

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2022
114 N. GREMPS STREET
PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

Supervisor Stull called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment:

Greg Kinney (Road Commission) stated he was there to hear questions on behalf of the road commission. One member of the public asked if the frost laws were still in effect as he did not see signs up. Mr. Kinney answered that they are no longer using the signs, but a map can be obtained of the roads with restrictions.

Nate Smallcombe (County Road 374) asked the board to consider an extension and change of scope of the moratorium. He stated that with the loss of the petition on the ballot and the next deadline approaching they would like to work with the Board and business owners to find a compromise for both sides.

Catherine Kaufman (Township Attorney) gave a brief summery of the court hearing on the petition that Mr. Smallcombe referred to.

Tom Palenick gave an update on the proposed overlay district and that it is going to take time to complete the multiple meetings.

Several members of the audience voiced concerns on the number of marijuana businesses that could be approved during that time and questioned if anything could be done to stop them until a path forward such as the overlay district can be finalized.

Board members present:

Donald Stull, Matthew Miller, Fran Sanders, and Lisa Zinkil, Rebecca Payne

Board members absent:

None

Guests present:

Tom Palenick, Karen and Nate Smallcombe, Sue Rigoni, John Ritzema, Catherine Kaufman, Paul Pangger, Rick Nelson, Diane Rigozzi, Greg Kinney, Deb and Dave McConnell, Michael and Judith Ross, Michelle Davis, Daniel and Lisa Teske and several others who did not sign in.

Approval of minutes.

Motion by Stull seconded by Miller to approve the February 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

Closed session added after Matt Miller

Extend Moratorium after closed session

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stull seconded by Payne to approve agenda with two additions.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Sheriff's Report

Deputy read highlights from the 111 calls on the January and February 2022 sheriff's report. He noted most of the calls were traffic crashes no surprise with the storms we had. There were 17 catalytic converters reported stolen during that time. They are selling for around \$250 each and a lot are being driven and sold in Chicago.

Diane Rigozzi from Senior Services of Van Buren County presented the board with information for the updated millage. She asked the board to approve the ballot language of 1mil for 8 years. The Board tabled the millage request until the April meeting to gather more information.

Deputy Supervisor Palenick presented the board with information on a six-month extension for Misty Mee dispensary.

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to approve the six-month extension for Misty Mee.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Stull Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Board looked at two options for new board room tables.

Motion by Sanders seconded by Miller to approve ordering of the composite tables and spend no more than \$2,500 on chairs.

Roll Call Vote: Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Supervisor Stull presented the board with quotes for new sewer pumps and rails.

Motion by Stull seconded by Miller to approve the quote of \$108,651 for pump and rail install at three sewer stations.

Roll Call Vote: Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented Board with expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 274,409.37

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 69,757.48

Payroll expenditures \$ 35,138.02

Zinkil noted the numbers are high for general and sewer as we finished closing out the old bank accounts.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Payne to approve expenditures as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Payne Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,043,762.47.

Treasurer Zinkil presented the board with quotes for the remote server and IT services.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Sanders to approve the quote from Netexpress.

Roll Call Vote: Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

Clerk Payne presented the board with information on some larger equipment purchases need to run elections.

Motion by Payne seconded by Stull to pay no more than \$1,800 for the needed supplies.

Roll Call Vote: Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea

Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sanders informed the board that the Planning Commission had a meeting on February 15th and they approved the indoor grow application of Sour Flower and went over a report of the last years meetings. Sanders asked the board to consider a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to look at future planning.

FIRE BOARD/PARKS & RECREATION

Miller read fire report with 1 call to Township in February. He also handed out a letter referring to an incident that occurred at the fire station.

Motion by Stull seconded by Miller that the Township Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, to consult with our attorney regarding a written legal opinion.

Roll Call Vote: Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea

Motion Carried

Went into closed session at 9:00 PM

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to come out of closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea

Motion Carried

reopened the special meeting at 9:37 PM

The Board directed the Lawyer to draft an ordinance to limit the number of licenses down to the current number issued and an ordinance to extend the moratorium.

The Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday at 9AM to review the ordinances.

Public comment:

None

Stull adjourned the meeting at 9:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca F. Payne, Clerk
Paw Paw Township