Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, January 10, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, January 10, 2011, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President - Pro Tem Wilhelmi presiding.

2. Present: Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, Flores. Excused: Plaszczak, McIntosh and Larcineze. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

3. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to approve the corrected December 13, 2010 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr, to approve accounts payable for $310,896.09 as presented. Pioch questioning claims 15 and 17. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Larcineze and McIntosh.

5. Phyllis and Paul Rebori were in attendance to discuss the Planning Commission’s recommendation to the Council regarding Recreational Vehicles. Phyllis thanked the Council for waiting for the Planning Commission’s recommendation as the Planning Commission allowed for the extra public comments during the review process.

6. Chief Marshall presented to the Council audio & video of Sgt. Goodrich’s dash camera from the accident on I-94 last Tuesday leaving both Sgt. Goodrich and a Deputy Sherriff’s officer critically injured. Marshall explained he wanted the video to educate the Council of the dangers our officers/fire fighters/quick response members face when responding to cases on the interstate. Marshall noted I-94 is in the Village jurisdiction and our officers will respond when called upon. Marshall concluded; both officers are recovering from the accident but noting “someone was looking out for them that day”.

7. Motion by Rohr, supported by Flores to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning request of 109 North Gremps Street from R-1 Single Family Residential to CBD Central Business District. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Pioch to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #425 amending Section 42-401 b. 1, Zoning Ordinance and Section 42-3: Definitions, Zoning Ordinance; and the repeal of Section 12-32 (7) of the Code of Ordinance as recommended. Roll call vote; Rohr, Flores, Pioch and Wilhelmi all voting yes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to approve the request of the McKinley-Wilson VFW Hall Post 2532 and allow the use of Village streets and sidewalks May 5 through May 7, 2011 for their annual Poppy Days sales. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. After a discussion with Council members attending the meeting it was noted the request from the Greater Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce and Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival will be tabled until the next meeting due to a clarification with conflict of interests.

11. Rohr reported that the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting at Village Hall. Items discussed included; setting budget workshops for January 24, February 14, 21 and the 28 all at 6:30 at Paw Paw Township if available. The committee also discussed Sgt. Goodrich’s accident.

12. Wilhelmi reported the Public Services Committee met tonight before the Council meeting at Village Hall. Items discussed included; plowing scheduling, sanitary sewer systems update, Water Tower, dumpster enclosures and Boca inspections.

13. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; permit request for Maple Lake dredging and aeration projects and budget for 2011-2012.

14. No report.

15. No report.

16. No report

17. No report

18. No report.

19. No report.

20. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met January 5, 2011. Items discussed included; 2010 summary, ideas for next year’s Festival and Marilyn Clear’s status as director.

Manager Comments

22. Nielsen noted with the absence of three Council members he believed waiting until the next meeting to further discuss negotiations for the PPPD POAM and the IUOE 324. It was the consensus of the Council to wait until the next meeting to discuss Managers report regarding negotiations. Nielsen also noted of the public notices regarding the vacancies on the Planning Commission along with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Adjournment

23. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President-ProTem,                  Village Clerk,
Wayne Wilhelmi                           Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, January 24, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, January 24, 2011, convened at 7:34 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President - Pro Tem Wilhelmi presiding.

Meeting Convened

2. Present: Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese and Flores. Excused: Plaszczak. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

Members Present

3. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, McIntosh abstaining, motion carried.

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4. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the closed meeting minutes of December 13, 2010. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to approve accounts payable for $422,868.66. Pioch questioning claim number 8. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Rohr.

Accounts Payable

6. Diana Stump was in attendance to further discuss the communications between Paw Paw Township and the Village regarding the residential hookup of municipal water on Hidden Lane. Nielsen responded no new communications had taken place between the Village and CCNA, since the last conversation he had with Mrs. Stump. Nielsen commented the Village was still waiting for the final Remedial Investigation at the former Minute Maid Land Application Site. Stump also questioned the status of the Village of Paw Paw’s well #4. Nielsen noted well #4 was only a standby well and is not a primary well.

Comments from Diana Stump

7. Deb Klinger questioned the Village on the schedule of the plow truck routes throughout the Village. Klinger was questioning why the Village had two trucks follow behind one another when clearing the roads of snow. Small explained one truck was responsible for moving the snow from the middle to the side and the second truck was responsible for moving the snow off the road along with applying salt or sand.

Deb Klinger

8. Nielsen provided to the Council a published handbook for General Law Village Officials from the Michigan Municipal League. Nielsen noted from last meeting a few Council member had questions regarding conflicts of interest with quorum votes. The information also included Rules of Procedure. A general discuss ensued regarding the General Law Village Handbook and the Council adopting the rules of procedure. The consensus of the Council was to have Nielsen review what the Council has adopted on record and to present the additions at the first meeting in March.

New Business Discussion regarding conflict of interest and quorum votes
9. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr, to approve the request of the Greater Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce and allow the use of Village Streets on July 16, 2011 and use of the Carnegie Center grounds as requested on July 15 and 16, 2011 for the annual Paw Paw Days Car and Truck Show. McIntosh noting the need of Village Council to review and research the total in-kind services provided to the Chamber/DDA & Wine and Harvest Festival. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to approve the request of the Wine and Harvest Festival Board and allow the use of Village Streets, sidewalks, parking lots and parks for the annual Festival September 9 through 11, 2011. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to approve the request from the Paw Paw Quick Response Team to enter into an annual agreement for 2010-2011 for provision of emergency services and authorize the funding contribution of $6000.00 for services. Flores noting the authorization allows the President Pro-Tem to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh to approve the request of the Van Buren County Drain Commission and grant the easement agreement as described in the January 24, 2011 agenda and further authorize the Village Manager to sign the easement on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. A general discussion ensued regarding the Village of Paw Paw’s Sign Ordinance. The discussion ensued around the idea of banning digital signs. McIntosh voiced concerns of allowing digital signs in the Village’s historical Downtown Central Business District. McIntosh commented, the Village has just completed a new Master Plan and is in the process of implementing the recommendations and suggestions. Digital Signs in the Downtown Central Business District would not work with the historical setting of our downtown, McIntosh stated.

14. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to set a public hearing to amend the Village of Paw Paw’s sign ordinance specifically banning digital signs in the Village of Paw Paw’s Central Business District. McIntosh and Pioch voting yes, Larcinese, Wilhelmi, Rohr and Flores voting no, motion is defeated.

15. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to set a deadline for April 1, 2011 to have recommendations from the Planning Commission, with public comment and recommendations from the Village Planning Consultant a draft proposal for Village Council consideration on amending the Village of Paw Paw Sign Ordinance, motion carried.

17. No report.

18. No report.


20. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met January 4, 2011. Items discussed included; budget recommendation for the new fiscal year, updates regarding several structure fires in the Village and claims, minutes approved.

21. Nielsen reported the next Historical Commission meeting was February 6, 2011.

22. Nielsen reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included; information still being explored regarding Hazen Street project for Senior Housing.

23. Nielsen reported the Revolving Loan Board was still reviewing a current application. Nielsen also commented regarding the State of Michigan’s request to consolidate municipalities RLF funds to district funds. The Village is currently working with Van Buren County regarding the consolidation.

24. No report.

25. No report.

26. McIntosh offered the following comments; wanting to know about the status of the two permit applications regarding Maple Lake, education being offered to Village residents regarding the importance of storm water infiltration to the sewer system and the lake, comments regarding the new fence ordinance just adopted by Council and spoke with Sgt. Kirk Goodrich who is doing well after his accident on I-94.

27. Pioch commented on the replacement of street lights being conducted throughout the Village.

28. Rohr questioned if snowmobiles were allowed in the Village. Nielsen and Marshall commented they would both double check on the language in the ordinance.
29. Flores commented on a former employee who had worked with the Village youth program over the summers and the dedication of bench at Kids Paradise in his memory.

30. Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President-ProTem,                  Village Clerk,
Wayne Wilhelmi                              Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, February 14, 2011, convened at 7:34 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

3. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Rohr, to approve the corrected January 24, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Plaszczak abstaining, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable for $423,053.15. Wilhelmi questioning claim number 2. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Larcinese and Wilhelmi.

5. Deb Klinger questioned the Village regarding a power outage her home experienced a few weeks ago. Klinger commented she believed it was a power surge because her appliances all needed to be reset. Small indicated he would check the Village records and also with American Electric Power.

6. Plaszczak recommended to the Council to approve and accept the appointment of George Reeder to the Village of Paw Paw Planning Commission. Plaszczak noted Reeder would be filling the appointment of Eleanor Roger for the term ending 2014. It was the consensus of the Council to approve and accept the recommendation of the Village President and approve George Reeder’s appointment to the Planning Commission.

7. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to approve the request from the organizers of the 29th Annual CROP walk for eastern Van Buren County and allow the use of Village Streets on May 1, 2011 with the usual support provided by the Village of Paw Paw Public Works and Police Departments. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the Police Chief time to run the appropriate background checks on the applicant before approval. Nielsen to place item on next agenda 2-28-2011.

9. Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh to approve the 2011 Household Waste Program agreement and pledge $500.00 towards the program and to further authorize the Village Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
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10. No report.

11. No report.

12. No report.

13. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met February 1, 2011. Items discussed included: review new purchase schedule of trucks and describe the historical time line of the fire department in a correction 2-28-2011 wall painting photograph at the Fire Station. Larcinese encouraged Council and residents to view the wall painting at the station.

14. No report.

15. No report.


17. No report.

18. Larcinese reported the Maple Lake and Natural Resource & Environment Committee met. Items discussed included; summary report from all of the groups involved in the committee including: Two Rivers Coalition, Van Buren County Drain Commission, Van Buren County Soil Conversation and the Village of Paw Paw Laboratory. Larcinese commented on some of the soil samples he, John and Robert Harvey had taken from the LaCantina Basin along with the South Basin and the area around Maple Island. Larcinese also noted the committee was still waiting on a response regarding a grant application for storm guards around Maple Lake.

19. Wilhelmi reported the Area Parks and Recreation committee met. Items discussed included; updating memberships for the committee, discussed a report regarding the status of the dredging permits submitted by the Village Manager and also discussed restructuring and repair work at Tyler Field.

20. Plaszczak commented on the Christmas Lights. Plaszczak noted the lights were still up because of the construction process of a new storage building for the DDA. Plaszczak reported the storage building completion date expected around March 1, 2011

21. McIntosh commented again regarding the need for security cameras in the Downtown Business District.
22. Nielsen asked the Council to change the meeting time for the next workshop meeting to allow more time at the DDA meeting for he and Plaszczak. The consensus of the Council was to change the next budget workshop meeting to 7:00 pm at Paw Paw Township Hall, February 21, 2011. Nielsen noted the statues change for Darron Williams to full time officer at the Police Department. Nielsen commented regarding the EPA cleanup efforts at 139 Commercial Ave, the old Paw Paw Plating site the EPA estimates a timeline for cleanup around three months. Nielsen again stressed the importance of the Council to continue the discussion with a six month moratorium regarding Medical Marijuana.

23. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to excuse the Clerk and appoint the Manager to take minutes and recess at 8:31 and reconvene into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations with the Police and DPS union along with the discussion regarding non-union employees. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

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25. Motion by, supported by to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President, Village Clerk, Village Manager
Roman Plaszczak Christopher Tapper Larry Nielsen
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

3. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch, to approve the corrected February 14, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch supported by McIntosh to approve the January 24, 2011 budget workshop minutes of the special meeting. All members present voting yes, Plaszczak abstaining, motion carried.

5. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Larcinese to approve the February 14, 2011 budget workshop minutes of the special meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch to approve the February 21, 2011 budget workshop minutes of the special meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Wilhelmi to approve accounts payable for $185,705.71. Pioch questioning claim number 7. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Larcinese and Flores.

8. Bryan and Diana Stump were in attendance to further discuss the communications between Paw Paw Township and the Village regarding the residential hookup of municipal water on Hidden Lane. Nielsen reported he had met with Dan Fields, CCNA; Friday, February 25, 2011. Nielsen stated the Village was in receipt of CCNA fourth draft of the Remedial Investigation at the Former Minute Maid Land Application Site. Nielsen provided copies of the updated report figures to the Council and the Stump’s. Nielsen commented the report has not been approved by the MDEQ and Field’s commented he was unaware when the state would be reviewing and reporting on the fourth draft.

