

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, August 24, 2020**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 24, 2020, convened at 7:30p.m. via electronic meeting. President Roman Plaszczyk presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

Present: President Plaszczyk and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Amanda Bartlett, Mary McIntosh, Nadine Jarvis, Josh Przygocki and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Chief of Police Eric Marshall and Department of Public Services Director John Small.

**Members Present**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Bartlett to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding #4 Contracting Future Electric System Maintenance and #5 EV Charging Stations, under new business. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Bartlett with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Rohr with support of Bartlett to approve all claims for Monday, August 24, 2020, in the amount of \$514,539.24. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Edward Hellewege who is running for Van Buren County Commissioner, introduced himself to Council and gave a short synopsis of his past employment and accomplishments.

**Presentations and  
Guests**

The acceptance of the budget amendments has been tabled until the next meeting pending possible changes to the Wine & Harvest Festival's expenses.

**New Business:  
Budget Amendments**

Trustee Jarvis is requesting use of an 8x20 area at Sunset Park to place a storage structure for future rental of kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and associated equipment. This would require an amendment to the licensing agreement approved earlier this year. A motion to amend was not made, therefore, the original agreement stands.

**Amendment to Kayak  
License Agreement**

The Village's 2019 Actuarial Valuation has been released. MERS has made several changes to the assumptions used to determine pension liability. This has resulted in a change to the Village's funding level.

**MERS Update**

Due to the September 2<sup>nd</sup> retirement/resignation of our last two electrical linemen, Moyer-Cale and Director Small started discussions regarding possibly contracting with the City of South Haven and Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC). South Haven said they would be willing to help out in the short-term but did not want to commit to a long-term obligation as their workers stay busy serving local customers. MEC is located just south of Paw Paw so would be close for call-in basis. MEC is willing to assist the Village by providing personnel and equipment to support the electric system.

**Resolution 20-15  
Authorizing a Mutual  
Aid Agreement with  
MEC**

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to accept Resolution 20-15 to authorize a mutual aid agreement with Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC). Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Przygocki, Plaszczyk, McIntosh, Jarvis, Bartlett voting yes, motion carried.

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Hage Automotive is interested in installing two areas for EV Charging Stations for electric vehicles. Hage has a funding opportunity to install these at no charge to the Village. They pay all electric bills (we happen to be the provider so they will become a new customer) and the Village will receive 10% of the proceeds paid by the customers charging their vehicles. It is the consensus of Council to have Moyer-Cale obtain more information regarding the charging stations.

Moyer-Cale updated Council on the progress being made in regards to the upcoming Michigan Avenue streetscape project.

Rohr reported the Finance and Admin Committee discussed the framework for a cultural hiring ad and the start of the GovHR DPS department evaluation

No Report.

No Report.

Plaszczak reported the DDA board approved a \$5,000 facade grant for Pipe Dreams.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

McIntosh reported the Wellhead Protection Committee met to discuss signage for water sites, water supply emergencies, employee training programs and planning/zoning.

No Report.

Plaszczak encouraged council members to return their forms for Moyer-Cale's evaluation by the next meeting as he would like to discuss at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September. Plaszczak also noted that former Village President Charles Smith, has passed away.

**EV Charging Stations**

**Ongoing Business:  
Streetscape Update**

**Committee Meetings  
and Reports  
Finance and Admin**

**Public Services**

**Parks and Rec**

**DDA**

**Economic Develop**

**Farmers Market**

**Fire Board**

**Historical Committee**

**Housing Commission**

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

**Planning Commission**

**Wellhead Protection**

**Wine & Harvest**

**Council Member  
Comments  
Plaszczak**

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Bartlett thanked Phil Hover for his great job tracking the amount of water utilized for watering the downtown flowers. Bartlett also thanked the DPS linemen that will be leaving September 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Bartlett**

McIntosh also thanked Phil Hover. McIntosh also commended the quick response by local emergency response teams regarding elderly individuals injured while fishing near Ackley Lake. **McIntosh**

Moyer-Cale reported that construction on the Township parking lot will begin after Labor Day. She also noted she is continuing to draft the inter-agency agreement for maintaining the Township's water/sewer system. **Manager Comments**  
Rohr noted the flowers downtown look great.

Director Small noted new DPS employee, Evan Turner is an electrician (not lineman) and will be helping to fill the void left by the departing electricians. **Staff Comments**

Motion by McIntosh with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President