Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, June 10, 2019

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 10, 2019, convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library, 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

Present: President Plaszczak, President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Amanda Bartlett, Mary McIntosh, Nadine Jarvis 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.

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

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2019. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Larcinese with support of Rohr to approve all claims for Monday, June 10, 2019, in the amount of $254,583.42. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from McIntosh, to close the regular session at 7:39 and enter into a public hearing to take comments regarding the operating millage rates for 2019. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Let the record show no public comment was received.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Larcinese to close the public hearing at 7:42 and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr, to close the regular session at 7:42 and enter into a public hearing to take comments regarding the police special assessment millage for 2019. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Let the record show no public comment was received.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Bartlett to close the public hearing at 7:48 and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Moyer-Cale reported Resolution 19-14 would formally adopt the millage rates anticipated with the 2019-2020 budget. The proposed millage rates for operating and streets is the same as last year with 11.2697 mills for general operations and 4.5077 mills for streets.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Rohr to adopt Resolution 19-14 to adopt millage rates for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Craddock all voting yes, motion carried.
Moyer-Cale reported a 1.5 mill assessment was considered during budget adoption. 1.5 mills would generate $11,795 which is about $3,000 less than anticipated in the budget due to our taxable value loss this year.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to adopt Resolution 19-15 to establish a police millage on the summer tax bill at 1.5 mills. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Craddock all voting yes, motion carried.

Moyer-Cale reported the Village of Paw Paw Planning Commission recommends Village Council approval of the Site Plan for minor building modifications, driveway modifications, a parking lot expansion and related landscape improvements at the existing site of the First Presbyterian Church located at 120 Pine Street submitted for consideration by the Commission at its meeting on May 2, 2019

Motion by Bartlett with support from Craddock to approve the site plan for the First Presbyterian Church, 114 Pine Street, as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Village Planner, Rebecca Harvey spoke to Council regarding the Planning Commission’s recommendations for improving access to more diverse housing options within the Village. Ms. Harvey reported the Planning Commission works to modify the zoning ordinance such that our regulations are able to bring local development in line the objectives of the Village Master Plan. Over the past several months the commission has carefully reviewed and suggest revisions to the residential zoning districts to allow for “missing middle housing”. The Planning Commission is recommending three ordinances for Council approval. Ordinance 468 would allow for accessory dwelling units and cottage style housing. Ordinance 469 Amends the R2 Zoning district to expand the allowable housing density, allow for more variety in housing and modify ordinance sections. Ordinance 470 creates a walkable residential overlay district. Council feels they will need more information before making decisions on these three ordinances, they would like to table for a later discussion.

Moyer-Cale reported PA 365 of 2019 established requirements for pole attachments in rights-of-way, increasing the ease of deployment for companies seeking the attachment and limiting local control of rights-of-way. Updates in the law, have made it necessary for the Village to adopt an ordinance to regulate small cell facilities and to update the pole attachment agreement to reflect the change in legislation.

Motion by Craddock with support from Bartlett to adopt Ordinance 471 the Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Ordinance. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Plaszczak, McIntosh, Jarvis and Bartlett all voting yes, motion carried.

Moyer-Cale reported the Village is required to establish a process for handling requests to attach to our utility poles no later than June 10th or the FCC’s default process must be used. She notes Council approved a nearly identical agreement last
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fall; this version is updated to reflect the addition of the small wireless communications deployment ordinance.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to adopt Resolution 19-16 to approve a process for pole attachments and update the pole attachment agreement. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

No Report.

No Report.

Jarvis reported the Parks & Rec Board met to discuss possibly acquiring a hard top for the weed boat, the Maple Island restoration project and the Eagle Scout work at the boat launch.

No Report.

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Jarvis reported the Farmers Market board is happy with the new vendors they have obtained this season and that the service league made a donation to the market for advertising expenses.

Larcinese reported that the 3 bids received for the old support truck did not meet the minimum bid amounts so the bidding will be reopened.

Plaszczak reported the grand opening for the Carnegie museum went great and was well attended.

Rohr reported the Housing Commission’s tentative ribbon cutting for June 22 has been cancelled due to several conflicts of interest with scheduling. An open house will be held at a later date, yet to be determined.

No Report.

Jarvis reported next on the agenda for the Planning Commission is determining zoning for possible medical marijuana facilities.

No Report.

Craddock reported festival Director Clear has collected more sponsorship/donations this year than ever before. The board talked about possibly getting Director Clear an intern in the future.

McIntosh noted that the tax payers are contributing more from their taxes to support the library than the fire and police departments. She reminded Council that they must fight to support these emergency services.
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Jarvis reported the Carnegie museum grand opening was wonderful and she can’t wait to bring her children and grandchildren. Jarvis also thanked Police Department and DPS for always doing such a remarkable job. Jarvis thanks Moyer-Cale and Bartlett for their hard work on the Village blight issues.

Larcinese voiced his dismay with the continued decline of the Village’s taxable value. He mentioned the idea of possibly bringing in a professional to help determine and alleviate the issue.

Craddock reported the work done by the Eagle Scout at the boat launch was impressive and acknowledged Director Small’s help in guiding him.

Moyer-Cale reported she has a wonderful intern, Major Stevens, helping with different projects in the Village this summer. Major is currently working on gathering data for the sidewalk study. Moyer-Cale also noted contractor David Barker is requesting a $2,100 draw on the exterior window painting work he is doing on the Carnegie building, Council agreed to this. Moyer-Cale reminded everyone on this day 100 years ago Michigan was one of the first states to ratify the 19th amendment.

Director Small reported the DPS department has begun the process of refilling the water tower after its recent painting. He hopes to have the task completed by the weekend.

Chief Marshall noted Paw Paw School Superintendent Sonia Lark will soon be retiring. He believes Ms. Lark has done a wonderful job representing the school and the community and encourages everyone if possible, to stop in and wish her a happy retirement.

Motion by Craddock with support by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy                         Roman Plaszczak
Village Clerk                         Village President