9. Ed Kettle and Mark Webster from Medallion Management, Vintage Apartments were in attendance to discuss and review Memorandum of the understanding between Medallion Management Inc, and the Village of Paw Paw. Webster reported to the Council, Vintage Apartments was in receipt of approval from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Webster stated the approval was going to exceed the original amount of one million dollars to not less than 2.5 million
dollars. Kettle commented Medallion Management was prepared to proceed with the next step in the PILOT agreement. Kettle noted with the approval of the Council, Medallion Management would be prepared to draw up the necessary legal documents for approval between both parties.

10. The consensus of the Council was to allow Medallion Management to draw the necessary legal documents, but also to have the documents to the Village Manager and Village Attorney for review. Nielsen noted if the documents could be received before March 9, 2011 review and comments could be received before going to the Finance and Administration Committee on March 14, 2011.

11. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr to recess the regular meeting at 8:03 pm and hold a public hearing regarding amending budget 2009-2010 and adopting budget 2011-2012. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Nielsen presented Budget Resolution 11-02 including amendments to 2010-2011 fiscal year and adoption of 2011-2012 fiscal year. Nielsen discussed the different funds along with each category for all funds. Nielsen presented explanations of budget amendments for 2010-2011. Some of the explanation included; General Fund expenditures were higher primarily due to expenditures in Public Services, the increases are due to assignment of personnel in general services which were not assigned to other categories. Major Streets expenditures were higher than projected due to the Village costs to the East Michigan improvement project. Revolving Loan Fund revenues were decreased due to a default on a loan. Wine and Harvest Fund revenues were less than projected due to the rainy weather during the festival. Electric Fund expenditures were greater than anticipated due to the purchase of the magnetic induction lighting. Water and Sewer Funds revenues were less due to lower customer billing. Motor Pool Fund revenues are less than expected due to the lower equipment rental charges and the mild winter.

13. Nielsen presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Some of the highlights included; proposed no tax increase or other rate or fees increases or decreases, transfer made from Electric Fund to the Natural Resources and Environment Fund, Major and Local Street Projects, the addition of the new CPO Officer and the necessary equipment for the position and the placement of equipment rental rates back to full rates.

14. Comments received from Dean Basinger. Comments questions included; will employees continue to see pay freezes, health insurance rates questions, electric rate study and questions regarding the Major and Local Street projects. Basinger thanked the Council for the continued success on keeping a balanced General Fund budget and looked forward to all of the Major and Local Street projects.
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15. Motion by Pioch supported by Larcinese, to close the public hearing at 9:03 pm and reconvened to regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Larcinese supported by Rohr to adopt the 2011-2012 fiscal year budgets. Roll call vote; Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak and Larcinese all voting yes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Larcinese supported by Rohr to adopt the Village of Paw Paw’s budget resolution 11-02 to amend the 2010-2011 and adopt 2011-2012 spending levels for the new fiscal year beginning March 1, 2011. Roll call vote; Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak and Larcinese all voting yes, motion carried.

18. Plaszczak recommended to the Council to approve and accept the appointment of Barbara Carpenter to the Village of Paw Paw Zoning Board of Appeals. Plaszczak noted Carpenter would be filling the vacant appointment. It was the consensus of the Council to approve and accept the recommendation of the Village President and approve Barbara Carpenter’s appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

19. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to grant approval use of Tyler Field to the Red Arrow Ministries for the annual community Easter Egg Hunt between 9:00am until 12:00pm on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Rohr noting to have the Police Chief work with the Red Arrow Ministries regarding public parking in the area. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

20. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Flores to adopt with corrections made by the Village President Resolution number 11-01 establishing a moratorium on approving licenses or permits related to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act for six months or until amendments to the Zoning Code can be adopted. All members present voting yes, motion carried.


22. No report.

23. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met February 21, 2011. Items discussed include; approval of 2011-2012 budgets, grants approved and presentation of Michigan Ave Street project improvements.
24. No report.

25. Plaszczak reported the Historical Commission met February 23, 2011. Items discussed included: Paw Paw Corkers team schedule, fundraising efforts and the first game would be May 21, 2011 in South Haven.

26. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included; approval of bills, and continue improvements to the elevators.

27. Pioch reported the Planning Commission met February 3, 2011. Items discussed included; text amendment for Home Occupation Signs, text amendments for Sidewalk requirements, update regarding rezoning request for a commercial property, text amendment for Recreational Vehicles and 2011 work plan.

28. Continue review of applications received and review of project list.

29. No report.

30. No report.

31. Plaszczak commented on the Christmas Lights. Plaszczak noted the lights were still up because of the construction process of a new storage building for the DDA. Plaszczak reported the storage building completion date expected around March 1, 2011.

32. Rohr questioned the status of the transfer of liquor license for 117 West Michigan Ave. Nielsen commenting the Chief and Small were still waiting for the applicant to respond to the Village’s meeting request.

33. McIntosh commented on the possibility of appointment of Basinger to the Planning Commission, Sgt. Goodrich’s recovery from his accident on I-94. McIntosh also wanted to comment regarding the events happening in the Middle East.

34. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                           Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                           Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 14, 2011, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

3. Motion by Pioch supported by Larcinese, to approve the February 28, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Flores to approve accounts payable for $578,840.81. Pioch questioning claim number 11. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and McIntosh.

5. Eleanor LaRue was in attendance to discuss the Utility Billing Office’s billing practices and had questions regarding the billing cycles. Plaszczak and McIntosh noted they had both had discussions with LaRue regarding the billing practices and would provide the decision regarding LaRue’s utility account she was disputing.

6. Deb Klinger questioned the repairs and maintenance regarding the Kids Paradise playground. Klinger noted several occasions she had witnessed damage being done to the playground.

7. Sue Danielson and John Mahoney, Paw Paw District Library presented to the Council plans to expand on Library services in Paw Paw. Danielson reported on the current library savings, community capital campaign and the request to voters for an increase of .44 mills to help repay the 2.9 million needed for the completion of the project. Danielson review the need for the increase of .44 mills to the current millage rate. Highlights of the new facility would include: 16,345 square feet of floor space, enclosed group study rooms, personal study & research spaces, greatly enhanced children’s area, and larger staff work areas and larger mulit-purpose room with kitchenette for groups and public use. Danielson concluded with the presentation commenting “this project is an opportunity for us to unite in private support of an essential community asset which serves every person in the community.”

8. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to approve the recommendation from the Department of Public Services Committee, the bid received from Johnson Construction for repairs and maintenance to the Tyler Field stone wall. McIntosh noting the recommendation would need to return to the Council for review if the DDA does not approve the shared funding for the project. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.
9. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the recommendation from the Department of Public Services Committee, the bid received from Hurley & Stewart Engineering Services for a price not to exceed $9,700.00 for surveying & engineering services on Miller Street to repair and replace water main services. Nielsen asking Council to approve the opening of bids to more Engineering Services for more competition, the Village in the past has only received bids from Engineering Services used in the past. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to approve the recommendation from the Department of Public Services Committee, the bid received from Wightman & Associates, Inc for a price not to exceed $8,750 for bridge repairs and inspections on Power Plant Road, Michigan Ave and LaGrave Street.

11. A general discussion ensued regarding the recommendation and the vendor. Rohr and Plaszczak commented regarding a project with a Wightman & Associates having a substantial over run in expenditures. Small and Nielsen were unaware of the project and commented Wightman & Associates are a very recognized engineering firm and would not have such an over run on these types of proposals. Small again reassured the Council that Wightman & Associates did not have an over run on the past project referenced by Plaszczak and Rohr.

12. Motion withdrawn by McIntosh and Rohr. Nielsen and Small to review with Wightman & Associates and represent to the Committee.

13. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to approve the recommendation from the Department of Public Services Committee, the bid received from Wightman & Associates for a price not to exceed $3,900 for services to design rain gardens and storm water treatment structures around North Street, Hazen Streets and Michigan Ave. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Pioch, supported by Flores to authorize and enter into an agreement with Night Magic Inc, for the provision of fireworks at the 2011 Wine and Harvest Festival. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Nielsen reported he had received the proposed agreement between the Village of Paw Paw and Medallion Management referencing the PILOT agreement. Nielsen noting a meeting was scheduled with Ed Kettle and representative from Medallion Management later this week to discuss the proposed agreement. Nielsen commented he would have a draft proposal prepared for the next meeting date of Monday, March 28, 2011 at which time the Finance & Administrative Committee will be reviewing and making recommendation.

17. No report. Already reported under new business.

18. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation met March 7, 2011. Items discussed included; storm water runoff into Maple Lake and the proposal from engineers regarding improvements, permit update regarding Maple Lake aeration and proposal from improvement to the weed cutter.

19. No report.

20. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met March 1, 2011. Items discussed included; approval of bills and safety & training education updates regarding chemical spills.


22. No report.

23. Nielsen reported for Pioch the Planning Commission met March 3, 2011. Items discussed included; text amendment for Sections 42-143, 42-433, 42-401, 42-435 and 42-505. Nielsen noted a public hearing was scheduled for April to take public comment regarding the amendment.

24. No report.

25. No report.


27. Plaszczak commented the storage building for the Christmas lights was in the building process and would be hopefully completed in approximately two weeks.

28. McIntosh commented on the status of Sgt. Goodrich, asked the whereabouts of the Police Chief and commented on the poor shape of the Village sidewalks.

29. Flores commented on the string of graffiti on business locations throughout the Village. Flores commented he knew the Police Department was on top of the complaints.

30. Larcinese commented on the Village of Paw Paw PA 295 plan. Larcinese asked Nielsen to report on the progress of the Village’s program and hoped the dollars collected were being used for the outlines of the program. Nielsen to report and update the Council of the PA 295 plan and progresses.
31. Rohr commented on the status of the Liquor License transfer for 117 West Michigan Ave. Nielsen to have the Police Chief update Council at the next meeting.

32. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiations between the Village and the DPS and Police Department Unions. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

33. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to re-open regular session at 10:25 p.m. Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

34. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 28, 2011

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Meeting Convened

2. Present: Plaszczak, Rohr, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small  

Members Present

3. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch, to approve the corrected March 14, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.  

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4. Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh to approve accounts payable for $136,346.54. Pioch questioning claim number 11. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Rohr and Wilhelmi.  

Accounts Payable

5. Oscar, from Wightman & Associates was in attendance to answer any questions or comments regarding the “Bridge Repair” services offered in the received bid for the Village bridge repairs and maintenance.  

Comments from Wightman & Associates

6. Ted Major presented to the Council a request to submit a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant on behalf of the Village. Major discussed the strategies for obtaining such a grant and explained the benefits the Village would see in Maple Lake. The potential project would move 80,000 cubic yards of sediment from Briggs Pond. Major explained the common sense results and solutions this would provide for Briggs Pond and Maple Lake. Major also discussed the benefits to the environment and recreations of the pond and lake residents and visitors would experience with the removal. The Council thanked Major for his presentation and review of the grants available.  

Presentation and Guest: Ted Major

7. Nielsen noted he had provided a summary of the request to the Council along with an overview of Major’s request. Nielsen commented on Major passion for community involvement to help the conditions of Briggs Pond and Maple Lake. Nielsen referenced the hours spent working with the various committees and farmers regarding the sediment loads in Briggs Pond and Maple Lake. Although, the grant would seek approximately $200,000 the grant does not require matching amounts, it is strongly suggested that one be provided when applying for these types of applications/grants. Nielsen stated he respects the passion of Major but would recommend a different application/grant which would have a possible attainable approval.  

I.C. 3 Watershed Remediation Grant

8. Motion by Pioch, supported by Flores to authorize the Village Manager to submit on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw a grant application for an I.C.3 Watershed Remediation to implement best management practices and measures accelerated watershed remediation for a maximum of $450,000 and minimum of $100,000. Roll call vote: Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores,
Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch, all voting yes, motion carried.

9. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the recommendation from the Department of Public Services Committee, the bid received from Wightman & Associates, Inc for a price not to exceed $8,750 for bridge inspections as required on Power Plant Road, Michigan Ave and LaGrave Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

10. State of Michigan, House Representative, Aric Nesibitt presented to the Council a 90 day overview of his first days in office. Nesibitt discussed his committee assignments, Governor Snyder’s budget message and State Revenue Sharing discussion. Nesibitt took several questions and comments and then thanked the Council for the opportunity.

11. Nielsen reported he had received the proposed agreement between the Village of Paw Paw and Medallion Management referencing the PILOT agreement. Nielsen noting a meeting was scheduled with Ed Kettle and representative from Medallion Management later this week to discuss the proposed agreement. Nielsen commented he would have a draft proposal prepared for the next meeting date of Monday, April 11, 2011 at which time the Finance & Administrative Committee will be reviewing and making recommendation.

12. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese, to approve the Village President’s recommendation for the FY 2011-2011 appointments for the various Village Boards, Committees, Commissions, Designation of Legal Counsel, Official Publications, Inspections Services & Enforcement and naming of Depositories listed in the agenda for March 28, 2011. It was noted to added Eloise Hildebrandt’s appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the open vacancy. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; State Revenue Sharing, Police Department update regarding new CPO and capital improvement fix asset list.

14. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; dredging update, Blight Enforcement Program, downtown dumpsters, John’s extra hours regarding Blight and Code Enforcement and the need for a sidewalk sweeper.

15. No report.

16. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed included; grant applications, sprinkler system and a presentation from Wightman and Associates regarding Michigan Ave improvements.
17. No report.

18. No report.

19. Rohr reported for the Housing Commission. Items discussed included; reviews from the Fire Department regarding fire exits and elevator improvements.

20. No report.


22. No report.

23. Larcinese reported for the Maple Lake & Natural Resources and Environment Committee. Items discussed included; three review points. One; application regarding aeration is approved, second; application for dredging around Maple Island and the boat landing is pending, third; application for dredging around LaCantina Basin is also pending. The two pending application are being held due to more sampling needed regarding other continuances. Larcinese also noted the DPS committee was continuing to work on a five year plan.

24. McIntosh commented on the status of Sgt. Goodrich, asked the whereabouts of the Police Chief, commented on the poor shape of the Village sidewalks, illegal sewer sub pump hookups

25. Rohr commented on the status of the Liquor License transfer for 117 West Michigan Ave. Nielsen to have the Police Chief update the Council at the next meeting.

26. Nielsen thanked the Fire Department for the use of the Fire Station on behalf of the Police Department for the interview for new officers. Nielsen also commented regarding the Public Act 295 information provided in the Council agenda.

27. Motion by Pioch, supported by McIntosh to enter into closed session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations between the Village and the DPS and Police Department Unions. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

28. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to re-open regular session at 10:30 p.m. Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

29. Excused Wilhelmi at 10:00 p.m.

30. Motion by Pioch supported by Flores, to ratify the tentative agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan ending February 28, 2013 and to authorize the Village President and Village Manager to sign on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw. Roll call vote: Wilhelmi, correction 4-11-11 Flores, Plaszczak, Pioch, Larcinese and Rohr voting yes, motion carried.
31. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m. 

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                  Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, April 11, 2011, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Rohr, Wilhelmi and Larcinese. Excused; Pioch, McIntosh and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Service, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Rohr supported by Larcinese, to approve the corrected March 28, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese supported by Wilhelmi to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes of the closed session meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable for $444,600.62. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Flores and Pioch.

6. Nielsen commented he would like to hold his presentation regarding the Governor’s message to local government until more Council members were present. This would allow more review time for each member to gather comments and questions regarding the message to local governments.

7. Nielsen presented the most current proposed PILOT agreement between the Village of Paw Paw and Medallion Management. Several questions had been raised at the Finance and Administration Committee level. Both the Village and Medallion representatives agreed to review the language referencing the minimum payment review process. The amendment to be reviewed by the Village Attorney and referred back to the Finance and Administration Committee.

8. Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt amended Ordinance 427 allowing Emergency Transitional Homes by Special Land Use in the R-2 residential districts. Roll Call vote; Wilhelmi, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Rohr aye motion carries.

9. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Rohr to approve and accept the request from the Thunderbirds radio control model airplane club to use portions of Sunset Park for a “Float Fly” on May 14, 2011 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
10. Nielsen provided to the Council the completed Watershed Remediation Grant. The Council thanked Nielsen for submitting the application on behalf of the Village and again thanked Nielsen for the quick turnaround time in preparation.

11. No report.

12. No report

13. No report.

14. No report

15. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met April 5, 2011. Items discussed included; presentation and report from the department’s ISO audit. Larcinese commented the audit went very well and was hoping that when the audit was completed the insurance rating for the Paw Paw Fire Department will be lowered. This means each household in the Paw Paw Fire District would see a decrease in their Home Owners Insurance based upon the ISO audit rating. A lower risk fire department equals higher rating of the overall fire district.


17. No report

18. No report.

19. No report.

20. No report.

21. No report

22. Larcinese commented on the M-40/North Kalamazoo road striping. The paint was already coming off the newly constructed road and was questioning the follow-up from MDOT. Nielsen commented the project was still not 100% completed and the punch list of completion was not done.

23. Chief Marshall commented the department finished the hiring processes for the new CPO position. Marshall commented Christopher Young had been selected and would be starting next week. Marshall commented on the process of selecting Young and looked forward to Young’s start date.

24. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Rohr to adjourn the meeting. All members
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present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.  

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                   Christopher Tapper

Adjournment
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, April 25, 2011, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Larcinese supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the corrected April 11, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, McIntosh and Flores abstaining, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Flores to approve accounts payable for $177,880.92. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Rohr and Pioch.

5. Nielsen commented Frank Haynes, Franklin Energy called late this afternoon and had to reschedule the presentation for a later date. Nielsen commented the second meeting in May would most likely be the rescheduled date.

6. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to adopt Ordinance 426 authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement between the Village Paw Paw and Vintage Apartment located at 806 St Joseph Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079 including the language changes discussed in Section Five “Establishment of Annual Service Charge”. Roll Call vote; Plaszczak, Larcinese, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch all voting yes, motion carried.

7. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the Thunderbirds Radio Control Model Airplane Club the use of Maple Lake and a portion of Sunset Park for the rain date for their “Float Fly” on June 4, 2011 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 428, Sidewalk Requirement for New Development. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

9. A general discussion ensured regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 428. Comments included; what zoning district does the ordinance affect? Does this include new residential development? It was the consensus of the Council to allow Nielsen to review the Planning Commission meeting minutes and notes and to place back on the next agenda.

10. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 429, Establishment of Transit Friendly Standards. Nielsen noted the Planning
Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

11. A general discussion ensued regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 429. Comments included; what zoning districts would this ordinance affect? Language needed to be addressed regarding amendment to Section 42-403 (3) Site Plan requirement, setting standards and would also like to see other community’s standards for Section 42-402 (4) Site Plan requirements. It was the consensus of the Council to allow Nielsen to review the Planning Commission meeting minutes and notes.

12. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 430, Home Occupation and Nameplate Sign Standards. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

13. A lengthy general discussion ensured regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 430. Comments included; what zoning district does the ordinance affect? Is the Council being too restrictive with sign standards? Nielsen commented he would provide an agenda memo regarding the proposed draft at the next Council meeting. If members have more questions comments please send to the Manager before the next meeting.

14. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 431, Prohibition of Flashing Signs in the CBD District. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

15. A lengthy general discussion ensured regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 430. Comments included; these types of signs need to be prohibited throughout the Village and current signs should be removed, would this ordinance prohibit “OPEN” signs? Would this ordinance prohibit scrolling marquee signs? Is the Council being too restrictive with sign standards? If members have more questions comments please send to the Manager before the next meeting.

16. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 432, Riparian Property exception to Noxious Weed Ordinance. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

17. A lengthy general discussion ensured regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 432. Comments included; the need to be descriptive because of lake front properties, this would also help address blighting concerns residents have, more research needed regarding vegetation approved by the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership. If members have more questions/comments please send to the Manager before the next meeting.
18. No report.

19. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; blighting complaints and reports, water/sewer line problems and a report from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Wood Choi.

20. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation committee met. Items discussed included; 5 year plan regarding the lowering of Maple Lake, Tyler Field Stone Wall repairs and weed boat repairs update.

21. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority meet last Monday. Items discussed included; grant requests and approvals, discussion continue regarding Michigan Ave improvement and the possible improvements to Gremps Street for a truck route.

22. No report.

23. No report.

24. No report

25. Already discussed.


27. No report.

28. No report.

29. Wilhelmi excused at 9:50 p.m.

30. Plaszczak commented on the continued raising gas places. Plaszczak commented he had done some calculations on the increase in cost for each household in the Village and how the continued increase in gas prices would affect Village businesses. For each extra dollar spent on fuel, equals less money spent in the community. Plaszczak encouraged the Council to contact State and Federal representatives to explain the current fuel problems facing our country. Plaszczak offered to lead the discussion and invite representatives to the Village to discuss the concerns of the Village residents regarding rising fuel cost.

31. McIntosh commented regarding youths skate boarding around the Village on the sidewalks and was wondering if the Police Department was aware of the concerns.
32. Chief Marshall asked the Council and attendance members to take a moment of silence in recognition to Eric Zapata, Kalamazoo Public Safety Officer who was killed in the line of duty last week. Chief Marshall has offered any and all the Village of Paw Paw Police Departments resources to the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety in this very difficult time. Chief Marshall spoke of Officer Zapata and asked to keep his family and children in our hearts and prayers during this awful time.

33. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 9, 2011, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. Trustee McIntosh presiding.

2. Present: Rohr, Pioch, McIntosh, Flores and Larcinese. Excused; Plaszczak and Wilhelmi. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Service, John Small

3. Motion by Larcinese supported by Pioch, to approve the April 25, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Rohr abstaining, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to approve accounts payable for $419,490.70. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Wilhelmi and Flores.

5. Frank Hayes from Franklin Energy presented to the Council information and background regarding the Village of Paw Paw Energy Optimization program. Hayes also provided information regarding the State of Michigan Public Act 295 that was adopted back in 2009. Hayes discussed his company’s relationship with the other municipal electric providers. Hayes provided a report detailing residential and business incentive rebates for the energy smart programs available for Village of Paw Paw electric customers. The report also discussed the telephone and door to door traffic he and representatives of Franklin Energy had conducted.

6. A general discussion ensued regarding Hayes presentation. Comments and questions included; how to dispose of the energy saving light bulbs, how and when will the program ever end, how many of the business have received energy incentives and could he provide more detail about the incentives and will Franklin Energy always be the contact for questions, comments regarding Energy Optimization incentives for Village of Paw Paw electric customers.

7. Nielsen noted the final ordinance language was reviewed and processed. Considerations have been edited to reflect the changes discussed at the last Council meeting. No comments provide.

8. Motions by Pioch supported by Flores to approve the request made and allow the McGowan-Johnson American Legion Post 68 the use of requested Village Streets, parking lots for the annual Memorial Day parade. Pioch also noting the request for the use of the bridge at Briggs Pond to honor Navy personnel to be included in the approval. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Flores supported by Rohr to approve the resolution request from Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission and support “Bike to Work Week” May 16-20. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
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10. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 428, Sidewalk Requirement for New Development. Nielsen noted he would have more information after the Planning Commission special meeting scheduled for May 10, 2011.

11. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 429, Establishment of Transit Friendly Standards. Nielsen noted he would have more information after the Planning Commission special meeting scheduled for May 10, 2011.

12. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 430, Home Occupation and Nameplate Sign Standards. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council. Nielsen provided more information from the Planning Commission from the meeting held on May 5, 2011.

13. Motion by Larcinese supported Flores to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance 430 amending Standards for Home Occupation and Name Plate Signs with the Village of Paw Paw. Roll call; Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh and Larcinese all voting yes, motion carried.

14. Nielsen presented to the Council a draft of Ordinance Number 431, Prohibition of Flashing Signs in the CBD District. Nielsen noted the Planning Commission has held a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance and is now ready for discussion/action by the Village Council.

15. A lengthy general discussion ensured regarding the proposed draft of Ordinance Number 430. Comments included; these types of signs need to be prohibited throughout the Village and current signs should be removed, would this ordinance prohibit “OPEN” signs? Would this ordinance prohibit scrolling marquee signs? Is the Council being too restrictive with sign standards? The consensus of the Council was to continue the discussion regarding the proposal at the next meeting after more review.

16. Motion by Rohr supported by Larcinese to set a public hearing date of June 13, 2011 to take comments on the proposed amendment to the Noxious Weed Ordinance and to take comment on the amendment to Council compensation Ordinance. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

17. Larcinese reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; review of the proposed 2011 heavy road maintenance bids and blighting properties report.
18. Motion by Larcinese supported by Pioch to approve and accept the bids received from Rieth-Riley Construction for a price not to exceed $475,500.00 for Local and Major Street improvements. Larcinese noted all bids sheets were presented in the agenda for May 9, 2011. Roll call vote; Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh and Larcinese all voting yes, motion carried.

