the status of the Historical Commission and the development the Commission was making. Next meeting schedule for February 26, 2009. | Historical Commission |
| 28. No report | Housing Commission |

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29. Special meeting February 18, 2009 to discuss interest rates for two loans. **RLF**
30. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Committee met February 4, 2009. Items discussed included new street closures for 2009 festival. Pioch asked Council to review and comment. Pioch remarked he would like to report to the Committee next month about changes. **PPWHF**
31. Larcinese commented he would like to discuss the agenda items for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 budget workshop. Larcinese asked to see more information regarding the Police Department. **Council Comments
Larcinese**
32. McIntosh commented that she agreed with Larcinese and would like to see cost information for officer's street patrol versus officer's office time. Please provide officer's schedules and amounts of time spent on the road and in the office. McIntosh offered comments regarding the possibility of police cameras in the downtown and commented on other cities using technology to help prevent and solve crimes in major and local cities using cameras. **McIntosh**
33. Pioch questioned the changes in starting figures for the drafted 2009-2010 budget. Pioch commented the starting figures do not reflect the ending projections of 2008-2009. Nielsen to review and revise the starting and ending figures. **Pioch**
34. Plaszczak commented on the loss of former Director, Department of Public Services, John Ruitter. Plaszczak offered his condolences to Ruitter's family and remarked "Ruitter was a valued employee, incredible person and will be missed." **Plaszczak**
35. Motion by Pioch, supported by Basinger, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper