

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
April 1, 2022
114 N. GREMPS STREET
PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

Supervisor Stull opened at 4:30 PM

Public comment:

Perry Richardson- Regarding Mr. Miller I have known the family a long time and do not like the way he has been betrayed.

Ron Douglas sr.- Just because you ask questions is no reason to be removed from the Board.

Stull asked if we should have a closed session and Miller stated that he wanted it open.

Miller – I'm elected and appointed to the Fire Board. My job is to report back to the Board and let you know what is going on.

Zinkil asked Matt how long he had been on the fire board. Miller responded with 5 years

Stull- other information has been brought to my attention. The letter you shared was not public but from an internal investigation as it has been settled by the fire department. The family involved called me and they want this to be done and not out in the public.

Miller- We have the greatest Fire Department in the world, but this is a serious matter and needs to be addressed. I did my job and brought it to the Board.

Stull- you were naming names and passing out the letter to the public.

Miller- It is public record and I believe it should be shared and your opinion (Stull) is yours.

Stull- I agree it was not right what he did, but it is for his personal record and not for the public.

Sanders- This is why we offered to handle this in closed session today as this is your personal record Matt. Are we at the point that Matt and the Fire Board cannot work together?

Miller- I can work with them just fine. I am the one being professional. Did Jackson write this letter?

James Jackson- I have 2 things to say if I may. 1. The only report the department has released on this matter is the minutes and nothing else. 2. Yes, I did write the letter.

Stull- You and Jackson are both responsible of character assassination.

Miller- I was under the belief it was public information.

Stull- You should report more generically with no names.

Zinkil- I don't know how it has made it to this setting. It seems like there is more to this situation than is being presented.

Sanders- They need to handle it like grown men and move on.

Stull- I'm not taking sides, but we need to move forward.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

Guests present:

Tom Palenick, Catherine Kaufman, and several others.

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil that Fire Board member Matt Miller be replaced with the appointment of Fran Sanders as Township Fire Board member and Donald Stull as the alternate in her absence. All other duties and responsibilities of Trustee Miller will remain the same.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yes, Miller No, Sanders Yes, Payne Yes, Stull Yes

Yeas: (4) Nays: (1) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Stull adjourned the meeting at 4:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca F. Payne, Clerk
Paw Paw Township