19. Flores reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; update regarding SSgt Goodrich, CPO status, Police Chief working on a grant application and blighting properties report.

20. No report.

21. No report

22. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met May 3, 2011. Items discussed included; grant application awarded to Hartford Fire Department for new communications equipment. The communication grant will be a county wide improvement for all fire departments. A request from the City of Dowagiac for mutual aid agreement

23. No report.

24. No report

25. Already discussed.


27. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met May 4, 2011. Items discussed included; additional street closure request and review of April’s financial reports.

28. No report.

29. Motion by Pioch, supported by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village Trustee,                                  Village Clerk,
Mary McIntosh                                      Christopher Tapper


2011 Road Maintenance Projects Major and Local Streets
Public Services
Parks & Recreation
DDA
Fire Board
Historical Commission
Housing Commission
PlanningCommission
RLF
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Maple Lake & NR &E
Adjournment
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Regular Meeting, May 23, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 23, 2011, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Rohr, Pioch, McIntosh and Flores. Excused; Larcinese. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Service, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr, to approve the May 9, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, Plaszczak and Wilhelmi abstaining, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores, supported by Wilhelmi to approve accounts payable for $165,748.24. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims McIntosh and Rohr.

5. Chief Marshall presented to the Council and attendance two new Police Officers along with the new CPO Officer. Marshall discussed the hiring process of the new CPO Officer and was energized with the hire of Timothy McMeeken. Officer McMeeken has been with the PD for several years and now has the new position of the Village of Paw Paw CPO Officer. Marshall discussed the hiring process of Officer Whitmore. Officer Whitmore was one of over 200 applications for the position. Previous years served included the City of South Haven and Coloma Township. Marshall discussed the hiring process of Officer Williams. Officer Williams was also one of over 200 applicants. Previous years served with the City of Bangor. Marshall commented Officer Williams was hired shortly after Sgt. Goodrich’s injury. All three Officers will be a benefit to the Community explained Marshall.

6. Motions by Rohr supported by Flores to approve the resolution and support a transfer of a Class C Liquor License from 706 S Kalamazoo Street to La Franca Enterprises LLC located at 117 West Michigan Ave. The approval also reserves the right to locally consider dance and entertainment request by the licensee separately. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. Nielsen noting this is just an information item at this time as it is a Police Department review. St. Julian Winery has applied for a Micro Brewery License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. At this time no thought has been given to brew for tasting room consumption.

8. Nielsen noting an Outdoor and Entertainment Permit has not been submitted from Patrick Warner regarding outdoor entertainment. Warner has indicated he was having outdoor entertainment for the Memorial Day holiday, but also included his intent to conduct future events. The consensus of the Council was not to approve a permit at this time, due to one not being filed. Nielsen to
follow up with Warner about the request.

9. At the last meeting the Council authorized advertising ordinances 432 and 433 for Public Hearing on June 13, 2011. The two drafts are provided in the agenda just as information.

10. Nielsen commented on a meeting he and Robert Harvey, Water Treatment Supervisor had with MEDEQ officials regarding the dredging applications pending for the Village for the South Basin and Maple Lake. Nielsen noted the meeting went very well and the officials were very close to making a final decision regarding the applications.

11. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; review of April Rev/Exp reports, discussed the onsite visit of the auditors, and reviewed PA 295 dollars.

12. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; updating blight complaints, capital equipment improvements and youth groups available to help with spring clean up.

13. No report.

14. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed included; Tyler Field Stone wall repairs approved, Paw Paw District grant approval, approval of new street parking design on East Michigan Ave and several DDA educational grants approved.

15. No report.


17. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Approved accounts payable, bids for painting and repairs.

18. Already discussed.

19. No report.

20. No report


22. McIntosh had several comments. Comments included; Mary Ann Middaugh being approved to the State of Michigan Board of Canvassers, Great Lakes Belting one year ribbing cutting, Greater Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce’s annual dinner is Wednesday, Michigan Municipal League awarded the
Uncorked Paw Paw campaign and wanting to continue discussion regarding Historical District leading to Form Base Codes.

23. McIntosh also commented the wishes of Ann Smith regarding the Maple Island (Dave Smith) gazebo project. McIntosh reported Smith’s wishes were to use the funds available to set up (2) two park benches along the new walking/bike path on M-40 (North Kalamazoo)

24. Pioch commented on the Special Land Use approval for the Wings of God project. Pioch wanted to thank former Judge Buhl on his efforts to address the public’s comments and questions.

25. Plaszczak commented on his letter to Governor Rick Snyder, revenue sharing changes, the efforts of the Van Buren County Administrator to coordinate a County wide collaboration to submit to the State of Michigan with reference to revenue sharing and the new DDA informational signs are up.

26. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to enter into closed session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations between the Village and the DPS Union, International Operating Engineers Local 324. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

27. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to re-open regular session at 9:50 p.m. Roll Call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

28. Motion by Pioch, supported by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                               Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 13, 2011, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Rohr, Pioch, McIntosh and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director, Department of Public Service, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Rohr supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the corrected May 23, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh to reopen the discussion regarding the May 23, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. McIntosh asked for corrections to be made regarding item number 22. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the May 23, 2011 minutes of the closed meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh to approve the amended motion for accounts payable in the amount of $594,306.54. Wilhelmi questioning claim number 8. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Flores.

7. No comments from the audience were offered.

8. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to close the regular session and open the discussion for a Public Hearing on drafted Ordinances 432 & 433 at 7:40 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Nielsen presented to the Council drafted Ordinance 432, Property Exception to Noxious Weed Ordinance. Nielsen discussed the purpose, applicability, severability and the establishment of the draft.

10. Let the record show no public comment was offered regarding draft Ordinance 432, Property Exception to Noxious Weed Ordinance.

11. Nielsen presented to the Council drafted Ordinance 433, Council Compensation Ordinance. Nielsen discussed the purpose, applicability, severability and the establishment of the draft.

12. Let the record show no public comment was offered regarding draft Ordinance 433, Council Compensation Ordinance.
13. A general discussed ensued regarding the wording change of section four. Wilhelmi commented the wording change would change the meaning of the drafted Ordinance, this means the Council will need to re-advertise to the public for the draft. Council discussion ensued regarding the wording change. Several Council members believed the typo did not change the meaning of the ordinance and they were comfortable with wording change.

14. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch, to close the public hearing and open the regular session at 7:50 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus, Paw Paw Council #3798 to use Village streets and Sidewalks for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday, June 18, 2011. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Pioch supported by McIntosh, to adopt Resolution 11-05 and authorize the Manager to enter into an agreement with the MML Foundation for funding of a shared services study in Van Buren County. Pioch noting the cost of the study to be divided among the municipalities that are participating. Roll call; Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch all voting yes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Rohr, supported by Wilhelmi to adopt Resolution 11-06 establishing the levy of 11.3252 mils for General Operations and a levy of 4.52.99 mils for Road Maintenance & Construction. Roll call; Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Rohr all voting yes, motion carried.

18. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to adopt Ordinance 432, Property Exception to Noxious Weed Ordinance. Roll call; Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

19. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to adopt Ordinance 433, Council Compensation Ordinance. Roll call; Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, Wilhelmi voting no, motion carried.

20. A general discussion ensued regarding the following Outdoor Entertainment permit requests from Warner’s Winery and Legends Sports Bar & Grill. The discussion regarding Warner’s request circled around the non-approval of building, plumbing, zoning, fire, sanitation and health inspections not completed. The discussion regarding Legends request circled around needing more information regarding times and approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The consensus of the Council was to allow the applicants more time to provide the necessary approvals from other agencies.
21. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; review of May Rev/Exp reports, Truth and Taxation, sidewalk ordinance and possible new municipal well location.

22. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; updating blight complaints, possible new cameras for the PD, sidewalks and the requirement of home owners to trim & edge curbs and sidewalks. If the property owners do not maintain these areas, then the Village would start fining the property owners for the maintenance.

23. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation committee met June 6, 2011. Items discussed included; weed cutting boat ready for work, weed suction boat almost completed, still working on the purchase of a new crane for the Parks to help load and unload the weed bags to and from the boats.

24. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Pioch, to approve the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to accept the bid from Rieth & Riley to pave the Maple Island Parking Lot east of Kalamazoo Street. Wilhelmi noted the price not to exceed $11,587.00. Roll call; McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores and Wilhelmi all voting yes, motion carried

25. No report

26. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met June 7, 2011. Items discussed include; mutual aid agreement discussion with Gobles Fire Department, discussion regarding changing the NE fire district lines (Almea Township) and another accident regarding a fire truck at a parade. Larcinese noted he was not aware of the cost or the damages.

27. No report. Meeting date for June 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

28. No report.

29. June 23, 2011 special meeting date to allow a public hearing regarding Libraries in the B-2 zoning district.

30. No report. Meeting June 29, 2011

31. Pioch reported the WHF met June 1, 2011. Fundraising and vendor application is going well. Discussion regarding Director’s request for additional street closure on S LaGrave. Chief Marshall and Small to review request and contact the Director regarding the additional request. Marshall commented the concern with the additional street closure would be if a fire/ems truck would have satisfactory room down South LaGrave Street.

32. No report.
33. Plaszczak commented on the improvement being done at the DPS building regarding clean-up, positive feedback on the CPO officer and more positive feedback regarding the continued efforts on blight complaints.

34. Rohr commented regarding positive feedback on the CPO officer.

35. Pioch commented on a concern several residents had in the Lakeview Blvd. area regarding the growth in the deer population in the area. Pioch commented residents were concerned about their gardens being damaged due to the growth in population. Pioch asked suggestions and comments to help the residents with the problem. Small and Marshall to research and to provide suggestions and comments.

36. Wilhelmi asked staff to send a reminder letter to the contracted waste hauler in the Village of the pickup times allowed in the Village. Wilhelmi commented he has received complaints regarding waste hauler pickup times starting too early.

37. Flores commented on the new street lights the Village Electric Department has been installing. Flores commented he had received many positive comments regarding the new lights.

38. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Rohr to enter into closed session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations between the Village and the DPS Union, International Operating Engineers Local 324. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

39. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to re-open regular session at 9:30 p.m. Roll Call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Larcinese, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

40. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                           Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 27, 2011, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Rohr, Pioch, McIntosh and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper and Director, Department of Public Service, John Small.

3. Motion by Pioch supported by Larcinese, to approve the June 13, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch, to approve the June 13, 2011 minutes of the closed meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores, supported by McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $160,751.97. Pioch questioning claim number 3. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Larcinese.

6. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bain were in attendance to discuss the Outdoor Entertainment permit request for Legends Sports bar & Grill. Mr. & Mrs. Bain were opposite to the request and cited several complaints regarding the business.

7. Bryan and Diana Stump were in attendance to further discuss the communications between: Paw Paw Township, Coca-Cola North American, MDEQ and Village of Paw Paw with reference to municipal water hook up in the Hidden Lane area. Nielsen noted he did have communication with Dan Fields, CCNA regarding the MDEQ’s approval of the final remedial report. Bryan asked the Council what would be the next step now that the MDEQ has approved CCNA remedial report? Nielsen commented the Village had no new communications with the Township regarding amendment of the Franchise Agreement.

8. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr to approve the request and the use of Maple Island on Saturday, July 30, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the 13th annual Maple Lake Float Fly. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance 434 and include “libraries” as an allowed use in the RO Zoning District. Roll call; Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch all voting yes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Paw Paw District Library Site Plan for construction as presented with the following conditions; Village County
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approval/adoption of the recommended amendment to allow libraries as a permitted use within the R-O District, Demonstration of compliance with the storm water disposal design criteria set forth in Section 42-402 (3) and the review approval of the Village Department of Public Utilities, Demonstration of compliance with the screening requirements along the eastern boundary of the subject site, pursuant to Section 42-404 (5) and 42-405, Submission of a landscape plan demonstration compliance with landscape requirement within 90 days of site plan approval, Compliance with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws and regulations and Compliance with all applicable soil and sedimentation permits as required by the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner. All members voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch, to approve the request of the Wine & Harvest Festival to use LaGrave Street between Michigan Ave and Paw Paw Street during the annual Festival September 9th through the 11th leaving a pathway of at least 12 feet on the east side of the street for emergency vehicles. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch to approve the temporary outdoor entertainment permit at 706 S Kalamazoo Street Warner Winery for the following Saturday’s 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until July 23, 2011. McIntosh noting all the conditions listed in the June 27, 2011 agenda memo to apply to the applicant. Nielsen to send notice to the applicant of the conditions and provide notice this is a temporary permit until July 23, 2011. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. No action taken.

