Minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting, August 18, 2003

The regular Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Monday, August 18, 2003 convened at 7:00 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. Chairman Hindenach presiding.

Present: Greensley, Dent, Hindenach, Porth and Groenland present. Also, present: Bradley Noeldner, Village Manager, and KeVen Riley, Village Clerk.

Noeldner stated he contacted MDOT regarding the placement of identifying signs along Kalamazoo Street and stated the only program the State has at this time is the Logo Program, which allows company logo’s to be placed at the upcoming exit signs for Lodging. He also stated that if the Village moved the transfers that was deemed to interfere with the signs it would cost $15,000 - $20,000 to move them, plus the 6-8 hour shut-down of other business’ along Ampey Road. The Board expressed their desire to work with Quality Inn but felt their hands were tied. They brought up other alternatives and thought possibly of allowing one of them would be better. Riley explained that if an alternative variance would be requested they would need to go through the public notification process again, stating the newly requested variance.

Motion by Groenland, supported by Porth, to deny the request for the Quality Inn to increase the maximum sign height from 30 feet to 50 feet to allow for better visibility. Roll call vote, Yeas: Dent, Porth, Greensly, Hindenach, and Groenland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Groenland, supported by Dent to waive an additional fee for a variance to extend the signage onto the public right-of-way. Roll call vote, Yeas: Dent, Porth, Greensly, Hindenach, and Groenland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Porth, supported by Dent to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
KeVen L. Riley, Village Clerk