

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, January 13, 2020**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, January 13, 2020, convened at 7:30p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library, 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszczyk (excused), President Pro-tem Eric Larcinese and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Amanda Bartlett, Mary McIntosh (excused), 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.

Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bartlett with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2019. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jarvis with support of Bartlett to approve all claims for Monday, January 13, 2020, in the amount of \$781,548.07. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Randy Peat, District 5 County Commissioner, updated the Council on agenda items Van Buren County has been working on the past month. Mr. Peat reported the County recently completed employment contract negotiations for all departments excluding transit. Employees will receive 2% yearly wage increases for 3 years. Commissioner Peat then described the recently formed Van Buren County land bank which will hold, manage and develop tax-foreclosed properties. The Council thanked Mr. Peat for his updates.

**Audience
Participation**

Ellen Christie introduced herself as a recent transplant to Paw Paw and a member of the newly formed joint Allegan/Van Buren County Public Defender's Office.

Marilyn Murphy voiced her concern that she feels Council is taking too long to finalize a decision regarding whether and where to allow medical marijuana facilities within the village.

Patrick Desmond, owner of Pipe Dreams, questioned the length and complication of the Village's sign ordinance.

**Presentation and
Guests
Judge DiStefano-
court update**

Judge David J. DiStefano was not in attendance.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into closed session under Section 8 (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:41 pm. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, Larcinese, Rohr and Craddock all voting yes, motion carried.

**New Business:
Settlement Agreement
(Closed Session)**

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Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to exit the closed session at 7:49 pm. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Larcinese, Jarvis and Bartlett all voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support Rohr to proceed with steps to effectuate a resolution of the Wightman claims according to the recommendations of the Council's legal counsel. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, Larcinese, Rohr and Craddock all voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis to approve purchase of a material spreader from Truck and Trailer Specialties in an amount not to exceed \$12,349. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Salt Spreader
Purchase**

Moyer-Cale presented to Council an ordinance draft which would amend the zoning ordinance to authorize medical marijuana facilities within Village limits. Council asked Moyer-Cale to please schedule a public hearing for February 10th to receive final public comments regarding medical marijuana facilities before passing a motion to accept the ordinance.

**Ongoing Business:
Medical Marijuana**

Motion by Bartlett with support from Craddock to adopt the council meeting schedule for 2020 as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of 2020
Meeting Schedule**

Moyer-Cale reported MDOT requested a resolution to formalize the understanding between the Village and MDOT in the event that it is necessary for the Village to perform a service on M-40. The resolution is updated on an annual basis.

**Resolution 20-01
Performance
Resolution for
Government Agencies**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 20-01 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

The Wine and Harvest Festival will be held September 11-13, 2020. Moyer-Cale received a request from the Festival Board for various street/parking lot closures and use of public property. Moyer-Cale noted the carnival midway will be held on property the Village has for sale, there has not been any viable interest on the property to date.

**Approval of the 2020
Wine & Harvest
Festival**

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve street closures and use of public property as requested in the letter dated January 2, 2020 and to create a special events area designation in the downtown area and in and around Maple Lake. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Finance and Admin**

No Report.

Jarvis reported the Public Services Committee met to discuss updates on the lead and copper rule, the water cross connection control program, leaf pick-up and 2020 road improvement projects.

Public Services

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No Report.

Area Parks & Rec

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

Economic Develop

No Report.

Farmers Market

Larcinese reported that during the last Fire Board meeting, the budget was approved and a 5-year contract agreement was reached with Almena Township.

Fire Board

No Report.

Historical Committee

Rohr noted the January 20th meeting has been rescheduled until January 27th.

Housing Commission

No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

Larcinese reported he will be resigning as a member of the Village of Paw Paw Council. He and his wife will be relocating outside of the Village limits, which makes him ineligible to remain on the Council.

**Council Member
Comments
Larcinese**

Chief Marshall notified Council that the two suspects wanted for the November armed robbery of Walmart have been arrested. He expressed his gratitude for the hard work or the Paw Paw Police Department as well as several supporting agencies.

Staff Comments

Motion by Craddock with support by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczyk
Village President