

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, October 26, 2009**

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| 1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, October 26, 2009, convened at 7:32 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczyk presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Plaszczyk, McIntosh, Pioch Larcinese, Rohr, Basinger and Wilhelmi Excused: none. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper. | Members Present |
| 3. Motion by Larcinese supported by McIntosh, to approve the corrected October 12, 2009 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Basinger and Rohr abstaining, motion carried. | Approved Minutes |
| 4. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch, to approve accounts payable for \$142,697.74 as presented. Wilhelmi questioning claim number two for the disbursements list. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Wilhelmi and Basinger (11-9-09). Rohr and Larcinese (11-23-09) | Accounts Payable |
| 5. Bryan Stump was in attendance to further discuss the Village of Paw Paw communication between Paw Paw Township and Coca-Cola North America regarding residential hook up of municipal water on Hidden Lane. Nielsen reported the Village had no new information at this time. | Comments from Bryan Stump |
| 6. Diana Stump was in attendance to further discuss the Village of Paw Paw communication between Paw Paw Township and Coca-Cola North America regarding residential hook up of municipal water on Hidden Lane. Stump asked the Council if anyone had heard of the News 17 interview with Paw Paw Township Supervisor, David Richardson. Nielsen responded he had not seen the television interview. | Diana Stump |
| 7. Motion by Pioch, supported by Wilhelmi to accept the bid supplied by Berger Chevrolet and authorize the Village Manager to purchase the new police vehicle for a price not to exceed \$20,762.81. | New Business Police Car |
| 8. A general discussion ensued regarding the motion on the floor. Discussion items included; why is the Village accepting a bid from a non local supplier, is the vehicle a necessary replacement when the department has two vehicles on the road now and the replacement is not budgeted in this fiscal year. The consensus of the Council was to allow Nielsen to review with the Police Chief the questions Council members had and report back. Pioch, supported by Wilhelmi to rescind motion on floor. | Rescinding Motion |
| 9. Nielsen reported to the Council of the opportunity of the Village to apply for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program through the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. Nielsen reported the Village could receive as much as \$50,000 to replace high pressure sodium street & parking lot lights with fluorescent lighting. The unites | Energy Grant |

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~~correction~~ ~~11-9-09~~ lighting will reduce the Village's electric consumption 53%. Nielsen continued; the units will have a longer lifetime performance ~~and~~ ~~interned~~ ~~correction~~ ~~11-9-09~~ will not have to be replaced as often as the sodium pressure units. Council comments included: with street and utilities being general fund dollars this replacement would directly save the general fund.

10. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to approve and authorize the Village Manager to submit the application for the available efficient lighting on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Energy Efficiency &
Conservation Block
Grant Program**

11. Plaszczak presented the Village Manager evaluation. Plaszczak explained the scoring for the evaluation form. The Manager was evaluated on sixteen Council items the total average score was 4.6 out of 5.0. Council comments included; tough financial decisions being made from one year to the next and Nielsen is not afraid of the challenges, not always a yes man, will provide his own opinion on questions and concerns, material provided to Council is always clear and timely, appreciates all the extra committees and ~~other~~ ~~correction~~ ~~11-9-09~~ involvement with the Michigan Municipal League and other origination. Nielsen thanked the Council for all of the kind words and asked to continue his contract and to extend for a two year agreement.

**Ongoing Business
Manager Evaluation**

12. Plaszczak thanked Nielsen for an outstanding job and referred contract language to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

13. Basinger reported the Finance and Administration Committee met before the Council meeting tonight. Items included; review of last weeks meeting, 2009-2010 general fund budget and the shortfalls, factors impacted the general fund, memo for Nielsen dated 10-21-09 regarding budget savings ideas. Basinger commented the general fund was looking at a \$300,000 shortfall to date. Next meeting schedule for November 9, 2009 at 6:30pm.

**Committee Reports
Finance & Admin**

14. Pioch reported the Department of Public Services Committee met before tonight's Council meeting. Items discussed included: Maple Lake lowering permit was approved and the lake would begin to be lowered November 1, 2009, employees from Telamon Corporation would be handling the snow plowing of the downtown parking lots, water tower inspection scheduled for next week and a report from the Laboratory Department on new customers and revenues. The committee also wanted to acknowledge Doug Noble and Robert Harvey from the Laboratory Department on a successful bill a health from the State of Michigan regarding inspection completed last week.

**Department of Public
Services**

15. No report.

Parks & Recreation

16. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met October 19, 2009. Items discussed included; façade grant approval for Ron White, Christmas in the village, Santa at the Carnegie and donation for the Christmas parade.

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| 17. No report. | Fire Board |
| 18. No report. | Historical Commission |
| 19. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met, items discussed included; acceptance of the audit, acceptance of the 5 year plan and the report from the repairs from the elevator. | Housing Commission |
| 20. No report. Meeting October 28, 2009 at 4:00pm | RLF |
| 21. No report. | PPW&HF |
| 22. No report. Meeting October 28, 2009 at 4:00pm | Maple Lake & NR &E |
| 23. No report | |
| 24. McIntosh commented on the fence text amendment update. McIntosh asked when the Council would be meeting again with the Planning Consultant regarding changes to the fence ordinance. Nielsen responded this would be on an agenda in November 2009. | Council Comments McIntosh |
| 25. Nielsen commented on the special Planning Commission meeting being held on October 29, 2009 at 7:00 at Paw Paw Township Hall to take public comments. Nielsen reported the 63 day notification had taken place and the Village received several comments and suggestions. Nielsen also commented on the DDA façade grant and loan program. Nielsen reported to date the DDA had granted over 23 total grants. The grants and loan totaled \$115,000.00 this fiscal year. | Village Manager Comments |
| 26. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Pioch, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. | Adjournment |

Respectfully submitted:

Village President
Roman Plaszczak

Village Clerk,
Christopher Tapper