14. Motion by Flores supported by McIntosh to approve the request for an entertainment permit at 929 East Michigan Paw Paw Brewing Company for July 16, August 20, September 9 & 10 and October 1, 2011 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Flores noting all the conditions listed in the June 27, 2011 agenda memo to apply to the applicant. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; sidewalks, curb & cutters budgeting and audit presentation scheduled for July 11, 2011.

16. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; updating blight complaints, possible new cameras for the PD, sidewalks and the requirement of home owners to trim & edge curbs and sidewalks.

17. Larcinese commenting of the importance the Committees not to be working on the same project lists. Larcinese commenting each Committee should be
working on separate topics so the Committee can report to the full Council for separate discussion.

18. No report.

19. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed included; possible new truck route, grant approval for Paw Paw Brewing Company.

20. No report.

21. No report

22. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included; repair and maintenance continue to hallways.

23. No report.

24. No report.

25. No report.


27. No report.

28. Larcinse commented on the need for the continued discussion regarding sign definitions/restrictions in the CBD District. Larcinse would like to see recommendations from the Planning Commission and would also like to see feed back from the Historical Commission on the topic.

29. McIntosh commented on the need to address vacant commercial and industrial buildings in the Village.

30. Flores commented on the great character of Maple Island and Maple Lake.

31. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to enter into closed session at 9:259 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations between the Village and the DPS Union, International Operating Engineers Local 324. Roll call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

32. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to re-open regular session at 9:44 p.m. Roll Call vote: Pioch, Plaszczak, Rohr, Larcinse, Flores, and McIntosh all voting yes, motion carried.

33. Motion by Pioch supported by Flores to enter into an agreement with the International Operating Engineers Local 324 for a four year term until 2014 and ratify the agreement as presented in the June 27, 2011 agenda. Roll call vote; Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinse, Rohr and Flores.
34. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.  

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                   Christopher Tapper

Adjournment
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 11, 2011, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr, to approve the June 27, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Wilhelmi to approve accounts payable in the amount of $157,938.24. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Rohr.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Schmalfeldt were in attendance to discuss the continued efforts to clean up the property to the south of them on Woodman, located on Michigan Ave. Nielsen noted the Village had not approved of the final result and was waiting to hear back from the contractor regarding the demolition.

6. Ken Berthiaume from Berthiaume and Company presented to the Council the audited report for fiscal year 2010-2011. Ken reported the onsite visit went smoothly again, was happy to see how well the BS & A Software was working for staff. Ken reported he found no problems with internal controls, based upon the onsite supervision from Siegfried Crandall PC. Ken noted the General Fund continues to be in healthy shape based upon the fund balance. Ken reported a change from last year’s audit was the Village decreased its custodial credit risk of bank deposits. Last year the Village of Paw Paw was FDIC insurance up to 25% of deposits. This year the Village of Paw Paw is FDIC insurance up to 93% of deposits.

7. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to accept the Village of Paw Paw 2010-2011 audit report as presented by Berthiaume & Company. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to designate John Small as the representative of the Village of Paw Paw for the purpose of attending the annual MERS conference September 27-29, 2011 on behalf of the Village Council. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Nielsen noted the Council did receive the email exchanges between Warner’s and the Village Manager regarding the ongoing discussion working towards an end result regarding the Outdoor Entertainment Permit request.
10. A general discussion ensued regarding the Legends Sports Bar & Grill request for an outdoor entertainment permit. Several members from Legends staff were in attendance to take questions along with several members of the community supporting Legends request for an outdoor entertainment permit. Chief Marshall and Nielsen explained to the Council concerns staff has regarding the request, but also noted a private meeting staff had with the ownership of Legends Sports Bar regarding the complaints and concerns residents and law enforcement have with the outdoor entertainment request.

11. Motion by McIntosh supported by Larcinese to approve a 45 day trial period and grant an outdoor entertainment permit to Legends Sports Bar & Grill, Beer Garden located at 1027 East Michigan; Sundays between 2 and 8pm (excluding dates when school is in session), Friday and Saturday evenings between 3 and 11:30pm, Thursday between 3 and 10pm (excluding dates when school is in session), Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday between 3 and 9pm with the following conditions; Approval of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission as may be required should the applicant desire to serve outdoors on these dates. Speakers are to be mounted no more than 4 feet off stage or platform level. Prohibition of utterances of obscenities whether live, recorded, performed or otherwise communicated that extend, carry or can be heard beyond the property lines of the enclosed patio and deck area. Volume levels are not to exceed 70 decibels at the patio deck area fencing lines. Minimal outdoor staffing in the Beer Garden area at all times is to be at least 1 person easily identified as Legends staff. The permit may be revoked for violations of above and police department recommendation based on complaints of behavior or being called to respond to disturbances. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Rohr supported by Flores to approve a 45 day trial period and grant an additional outdoor entertainment permit to Legends Sport Bar & Grill, Added Spaces Garden located 1027 East Michigan; Sunday, August 7, September 14 and October 2 between 3 and 11:30pm, September 9 to the 10 between 3 and 11:30pm, August 6 between 3 and 11:30pm and September 30 to October 1 between 3 and 11:30pm with the following conditions; Approval of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission as may be required should the applicant desire to serve outdoors on these dates. Speakers are to be mounted no more than 4 feet off stage or platform level. Prohibition of utterances of obscenities whether live, recorded, performed or otherwise communicated that extend, carry or can be heard beyond the property lines of the enclosed patio and deck area. Volume levels are not to exceed 70 decibels at the patio deck area fencing lines. Minimal outdoor staffing of 5 or more in the extra area at all times is to be easily identified as Legends staff. The permit may be revoked for violations of above and police department recommendation based on complaints of behavior or being called to respond to disturbances. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
13. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; audit report.

14. Wilhelmi excused at 9:50 p.m.

15. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; updating blight complaints, sidewalks and storm damage.


17. No report.

18. Rohr reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; continued training, new radio equipment update, mutual aid agreement with Pine Grove Township and Paw Paw Township August election proposal for the Fire Department millage request.

19. No report

20. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed included; repair and maintenance continue to hallways.


22. No report.

23. No report.

24. No report

25. No report.

26. Plaszczak commented on the efforts of the Department of Public Service regarding storm damage and restoring power. Plaszczak thanked Director, John Small for his quick actions and contacting mutual aid for assistance.

27. Larcinse commented he would like to see staff develop an application for Outdoor Entertainment Permits to make the approval/disapproval processes easier for Council review.

28. Motion by Larcinse, supported by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President, Roman Plaszczak
Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, July 25, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 25, 2011, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Larcinese, Pioch, Rohr, McIntosh and Flores. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper and Director of Department of Public Services, John Small.

3. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr, to approve the July 11, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $513,472.75. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Flores and McIntosh.

5. Nadine Jarvis, George Reeder and Frank Walters were in attendance representing the Maple Lake Association. Jarvis thank the Council and Village Manager for the continue efforts to improve Maple Lake. Jarvis commented she could not remember in the past 10 years the lake being is such good shape. Jarvis expressed her continued support for the lowering of the lake throughout the winter months. Reeder and Walters agreed with Jarvis on the condition of the lake and also supported the continued efforts to lower the lake in the winter.

6. Nielsen and Small presented to the Council a report outline the Village of Paw Paw storm response over the course of the last few weeks. Nielsen noted the Electric department was incredible with response time to the power outages. Nielsen report roughly 400 Village electric customer were without power for less than 12 hours. Electric crews from; South Haven, Coldwater, Lowell and Niles assisted the Village during the outage. Small noted the Department of Public Service will continue the efforts of removal of brush until further notice.

7. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Wilhelmi to accept the recommendation from the Department of Public Services and award Quantum Construction for a price not to exceed $23,420.00 for the repairs and maintenance to the Village of Paw Paw bridges as identified in the bi-annual inspections. Roll Call vote; all members yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Larcinese supported by Wilhelmi, to authorize the Village Manager to submit the appropriate application on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw to the State of Michigan MDEQ-MDNR the request to lower Maple Lake from September 2011 to April 2012. Larcinese asked the motion be contingent upon the “REVIEW” of the Maple Lake & Natural Resource and Environment Committee approval. All members present voting yes, motion carried.
9. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; sidewalk project financing. Rohr commented the Committee would like to double the effort to speed up the process and allow the use of funds from the Major and Local Street category.

10. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; sidewalks, MDOT bike path along M-40, waste water treatment report, repairs and maintenance at the number 2 lift station, Maple Island is closed until storm relief maintenance can be done, BOCA inspections report and storm damage.

11. No report.

12. Plaszczak report the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed included; presentation from the new CPO Officer Tim McMeeken and grants approved.

13. No report

14. No report

15. No report.

16. Pioch report the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet August 4, 2011. Items on the agenda are; Historical aspects of signage, review of site plans for Leisure Living, public hearing regarding medical marijuana and continued discussion of form base codes.

17. No report.

18. Pioch reported the WHF committee met. Items discussed included; contributions update, volunteers still needed and last meeting before the festival is schedule August 3, 2011 at 6:00.

19. No report

20. Plaszczak commented on the efforts of the Department of Public Service regarding storm damage and restoring power. Plaszczak commented on the Two Rivers Coalition river trip this past Saturday.

21. Nielsen commented regarding the ISO report was completed and the report was in. Council members have a copy of the report. Shared Services proposal are also in and would be setting up reviews soon of the proposals.
22. Motion by Pioch, supported by Flores to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,  
Roman Plaszczak                                   Christopher Tapper

Adjournment
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, August 8, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 8, 2011, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to approve the July 25, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Wilhelmi, supported by Larcinese to approve accounts payable in the amount of $576,565.62. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Rohr and Pioch.

5. Bryan and Diana Stump were in attendance to further discuss the communications between Paw Paw Township, Coca Cola North America, MDEQ and the Village regarding the residential hookup of municipal water on Hidden Lane. Diana thanked Robert Harvey, Small, Nielsen and Tapper for replying so quickly with the last freedom of information request. Nielsen reported new information included; CCNA was using the Village waste water treatment location due to damage at the CCNA treatment site, well number four tested amounts of EDT one month this year, but when tested again the test came back without activity. Nielsen commented he was not sure if the Lab running the test made an error, the Village is currently waiting for more analysis to determine the final outcome. Diana also asked the Council if everyone has had a chance to read the Executive Summary from the CCNA remedial investigation report dated February 2011.

6. Plaszczak commented Congressman Fred Upton was schedule to meet with the Village Council and public August 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Paw Paw Township Hall.

7. Motion by Rohr, supported by Larcinese to solicit bids for audit services for the Village of Paw Paw for the next three years. Rohr reported the Village has already received Berthiaume and Company’s bid. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to approve and adopt Resolution 11-07 in opposition of the proposed transfer of local revolving loan funds away from the Village of Paw Paw. All members voting yes, motion carried.

9. A general discussion ensued regarding the proposed Ordinance 435, Requirements and Regulations regarding Home Occupations. Nielsen noted the proposal has already been discussed at the Planning Commission level and
was now ready for Council comments and suggestions. Pioch noted the Planning Commission has been working on the proposal for some time and believe the proposal covered every area related to Planning & Zoning. Plaszczak commented he would like to see wording changes in Section 4 subsection A. Wilhelmi commented he would like to see wording changes in Section 4 subsection; G, H and J. Nielsen noted comments and suggestion would also need to come from the excused Council members and did not anticipate Council to vote on the proposal this evening.

10. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Rohr to accept the Department of Public Service Committee recommendation and approve the bid submitted by Lounsbury Construction for a price not to exceed $140,500.00 for road and water main improvements. Roll call vote; Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Wilhelmi all voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Larcinese to accept the Department of Public Service Committee recommendation and approve the bid submitted by JW Yarbrough for a price not to exceed $16,747.50 for sidewalks on Michigan Ave to Willard Street (east side of the road). Roll call vote; Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Wilhelmi all voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Larcinese supported by Pioch, to authorize the Village Manager to sign on behalf of the Village of Paw Paw draft dredging permits 10-80-0066-P and 10-80-0067-P for dredging in the South Basin of Maple Lake and the North end of Maple Lake around Maple Island & the boat launch. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr to authorize the Village Manger and the Public Services, Director to develop bid specification and solicit dredging services for the areas permitted by the MDNRE in permits 10-80-0066-P and 10-80-0067-P. Pioch noting the Manager will solicit two separate bids because of two separate permits. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Larcinese questioned the need to approve the solicitation processes. Nielsen responded, when a contractor or bidder finds that the solicitation is being approved by the Council the firm will take the necessary actions to make sure the solicitation is prepared with due diligence.

15. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; audit services bid proposals.

16. Wilhelmi reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Miller Street proposals, CCNA update regarding the use of the waste water treatment lagoons, budget items for next fiscal year. Pioch commented on if the Committee would be receiving any new information regarding the clean up at the Paw Paw Plating
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Site. Wilhelmi and Larcinese responded they were in the process of gathering the finding of the clean up done by the EPA.

17. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met August 1, 2011. Items discussed included; storm damage to Maple Island and that the Island was still closed due to the damage, improvement proposal for Power Plant Road parking and the boat launch, the use of the weed cutting boat will not be used this year, but the weed suction boat is being completed and will start soon.

18. No report.

19. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met August 2, 2011. Items discussed included; hazardous spill training, Knouse Foods has offered to assist in the training and education needs for hazardous material spills.

20. No report. Meeting date September 29, 2011


22. Pioch report the Planning Commission met August 4, 2011. Items on the agenda were; Historical aspects of signage, review of site plans for Leisure Living, public hearing regarding medical marijuana and continued discussion of form base codes. Pioch and Nielsen also commented on the open meeting schedule with the Planning Commission and the Historical Commission regarding a presentation with Nan Taylor, Greater Michigan Field Representative, Michigan Historic Preservation Network. The meeting will be open to the area businesses and property owners for comments and suggestions regarding preserving historical features of the community.

23. No report.

24. Pioch reported the WHF committee met. Items discussed included; contributions update, volunteers still needed.

25. Nielsen reported the Maple Lake and NR & Environment Committee met. Items discussed included the dredging proposals and the lowering of Maple Lake again this winter. Comments were positive of the lowering of the Lake in the winter again. Nielsen also noted the committee did receive feedback from a member of the Ackley Lake Association and the comments were positive.

26. Plaszczak commented on the Drum and Bugle performance this past weekend along with the Sunday concert series and the Paw Paw Corkers baseball game. Plaszczak commented on the continued efforts to keep residents, community members and the public in Paw Paw during the weekends to help benefit local businesses.

27. Rohr asked if the Police Department had received any new complaints
regarding Legends Sports Bar since the approval of the Outdoor entertainment permit was issued. Chief Marshall indicated the department had received two complaints. After reviewing the officers reports the complaints were regarding noise levels. Chief Marshall indicated Legends did cooperate with officers when they arrived on scene but the noise level was questionable.

28. Pioch asked staff if they have had a chance to review the utility usage of the new street lights. Nielsen responded the utility decreases were very significant.

29. Plaszczak reminded Council of the Village Manager evaluation needed to be completed. Please fill out the evaluation sheets and send them to the Village President for review and presentation.

30. Chief Marshall commented regarding a donation the Police Department has received from a Ret. Major General. SSgt. Goodrich was conducting a scene on I-94 and the Major General was impressed with SSgt. Goodrich’s customer service and wished to make a donation to the Police Department’s-general fund.

31. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Village President, Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 22, 2011, convened at 7:33 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch, to approve the August 8, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $263,389.98. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Larcinese and McIntosh.

5. Representative Fred Upton presented to the Council and audience a state of affairs presentation regarding energy and the consumption of natural resources across the United States. Upton discussed alternative energy solutions such as; wind energy and solar energy. Upton also discussed the different ways to end America’s dependence on foreign oil and other resources we have here in the United States. Upton also discussed his appointment to the new subcommittee responsible for cutting 1.5 Trillion dollars from the federal budget. “These are very difficult times for many American’s,” Upton noted. Upton continued his discussion and presentation about renewable energy. Some of the new technology examples; Chevrolet Volt, solar panels built right into new home construction, smaller and more economical wind turbans.

6. Representative Upton took several questions from the Council. Questions and comments included; discussion on Upton’s voting record with regards to the EPA, oil drilling permits issued in the last year and who approves oil drilling permits and why the government has not approved any oil drilling permit in the last year? Why alternative energy tax credits are not more of a talking point with regards to changes in the tax code? Plaszczak thanked Upton for scheduling the time to meet with representatives from the Village of Paw Paw and its residents and looked forward to having the Congressman back again.

7. Recess meeting at 8:25 p.m.

8. Reconvened meeting at 8:30 p.m.

9. James Adams 110 Miller Street, Brad Smith corner of Michigan & Miller Street, Diane Yerty 130 Miller Street, Lisa Huggett 129 Miller, Harley Pierce 411 Miller and several other residents were in attendance to discuss the Village of Paw Paw’s plans for improvements down Miller Street. Several comments included; front yards along with tree would be eliminated by the sidewalk
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development, the proposed sidewalk would eat up most of the customer parking behind the corner lot, the need for sidewalks would not be needed because the foot traffic is not going down Miller Street, in favor of the sidewalks because walking alongside the road is not safe for kids or adults.

10. Nielsen presented a request from the Paw Paw Area Rotary for street closures. Nielsen asked the Council to review and discuss. This request will be placed on the next agenda for review.

11. Nielsen updated the Council regarding the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. A number of bills have been introduced over the last year to the Michigan Legislators. Among the topics recently mentioned include; dealing with dispensaries, definitions of secured facility, relationship between patients and care givers. Nielsen noted because of the potential impact on the ordinance by the proposed and the expected bills it was his recommendation that no further action be taken on the draft until the legislation has been reviewed. We currently have a moratorium in place.

12. Nielsen noted the Village was in receipt on the permits for the dredging project and he and Small were currently working on the bid specs.

13. Nielsen updated the Council regarding the GLRI Watershed remediation grant. The sediment reduction into the Great Lakes as proposed by the application helped the Village’s overall application score well. Our application was number 14 out of 43 applications with a score of 63.22, two hundredths of a point behind the 13th application. Close enough that the five reviewers sought additional funding so they might fund our application. This request, however, was not possible. Nielsen noted we as the Village learned a lot about the application process for the next possible application and wanted to thank everyone for their support and efforts in the application.

14. Nielsen noted going forward he had met with several coordinators regarding the application and agreed to submit one application for the non-source point pollution grant with the next round of GLRI grants. The application date was September 7, 2011 and it appeared the Village may be an applicant.

15. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; sidewalk proposals, curb and gutter proposals, Maple Island storm damage, rain garden, non-union employee raises.

16. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch to approve the Village Manager’s recommendation for non-union employee raises and to retro-pay back to June 19, 2011 for those non-union employees who are affected. Roll call vote; Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Pioch and Rohr all voting yes, motion carried.

**New Business**

**Request to use streets**

**Ongoing Business**

**MMMA Ordinance #435**

**Solicitation for**

**Dredging permit**

**Maple Lake**

**Update regarding**

**Great Lakes**

**Restoration initiative**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance & Administration**

**Non-union employee raises**
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17. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Chief Marshall met with the committee and updated the Committee regarding Police Department activities.

18. No report.

19. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met. Items discussed included; accounts payable approved and grants approved.

20. No report.


22. No report.

23. No report, meeting scheduled for September 1, 2011

24. No report.

25. Pioch reported the WHF committee met. Items discussed included; contributions update, volunteers still needed, last meeting before the festival was schedule for September 7, 2011


27. Plaszczak commented on the status of the Maple Lake lowering permit application.

28. Rohr asked if the Tyler Field stone wall work was completed and if anyone had been down to view the improvements.

29. McIntosh commented on the “You have been Flocked” fundraiser going on for Senior Services and thought it was a very witty idea.

30. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Flores, to hold until further notice the bid approval for sidewalk construction on Miller Street. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

31. Motion by Rohr supported by McIntosh to enter into closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss proposed real estate purchase. Roll call vote; Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Plaszczak, Pioch and Rohr voting yes motion carried.

32. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch to enter into regular session at 9:51 p.m. Roll call vote; Plaszczak, Pioch, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi and McIntosh.
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33. Motion by Flores, supported by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All
    members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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  Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                    Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, September 12, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 12, 2011, convened at 7:35 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese, Flores and Rohr. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director of Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Flores supported by McIntosh, to approve the August 22, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch to approve the August 31, 2011 minutes of the special workshop meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores supported by Pioch to approve the September 2, 2011 minutes of the special workshop meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch to approve the August 22, 2011 minutes of the closed session meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $593,077.30. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Wilhelmi and Flores.

8. Diana & Bryan Stump were in attendance to further discuss communications Coca-Cola North America, Paw Paw Township, MDEQ and the Village of Paw Paw. Questions included; status of the property on CR 665, how long was CCNA transporting to the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant, was the property on CR 665 purchased with Village funding and were the names of the engineers that preformed the test on the property on CR 665 available.

9. Nielsen responded and provided copies of the special meeting minutes of the September 2, 2011 for answers to the following questions. The purchase of the property was paid for by the Village of Paw Paw Water Fund, names of the engineers were Prein & Newhof and Peerless Midwest. Nielsen also noted the Village has not had any new communications between CCNA.

10. Ted Fells, Brad Smith, Diane Yerty, Lisa Huggett, Harley Pierce and several other residents were in attendance to discuss the Village of Paw Paw’s plans for improvements down Miller Street. Several comments included; copies provided to the Council and staff of Miller Street from a older plat book, discussion regarding the possibility of survey marks moved, spending budgeted
amounts on a different project, how will the Village maintain the sidewalks when they are struggling with the ones they have, possibility of a cross walk to help those on the street who want the sidewalk and working with those residents who do not and the possible loss of more street frontage.

11. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. The item most discussed included; Miller Street road improvements. McIntosh commented the committee wanted to hear more comments from audience members tonight. McIntosh and the committee reviewed historical data with regards to sidewalks. Several examples came before the committee to review. In the past the committee/council did not approve the sidewalk improvements because residents had concerns about the improvements. Looking back at the history of improvements the streets without sidewalks are now current day wanting to have sidewalks installed. McIntosh noted the most recent Master Plan adoption and the need to have a walk-able community. The improvements of the sidewalks are in the Village right way.

12. Larcinese noted the processes of developing a walk-able community needed to be addressed. This current discussion will continue to happen with each road and sidewalk improvement in the Village. Nielsen commented he and the department heads would work on a development plan to move forward with regards to other sidewalk improvements.

13. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr to grant permission to the PPHS Student Council to use Village streets for the annual Homecoming Parade on October 7, 2011 between the hours of 4:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried

14. Motion by Pioch supported by Wilhelmi to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to use various Village streets and sidewalks for the annual Tootsie Roll drive October 7, 8 and 9 2011. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

15. Wilhelmi reported the Paw Paw Rocket Football program has asked permission for placement of a newly donated scoreboard at Tyler Field. Wilhelmi noted the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed this request at great lengths at the last committee meeting and now was asking for Council feedback regarding the placement.

16. Comments and suggestion included; working with the program to develop an agreement covering maintenance, insurance and rights to the scoreboard if the programs was ever dissolved. Comments also included; just because this was a donation does not mean we have to accommodate the program with the extra expenses that go into the maintenance and installation of the scoreboard. Nielsen noted the cost of installation was being paid for through the Rocket Football program. Recommendation was to proceed through the sign permit.
application process.

17. Motion by Rohr, supported by McIntosh to approve the use of 100 and 200 block of East Michigan Avenue on October 7, 2011 between the hours of 3:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

18. McIntosh noted the DPS Committee would have their recommendation at the next Council meeting scheduled September 26, 2011.

19. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; EVIP and revenue sharing plans along with update regarding the firm heading the process for the County. Rohr noted McKenna & Associates was the firm working with the County and the next scheduled meeting with municipalities is next week.

20. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Miller Street and positive feedback for the DPS employees with regards to the Wine and Harvest Festival. McIntosh wanted to thank all DPS-Police and Fire staff for a job well done over the weekend, other than the weather on Saturday, the Festival was a great success as always.

21. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met. Items discussed included; Tyler Field scoreboard improvements, Maple Lake draw down request, storm damage update on Maple Island and dredging of Maple Lake.

22. No report.

23. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met. Items discussed included; audit report, truck 1203 is back in service and discussion of the warehouse fire in Bangor.

24. No report. Meeting date September 29, 2011

25. No report.

26. Pioch reported the Planning Commission met September 1, 2011. Items discussed included; Maple Lake Assisted Living special land use request, MPRI Transitional Home special land use request and a guest speaker is scheduled for October 6, 2011 for the topic of Local Historic Districts.

