

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, September 28, 2020**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 28, 2020, convened at 7:35p.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 (Joined 8:03 pm), Josh Przygocki and Donne Rohr (Excused). 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 Bartlett with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bartlett with support from Przygocki to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2020. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bartlett with support of Craddock to approve all claims for Monday, September 28, 2020, in the amount of \$516,101.97. Bartlett, Plaszczyk, Przygocki, Craddock voting yes, McIntosh lost remote connection and did not place vote, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Edward Hellewege who is running for Van Buren County Commissioner, reported he recently attended the Michigan Inland Lake Convention. He will be compiling a report from his notes and hopes to present to Council in November.

**Audience
Participation**

Leonard Lux, the Village's Community Development Coordinator, gave an update on code enforcement, property maintenance compliance and rental inspections in the Village. Mr. Lux also spoke on the effects that the pandemic has had on property maintenance and the ability to seek court orders for clean-ups.

**Presentations:
Leonard Lux,
Community Code
Enforcement**

This franchise agreement allows Consumer's Energy to have gas lines in the village is expiring early next year. This agreement needs to be adopted for another 30-year term. The Village's attorney has reviewed the franchise agreement and suggests no changes.

**New Business:
Ordinance 482-
Consumers Energy
Franchise Agreement**

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis to adopt Ordinance 482 Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczyk, Przygocki and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

The Planning Commission is advising the Council to accept a change to the zoning ordinances that would allow accessory buildings to be 6ft from lot lines and to adjust some regulations for signs. The changes would make sign regulations more consistent with the existing sign definition and clarify requirements for electronic copy signs and synthesize the language used in the ordinance.

**Ordinance 483-
Accessory Buildings
and Sign
Amendments**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Przygocki to adopt Ordinance 483 to Amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for accessory building setbacks and signs. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczyk, Przygocki and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

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The Park and Rec Board is requesting that Council consider a lease agreement between the county and the village for maintenance and improvement of the county park in downtown Paw Paw. The Park is underutilized and the board feels that we could make improvements there. It is the consensus of Council to move towards finalizing the agreement.

County Park Lease Agreement

MML's liability and property pool (our insurance carrier) is requesting that the Village Council submit a complete ballot to elect people to serve in their Board of Directors.

MML Liability Pool Election

Motion to authorize the Village Manager to submit Paw Paw's vote for George Bosani, Melissa Johnson, Sue Osborn and Dave Post to serve on the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors. Roll call vote; Craddock, Przygocki, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis, Bartlett voting yes, motion carried.

As mentioned at a previous meeting, Hage Automotive is interested in installing two EV Charging Stations for electric vehicles. Moyer-Cale presented a draft agreement for the EV charging stations. The Village attorney has not yet reviewed the agreement and Council still needs to determine the location of these charging stations. The length of the contract determines the Village's share of the proceeds. For a ten-year contract, we would receive 3 cents/kwh, for a seven-year contract we would receive 2 cents/kwh, and for a five-year contract, 1 cent/kwh. Council asked Moyer-Cale to send the agreement to the attorney to review.

**Ongoing Business:
EV Charging Stations**

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

Streetscape Project

Craddock reported the Finance and Admin Committee met to discuss the switch over to Midwest Energy, federal reimbursement for COVID payroll, the DPS department evaluation, audit bids and drafting a donation policy.

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Finance and Admin**

No Report.

Public Services

No Report.

Parks and Rec

Plaszczak reported the DDA Board met to discuss the streetscape plan, Halloween decorating along with the cancelation of the Safe Trick or Treating downtown, and setting aside \$50,000 for a grant program to help downtown businesses struggling from the pandemic.

DDA

No Report.

Economic Develop

Jarvis reported the Farmers Market the final day for the market is October 11th. She also notes the amount of both vendors and customers has been steadily increasing.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

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No Report.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

**Council Member
Comments**

Bartlett appreciates the wonderful flowers provided downtown by Tuttle's Florist. She believes the cheerful arrangements help to boost morale. Bartlett also hopes businesses and residents will decorate for Christmas, bringing holiday cheer.

Bartlett

McIntosh agrees with Amanda's sentiments and would also like to see the businesses leave several lights on at night, so that main street looks more inviting.

McIntosh

Director Small reported that the Midwest Energy staff now handling the Village's electrical issues have been very professional. Small also notes, he recently took a tour of the Township's sewer system with Township Supervisor, Don Stull and Fleis and Vanderbrink. The Village will begin maintaining the Township's sewer system October 1st.

Staff Comments

Motion by Bartlett with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President