

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, October 12, 2020**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, October 12, 2020, convened at 7:33p.m. via electronic meeting. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

Meeting Convened

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

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2020. Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Przygocki and Craddock voting yes, Rohr abstaining, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jarvis with support of McIntosh to approve all claims for Monday, October 12, 2020, in the amount of \$315,783.65. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Resolution 201-18 is similar to a resolution Council authorized in the spring, but now that the conditional commitment has been made, MDOT requires another resolution to move forward with the process. Engineering is not included in this resolution; it only covers hard costs.

**New Business:
Resolution 20-18 TAP
Grant Authorizing
Resolution**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to adopt Resolution 20-18 in support of the Michigan Avenue Streetscape Project. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Przygocki, Rohr and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

The Village has been actively looking for 3 members for our Construction Board of Appeals. Township resident, Glen Glidden, has expressed his interest in joining the board. Mr. Glidden has excellent experience with building codes and serving on boards.

**Construction Board
of Appeals
Appointment**

Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to approve President Plaszczak's appointment of Glen Glidden to the Village of Paw Paw Construction Board of Appeals to complete a vacant term ending March 31, 2023. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Przygocki, Rohr and Craddock voting yes, motion carried.

Councilmember Bartlett has been contacted by several residents regarding the fire sirens. The residents have concerns with the sirens being extremely loud right outside their homes along with them going off in the evenings when trying to get their children to sleep. Bartlett contacted Fire Chief Jackson to see if the sirens are still being utilized to alert the firefighters. Chief Jackson informed Bartlett that although the crews are notified via pagers the sirens do sometimes still come in handy.

Sirens

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Councilmember Jarvis noted she has not heard any complaints regarding the sirens other than the noon whistle goes off several minutes late.

Councilmember McIntosh states that she lives further out of town so she cannot comment on how loud the sirens are outside of residents' homes. McIntosh inquired if the sirens could possibly be relocated away from direct contact with residences. McIntosh notes she is extremely grateful for all of the men and women who volunteer their time on the fire department.

Councilmember Przygocki inquired if the additional noon whistle could be eliminated. Director Small responded that the noon whistle is used for testing the siren daily.

Director Small stated that the sirens are hardwired directly from the County DOC/Fire Department and cannot be individually adjusted and could be expensive to relocate.

It is the consensus of Council to have Small look into what type of notification systems other municipalities are utilizing along with checking pricing for more modern devices that may be available.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to table the acceptance of the Briggs Mill Dam proposal pending review by an attorney. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Jarvis with support by Rohr to enter into a closed session at 8:37pm under section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of public employee Sarah Moyer-Cale at the employee's request. Roll Call Vote: Plaszczak, Craddock, Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Przygocki, Rohr all voting yes, motion carried.

Council exited the closed session and reentered the open session at 9:05pm.

Motion by Rohr with support by Craddock to approve the annual raise for the Village Manager as stated in the employment contract. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

No Report.

Jarvis reported the Public Services Committee met to discuss starting the lead & copper changeouts, tree limb trimming, possibly selling the new boom truck, leaf pickup beginning 10/26, winterizing the parks & hydrants and DPS employees Richardson and Brooks virtually attending water/sewer classes.

**Ongoing Business:
Briggs Mill Dam
Engineering Proposal**

Streetscape Project

**Closed Session:
Village Manager
Annual Review**

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Finance and Admin**

Public Services

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Jarvis reported the Parks and Rec Committee met to discuss the Sunset Parks restrooms, 5-year rec plan, Tyler Field restroom rehab, possibly installing a gate at the boat launch and pulling the weed boat for the winter.

Parks and Rec

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

Economic Develop

Jarvis reported the Farmers Market the final day for the market was October 11th. The current plan is to reopen the market July 11, 2021.

Farmers Market

Craddock reported the fire department responded to over 60 calls during the month of September.

Fire Board

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

Craddock inquired about the use of Nixle and if it was effective. Manager Moyer-Cale noted it was challenging to get people to learn about it and sign up but the numbers were growing.

**Council Member
Comments
Craddock**

Jarvis thanked everyone for their support of the farmers' market. She noted that the market had a great turnout and the vendors were very happy starting later in the season when they had more goods available.

Jarvis

Manager Moyer-Cale noted that she had sent the council an email from a concerned resident about the decorations downtown. The consensus of Council was to take no action on the decorations and expressed they felt they were not inappropriate. Moyer-Cale reported that an electronic/paper survey will be going out soon regarding the residents' utilization of the Village's parks and recreation areas. Moyer-Cale was contacted Friday by a consultant from Wightman regarding the Antwerp/Mattawan Trail. The consultant would like the Village to apply for a Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to cover expenses for the part of the trail that runs through Paw Paw. Moyer-Cale had planned to apply for a NRTF grant to fund the essential rehabilitation of the Maple Island bridge. Applying for the grant now could hinder being awarded funding for the bridge project later. Though Moyer-Cale and Council support the trail

Manager Comments

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project, it is the consensus to not apply for the NRTF grant at this time. Moyer-Cale will look into other possible grants to apply for to help with the Village's portion of the trail.

Motion by Craddock with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President