27. No report.

28. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival was held this past weekend. High number on turn outs and would have further report after the follow up meeting.

29. No report.
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30. Plaszczak commented on the Wine and Harvest Festival. All positive comments and feedback. Plaszczak was truly glad to see the high numbers of people turning out on Saturday afternoon even with the rain. Plaszczak thanked the Village employees for their outstanding services committed to the weekend. Plaszczak also noted he was waiting on two Council members’ Manager Evaluations. Plaszczak noted a letter addressed to the Village Manager/Superintendent and asked for Council feedback to address a response.

31. McIntosh commented on the Ladies on the Lake meeting held last week on Maple Lake. McIntosh noted the meeting was a successful event and topics included; much improvement to Maple Lake from last year. McIntosh thanked Chief Marshall for the continued efforts to purchase cameras downtown. McIntosh also thanked Tapper for the several positive comments she had received from numerous residents. McIntosh noted the comments were encouraging regarding how well Village Hall was communicating with customers and residents.

32. Chief Marshall commented on the success of the Wine and Harvest Festival. Chief noted he would have a detailed report available soon, but all Departments conducted themselves at a high level of reliability that the Village should be proud of.

33. Pioch thanked the DPS Committee for all of their work regarding the sidewalk discussion on Miller Street but was not in favor of a crosswalk half way down the street.

34. Nielsen commented on the positive outcome of the Wine and Harvest Festival. Nielsen also noted of the CPO presentation schedule for the next Council meeting

35. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                   Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 26, 2011, convened at 7:31 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese, Flores and Rohr. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Director of Department of Public Services, John Small and Chief of Police, Eric Marshall.

3. Motion by Rohr supported by Wilhelmi, to approve the September 12, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores, supported by Wilhelmi to approve accounts payable in the amount of $859,729.74. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims McIntosh and Larcinese.

5. Chief of Police, Eric Marshall presented to the Council a Department update. Marshall’s presentation included; data generated since June 1, 2011. The data discussed; initial cases, follow-ups, felony arrests, misdemeanors, enforcement contact, resident contacts, business contacts, blight reports and bike & foot patrol. Marshall indicated again this data was only generated through June this year. In comparison the Paw Paw Police Department handles the same if not more complaints, reports/cases as does the City of South Haven. Marshall discussed the bike & foot patrol hours. This activity was new to some of the Department but now is a part of their daily activity. Marshall noted for the future consideration; in order for the CPO to be successful current staffing levels will need to continue. The need to address the need for more owner occupied housing in the Village.

6. Chief Marshall presented the Community Oriented Policing Survey that will be sent out to the Village DDA businesses. Marshall indicated the survey will be used to find specific examples of how, what and where the CPO officer can improve, educate and discuss concerns related to the DDA businesses.

7. Council comments and questions included; the bike & foot patrol shows the community the efforts of the department to be more community involved, positive comments and feedback from the community.

8. Diane Yerty, Lisa Huggett, and Robert Deloff were in attendance to discuss the Village of Paw Paw’s plans for improvements down Miller Street. Several comments included; spending budgeted amounts on a different project, how will the Village maintain the sidewalks when they are struggling with the ones they have, has the Village discussed a possible alternative to the sidewalks like the possibility of a walking path.
9. It was the recommendation of staff to install sidewalks with some adjustment particularly with the two most southern properties. Nielsen provided to the Council; “Village of Paw Paw Becoming a Walk able Community Concept Document.” Nielsen noted it was the request of the Council to prepare the Resolution 11-09. The resolution follows the mission statement from the Village of Paw Paw’s Master Plan.

10. Motion by Flores supported by Pioch to release the hold placed on Yarbrough Construction for the Miller Street sidewalk project. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to accept and approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to grant the site plan submitted for an assisted living facility at 677 Hazen Street with the following conditions;
   A. Submission of a landscape plan demonstrating compliance of the Village standards within a 90 days of site plan approval.
   B. Compliance with requests from other Village Departments.
   C. Compliance with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws/regulations
   D. Compliance with applicable soil and sedimentation permit as required by the Van Buren County Drain Commission
   E. Submission of all State approve living facility licensing.
   Roll call vote; Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance 436 establishing the minimum size of a living unit for elderly housing as 250 square feet. All members present voting yes, McIntosh no, motion carried.

13. Motion by Flores supported by Wilhelmi to rescind and approve the correct account payable in the amount of $848,619.74. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. It was the consensus of the Council to place the Paw Paw Rocket Football sign application for Tyler Field on the next agenda to allow the program to submit the necessary permit application.

15. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; EVIP and revenue sharing plans, utility billing and shut off policy and economic development.

16. Wilhelmi excused at 9:50 p.m.

17. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Miller Street, sewer backup, Blighting and Code Enforcement, water tower repairs and
maintenance and Maple Lake draw down application.

18. No report

19. Nielsen reported the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed; grants approved and a report from the Barton Group on the uncorked Paw Paw campaign.

20. No report.


22. Rohr reported the Housing Commission met. Items discussed; audit report, repairs and maintenance.

23. Pioch reported the Planning Commission will meet October 6, 2011.

24. No report.

25. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival wrap up meeting will be October 5, 2011


27. Plaszczak commented on the ground breaking at the new Paw Paw District Library.

28. Rohr commented she had been receiving positive feedbacks from the community regarding the improvements being done at the Vintage Apartment site.

29. Motion by McIntosh supported by Larcinese to assign the Planning Commission with the task of development/consideration an Ordinance limiting the development retail space square footage in the CBD, B-1 and B-2 zoning district to less than 20,000 square feet. All members present voting yes, motion carried

30. Motion by McIntosh supported by Rohr to assign the Planning Commission with the task of development/consideration an Ordinance or resolution restricting the timeline, not allowing building structures Corrections 10-10-2011 parking lots, green spaces and signage to be building code noncompliant. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

31. Motion by McIntosh supported by Larcinese to assign the Planning Commission with the task of development/consideration an addition to the site plan process to included architectural design drawings correction 10-10-2011 form base code restrictions. All members present voting yes motion carried.
32. Motion by McIntosh supported by Larcinese to assign the Planning Commission with the task of development/consideration rezoning properties that are R-2 when selling or transferring ownership the zoning would revert back to R-1 zoning. Correction 10-10-2011 back to the R-1 zoning when ownership changes, transfers or sells. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

33. Nielsen noted the Municipal Employee information provided to the Council. Nielsen discussed the Village of Paw Paw ratio of government employees based upon population. According to Federal and State data the Village of Paw Paw is less than the State and Federal average for the number of employees per population. Nielsen noted the Village should be very proud of the service provided to the residents based upon the number of employees the Village has per thousand.

34. Motion by Flores, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                Christopher Tapper

Rezoning process

Village Manager

Adjournment
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, October 10, 2011, convened at 7:31 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Wilhelmi, Pioch, McIntosh, Larcinese, Flores and Rohr. Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper

3. Motion by Larcinese supported by Pioch, to approve the September 26, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $216,621.08. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims McIntosh and Larcinese.

5. Motion by Larcinese supported by McIntosh to accept the recommendation of the Village President and appoint Dan Ozanich to the Historical Commission for a three year term. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Flores supported by Rohr to grant permission to Paw Paw Rocket Football program to place a scoreboard at Tyler Field and pending language on the Maintenance agreement as submitted in the agenda October 10, 2011. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. Rohr reported the Finance & Administration Committee met tonight before the Council meeting. Items discussed included; FY 2012-2013 budget goals.

8. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; sewer backup, Blighting and Code Enforcement, I-94 ramp lighting projects and standards for maintenance of vacant buildings.

9. Wilhilmi reported the Parks and Recreation committee met last week. Items discussed included; winterization of parks, Tyler Field would be the last park open this year, update regarding lowering of Maple Lake application and placement for park benches along North Kalamazoo.

10. No report

11. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met last week. Training conducted last week in Decatur. Fire Department Annual dinner was last Thursday and was a
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good turn out.

12. No report. Update from the joint meeting with the Planning Commission went well with Nan Taylor, Michigan Historical Preservation Network.

13. No report.

14. No report.

15. No report.

16. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival wrap up meeting went well. New items to discuss for next year. Profit was made this year.

17. Larcinese noted a public hearing was scheduled for the application regarding the lowering of Maple Lake. Larcinese noted a number of conflicts several area Ackley Lake Association members are having regarding the lowering of Maple Lake. Larcinese asked those members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting to keep their comments on point and positive. The Village needs to work together with both Maple Lake & Ackley Lake Associations.

18. Plaszczak noted he was still waiting on two Trustee evaluations for the Manager. Please turn in the Village President.

19. Flores thanked the DPS, Fire and Police for all of their assistance with the Harvest Moon events. The Chamber was going to make a note not to request the same weekend again as the Paw Paw High School homecoming events.

20. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                        Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                           Christopher Tapper

Historical Commission
Housing Commission
Planning Commission
RLF
PPW&HF
Maple Lake & NR &E
Council Comments
Plaszczak
Flores
Adjournment
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, October 24, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, October 24, 2011, convened at 7:31 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Larcinese supported by Pioch, to approve the October 10, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Larcinese, supported by McIntosh to approve accounts payable in the amount of $453,963.20. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Flores and Rohr.

5. Motion by McIntosh, supported by Pioch to approve the request of the Christmas Parade Committee to use the Public Works building from 10:00a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011 and the use of Main Street from Dyckman to Michigan and the use of Michigan from Main to Gremps for the annual Christmas Parade between 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

6. Chief Marshall reported the department had received several surveys back regarding the Community Police Program. He noted he wanted to wait until more were received the data would be provided to Council. Marshall also noted the scheduling changes for Officer McMeekan too now included potions of his time to the Paw Paw Schools. Marshall commented he has spoken to the school principal’s regarding Officer McMeeken and scheduling educational opportunities for the students and the school.

7. No report

8. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Hazen Street sewer backup, the committee is now asking for feedback from the Council, Small to provide MML insurance report to Council members for review. Other items discussed included; reviewing Ordinance regarding semi-trailers, cameras needed in the Downtown areas and parks, sidewalk repair and maintenance program and street light installation on the interstate exit ramps.
9. No report

10. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met last Monday. Items discussed; grants approved presentation from Officer McMeekan and entrance signage for the Village limits.

11. No report.

12. No report.

13. No report.

14. No report.

15. No report.

16. No report

17. No report.

18. No report.

19. Plaszczak commented on the grand opening of the Shampoo Hut new business location, Shared Service meetings going well with Van Buren County and commented regarding the public hearing application to lower Maple Lake.

20. Larcinese commented on a site visited to a community with a historical downtown similar to the Village’s. Larcinese provided a picture of an old movie theater with a digital sign, but was now an attorney’s office. Larcinese noted this was important to remember during discussions regarding signage in historical buildings.

21. McIntosh commented she wanted to review the Master Plan goals and objectives at the next meeting. McIntosh noted the Master Plan was adopted two years ago and some of the objectives were still not being addressed.

22. Motion by Flores, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                               Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                           Christopher Tapper
Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, November 14, 2011

1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, November 14, 2011, convened at 7:31 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Wilhelmi supported by Larcinese, to approve the October 24, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Flores, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $614,292.05. Wilhelmi questioning claim #9, Plaszczak questioning claim #15 Pioch questioning claim #20. All members’ present voting yes, Plaszczak and McIntosh abstaining, motion carried. Next claims Pioch and Wilhelmi.

5. Motion by Pioch, supported by Rohr to authorize the Village Manager to purchase a new Chevrolet Impala police vehicle from Shaheen Chevrolet for a price not to exceed the amount of $24,451.20. Roll Call vote; Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch all voting yes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rohr, supported by Flores to extend the lease with the Paw Paw Rocket Football program on a continual year to year basis with a one year cancellation notice and authorize appropriate Village officials to execute the lease term extension agreement. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Larcinese supported by Flores to enter into an agreement with Paw Paw Rocket Football program covering the placement, maintenance and upkeep and the disposition of a new scoreboard at Tyler Field. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr to authorize Village staff to prepare and advertise “for sale real property” located at County Road 665 and solicit bids/proposals from interested parties. Roll Call vote; Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr, Flores, Wilhelmi, McIntosh and Pioch all voting yes, motion carried.

9. Plaszczak noting Nielsen has asked to have the evaluation done in open session. Plaszczak reported the evaluation was based upon 16 different categories, with an average score of 4.76 out of 5 for a combined total of 76.29 Plaszczak stated this was Nielsen’s fourth year at the Village of Paw Paw and each year Nielsen has scored higher each year. A general discussion ensued
regarding Nielsen evaluation. Comments included; each year poses new challenges for the Manager, a Manager is only as good as his staff and with each improving year has a better understanding of the goals and objectives set forth by the Council and the residents and still enjoys coming to work each day. The Council concluded with great appreciation of the job Nielsen has done over the last three years and can see the improvements made in the community by Nielsen based upon the recommendations set by Nielsen. Plaszczak asked the Finance and Administration Committee to review Nielsen’s contract for the appropriate changes and increases.

10. Tapper presented to the Council a new utility billing format. Tapper and Nielsen noted now having three years of data on the new BS&A utility billing program the layout and suggestions by residents could be added. Tapper indicated we know we are not going to be able to make all the suggestions happen, but we would try to make as many as possible. Council suggestions included; adding a thirteen month to the usage chart to allow customers to view a yearly comparison, changes to the previous month billing amount. Tapper thanked Plaszczak for the language changes regarding the “shut off” wording used in the customer information box. Nielsen asked the Council to make sure all feedback is back to staff before the beginning of February.

11. Small reported the power outage from November 11, 2011 was a repair and maintenance issued by American Electric Power. Small noted because of the high winds that day, it took longer than expected. The high winds also knock down several power poles North Kalamazoo area.

12. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the recommendation of staff, Village insurance carrier and the Village Attorney to decline the request from the property owner on Hazen Street regarding the insurance claim referencing damages to the property with regards to a sewer back up.

13. Motions by Rohr supported by Wilhelmi to approve and accept the recommendation of the Maple Lake and Natural Resources & Environment Committee and authorize the construction design of rain gardens and storm water interception engineering to be completed by Wightman & Associates for a price not to exceed $3,500.00. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

14. Nielsen reported to the Council regarding the Master Plan. Nielsen noted much progress has been made toward items included in the 2009 Master Plan. More is still to be accomplished and further follow up. Nielsen provided to the Council a book entitled “The Economics of Place” the value of building communities around people. Nielsen reported on the topics the Village Council, DDA, Planning Commission and ZBA have completed over the last two years and noted of the success. Nielsen stated each board was given topics based upon a joint meeting held with Council-Planning-ZBA.
15. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; budget goals 12-13 fiscal year, new police vehicle purchase.

16. McIntosh reported the Department of Public Services committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; sidewalks, vacant buildings and sewer backup discussion from Hazen Street.

17. Motion by McIntosh supported by Pioch to hold a public hearing December 12, 2011 on proposed Ordinance 437 referencing Vacant Buildings in the Village. All members voting yes, motion carried.

18. Wilhelmi reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met November 7, 2011. Items discussed included; budget goals 12-13 fiscal year.

19. No report.

20. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met November 1, 2011. Items discussed included; education and training referencing electric vehicles, damages to the ladder truck from training event and 2nd Assistance Chief was injured during a fire.


22. No report.


24. Plaszczak reported the Revolving Loan Committee met. Items discussed included; the Village will be losing the RLF funds to a joint regional committee.

25. No report


27. Flores commented regarding the ZBA meeting held November 7, 2011. Items discussed included; Variance requested by Paul Singh of Multani Petroleum. Flores noted the request was denied. Flores asked to have a discussion placed on the next agenda that included; pole building in the B-2 zoning district.

28. McIntosh asked staff to send a letter to the house hold on Hazen Street affected by the sewer back up. McIntosh also noted the discussion needed to continue regarding gates around the dumpsters in the CBD zoning district.
29. Flores wanted to congratulate the Paw Paw High School football team for their successful season.  

30. Motion by Flores, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.  

Respectfully submitted:

Village President,  
Roman Plaszczak  

Village Clerk,  
Christopher Tapper

Flores  
Adjournment
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, November 28, 2011, convened at 7:32 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.


3. Motion by Pioch supported by Rohr, to approve the corrected November 28, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Pioch, supported by Larcinese to approve accounts payable in the amount of $178,385.37. Plaszczak questioning claim #1, Flores questioning claim #3, 5 and 10 Pioch. All members’ present voting yes, Plaszczak abstaining, motion carried. Next claims Rohr and Wilhelmi.

5. Dan Lewis, Prein & Newhof was in attendance to thank the Village for the opportunity to bid on the 2011 bids. Lewis discussed the project he and John Small worked on regarding the DDA storage building.

6. Motions by Flores supported by Larcinese to cancel the regular scheduled meeting December 26, 2011 and authorize staff to make payments on customary invoices to be reviewed at the first meeting in January. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

7. A general discussion issued regarding staffs, process for preparing Council agendas. Plaszczak asked the Council for ideas and suggestion to make the process more professional. Plaszczak asked to have all agenda items to staff by the end of day Thursday prior to a Council meeting. This would allow staff the opportunity to review and research the items for Council. Comments included; action items need to be presented before the agenda is created, adding the agenda item “motion to approve the agenda”, this will allow staff more time to research items. Nielsen to add suggestions on next agenda.

8. At the last meeting the Council discussed the March 2010 approved Master Plan and the many actions underway and those awaiting action. The continued discussion was needed for comments and suggestions to move forward on the actions items in waiting. Larcinese commented the Council needed to lead the way for the subcommittees working on the action items. Larcinese believes the committees will be able to move forward with recommendations to the Council knowing Council members are supporting the Master Plan recommendations. Pioch suggested possible once a year workshop session.

9. The consensus of the Council was to allow Plaszczak to take request to volunteer for a new Ad-hock committee to help subcommittees move forward
with pending action items regarding the Master Plan. The Council also asked to have the item on the next agenda.

10. Rohr reported the Finance and Administration Committee met before tonight’s Council meeting. Items discussed included; Nielsen’s employment agreement, the Committee was recommending a three percent pay increase along with an increase in Nielsen retirement benefit, budget goals 12-13 fiscal year, EVIP hard cap regarding insurance and local purchase preference policy.

11. Flores reported the Department of Public Services committee did not meet before tonight’s Council meeting. Flores met with Department of Public Services, Director, John Small. Flores noted he and Small discussed memorial bricks in the sidewalks along Michigan Ave and discussed improvements needed to the Village alarm system with sewer-water and electric.

12. No report.

13. Plaszczak reported the Downtown Development Authority met November 21, 2011. Items discussed; grants approved Master Plan action items still needed to be discussed and signage for the Village.

14. No report.

15. No report. Next meeting December


17. No report. Next meeting December 1, 2011.

18. No report

19. No report

20. No report.

21. Plaszczak commented on the upcoming Christmas Parade next week December 3, 2011. Plaszczak also commented on the Christmas lights in town looked well and noted the Miller Street project looked great as well.

22. Rohr commented the Housing Commission Christmas Dinner was schedule for December 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

23. Nielsen noted the employee holiday Christmas lunch was schedule for December 16, 2011. More information to follow.
24. Motion by Flores, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. 

Respectfully submitted:

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Village President,                                Village Clerk,
Roman Plaszczak                                  Christopher Tapper
1. The regular Village Council meeting of Monday, December 12, 2011, convened at 7:30 p.m. at 114 S. Gremps, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Plaszczak presiding.

2. Present: Plaszczak, Pioch, Larcinese, Wilhelmi, Rohr and Flores. McIntosh (Late 8:25pm.). Also present: Village Manager, Larry Nielsen, Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper, Chief of Police, Eric Marshall and Director, Department of Public Services, John Small.

3. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Pioch to approve the agenda December 12, 2011 as presented. Wilhelmi asked to add under ongoing business other; Discussion regarding Medical Claims surcharges for municipalities. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Rohr supported by Larcinese, to approve the November 28, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Flores supported by Rohr to adopt Village of Paw Paw Resolution 11-11 as presented to opt-out of the requirement of Public Act 152 and notify the State of Michigan as required. Roll call; Wilhelmi, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese, Rohr and Flores all voting yes, motion carried.

6. Flores excused at 7:45 p.m.

7. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr to approve accounts payable in the amount of $178,733.29. Pioch questioning claim #9, Rohr questioning claim # 3. All members’ present voting yes, motion carried. Next claims Flores and Wilhelmi.

8. Motion by Rohr, supported by Pioch to recess the regular meeting at 7:46 and enter into a Public Hearing to take comments regarding proposed Ordinances 437 and 438. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

9. Plaszczak noted no audience present for public comment and opened the discussion to Council.

10. Nielsen noted both Ordinance 437 and 438 were amendment to reflect changes with the International Property Maintenance Code changes for 2012. Nielsen noted he had not received feedback from Village Attorney but had meet with Attorney Page regarding the proposed Ordinances.

11. Council comments included; still have not researched the ordinances enough to understand how they would affect business in the Village, not sure if an establishment of a fee is necessary, current Village staffing levels are not adequate to hand enforcement of the proposals and are the proposals to strict.
12. Motion by Larcinese to recess the public hearing at 8:05 and re-enter regular session. Plaszczak noting this public hearing can be reconvene at a later date when more Council members are present and more public comment can be taken. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Rohr supported by Pioch to accept the recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee and the renewal of the Village Manager employment agreement with Larry Nielsen. Roll call vote; Wilhelmi, Pioch, Plaszczak, Larcinese and Rohr all voting yes, motion carried.

14. Wilhelmi updated the Council regarding the engineering services proposal from Wightman & Associates for water and wastewater alarm control systems. The current equipment is outdated, cumbersome and in need of updating.

15. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr to accept the Village Presidents recommendation and appoint; Pioch, Flores and Plaszczak to the ad-hoc committee to oversee the coordination the components of the Village’s Master Plan. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

16. Plaszczak noted the discussion from last meeting regarding the changes in procedures reference the meeting agenda. Plaszczak hoped the Council would be satisfied with the changes and asked for continued feedback regarding the changes.

17. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Rohr to accept the recommendation of the Maple Lake & Natural Resources and Environment Committee and authorize staff to processed with the evaluation study submitted by Lakeshore Environmental, Inc for a price not to exceed $17,000.00. Roll call vote; Rohr, Wilhelmi, McIntosh, Pioch, Plaszczak and Larcinese all voting yes, motion carried.

18. Pioch noted the Planning Commission had discussed everything needed regarding the topic of Flashing Signs in the CBD zoning district. Pioch noted the wording change in Ordinance 431 was ready for Council discussion and or approval/deny. Consensus of the Council was to place on next agenda for discussion.

19. Wilhelmi asked the Manager to follow up regarding the surcharges with reference to Medical claims and how this will affect the Village.

20. No report

21. No report

22. No report.
23. No report.

24. Larcinese reported the Fire Board met December 6, 2011. Items discussed included; Ladder truck was repaired and back in service, closing old bank accounts and new equipment purchases (new air packs).

25. Plaszczak reported the Historical Commission met. This last meeting was held at the Paw Paw District Library. Several old maps and books discussed regarding historical Paw Paw Village. Discussion regarding setting next year’s baseball dates.

26. No report. Reminder regarding Housing Commission Christmas Dinner scheduled December 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

27. Pioch reported the Planning Commission met December 1, 2011. Items discussed included; Parking Standards, Design standards with reference to large blank commercial walls and rezoning of properties from mulit family back to single family residents.

28. No report.

29. Pioch reported the Wine and Harvest Festival Committee met. Items discussed budget from 2012 and election of new officers. Pioch to bring the recommendation to the Council for approval of new officers.

30. No report.

31. Plaszczak commented regarding the Christmas Lights, he has received all positive comments. Plaszczak also reminded Council of the employee holiday party was schedule for December 16, 2011 at 11:30 at Bistro 120.

32. Rohr commented on the positive feedback regarding the Christmas Lights.

33. McIntosh questioned the new agenda process and how to go about getting something on the agenda. Plaszczak advised the process would be too processed through committee, but needed to have the recommendations to staff the Thursday before the regular schedule Council meeting to be placed on the agenda. Plaszczak also noted agenda items can be discussed at the time of the approval of the agenda.

34. Wilhelmi noted of the traffic problems with regards to the Christmas Parade Santa run. Wilhelmi also questioned what happens to the Village Electric Department if the Village does not meet the goals set for the PA 295.

35. Chief of Police Marshall updated the Council regarding last week’s home invasions. Marshall commented he has been receiving full corporation from the Michigan State Police and Van Buren County Sheriff’s Department. Marshall noted as of tonight’s meeting the department had received several
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good tips, but has produced no suspects.

36. Motion by Larcinese, supported by Pioch to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.  

Respectfully submitted:

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