

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 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:

Ken Schafer asked the board to deny the Special Use Permit for the Ely Event Venue renewal, citing that the noise from the building is not being contained and that there is no vestibule. Matt Miller commented that, to his knowledge, there have been no other complaints from neighboring residents, stating that he had canvassed the surrounding area. Michael Davis commented that he was not asked if the noise affected him, and he lives north of the venue and regularly hears music. Don Stull and Catherine Kaufman asked to defer comment until we reach that portion of the agenda.

Matt Miller stated that he received a complaint about the hours of operation for the township offices and that they are not convenient. Don Stull responded that the offices are open from 9a-3p Monday through Thursday, and we have a drop box for convenience. Lisa Zinkil added that she has extended treasurer's office hours from 9a-12p to 9a-4p Monday through Thursday.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Rebecca Payne

Guests present:

Tom Palenick, Mike Ely, Karen and Nate Smallcombe, Ken Schafer, Heather Jordan, Mark Rochford, Leanna Harris, Sue Rigoni, Virginia Scheuer, Michael Davis, Junie Modlir, Laura and Matt Rentsche, Catherine Kaufman.

Approval of minutes.

Motion by Sanders seconded by Zinkil to approve the December 13, 2021 regular and December 22, 2021 special meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stull seconded by Sanders to approve agenda as presented.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Sheriff's Report

Deputy read highlights from the 70 calls on the December 2021 sheriff's report noting that January will be much higher due to snowfall that quickly accumulated making roads treacherous.

Annual Review on Ely Event Venue

Fran Sanders explained that she accompanied SafeBuilt to Ely Event and that the building was found to comply with the Special Use Permit for sound suppression if the doors stay shut. To comply with Section 4 of the permit a vestibule needs to be added so that the sound does not leave the building. Mike Ely replied that he will look into adding a vestibule but in the meantime will make sure the music is turned off before any doors are opened.

Michael Davis commented that there are pictures of the speakers displayed outside of the building. Don Stull concurred and presented the picture in question.

Catherine Kaufman reminded the board and all in attendance that this is a Special Use Permit issued by the court, it is very strict, not the same as other venues.

Motion by Sanders seconded by Zinkil to approve the yearly review of the Ely Event Venue

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

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

Presentation from Mark Rochford from Bakertilly.

Discussion on investing with Bakertilly, no decision was made, more information is needed.

Tom Palenick discussed issuing temporary marihuana events licenses.

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to amend the fee schedule for adult use temporary marihuana events license fee of \$500 per day, not to exceed 2 days, only 2 licenses available per year.

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

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

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to approve application for temporary outdoor marijuana expo at Reits Flea Market.

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

Yeas: (3) Nays: (1) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Motion by Stull seconded by Miller to approve resolution 220110 to move the starting date of the March BOR.

Roll Call Vote: Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Discussion on the use of ARPA monies for sewer pump and rail replacement.
Don Stull attempted to acquire more information for the meeting but due to covid and people being out sick he was unable to. The motion is tabled until next month when more information can be presented.

Discussion on the services for household hazardous waste recycling through Kalamazoo County.
Motion by Miller seconded by Stull to approve 2022 contract with Household Hazardous Waste.
Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Stull Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented Board with expenditure report.
General Fund expenditures \$ 40,855.70
Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 14861.66
Payroll expenditures \$ 36,273.87

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to approve expenditures as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$6,007,114.48.

Report on Personal Property Tax.
Lisa Zinkil successfully collected \$25,766.26 in delinquent taxes from as far back as 2015.

Discussion on Township Notary service and pricing.
Motion by Zinkil seconded by Sanders to approve a charge of \$5 per signature for residents and \$10 per signature for nonresidents to use the notary service.
Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Stull Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

Sanders presented the budget amendments prepared by the Clerk
Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to approve the amendments as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Stull Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Motion by Sanders seconded by Zinkil to raise the Deputy Clerk's wage to \$18 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: Sanders Yea, Stull Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sanders informed the board that at the Planning Commission had a meeting on December 7th and 21st. There were 2 applications for marihuana facilities that fell under the moratorium that were tabled. A microbusiness was approved. An applicant for an outdoor marihuana grow was tabled as they are adjusting to an indoor grow.

FIRE BOARD/PARKS & RECREATION

Miller read fire report with 4 calls to Township in December. He also reported that in total for 2021 there were 340 calls. At their meeting they planned out a budget for replacing equipment over the next several years.

Public comment:

There was public comment from several residents about microbusiness', grows, and zoning. Catharine Kaufman briefly explained.

Michael Davis commented that the board approved the Ely Event permit renewal based on a building that can hold twenty people. Don Stull and Fran Sanders explained that they complied with the noise suppression and reminded the audience that it is a court ordered Special Use Permit. Ken Schafer is understanding of the court order but does not agree that the Ely's are compliant with the noise suppression and feels the board should have denied the renewal.

Catherine Kaufman reminded the audience that it is court ordered and the board does not wish to go back to court over this matter.

A resident inquired about an indoor grow near his home, and if it was being tabled. Tom Palenick assured him that it was going to be a small indoor grow.

A resident inquired about the licenses for temporary marihuana events, how many are granted each year? Tom Palenick and Fran Sanders stated that only 2 licenses would be available each year.

Stull adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca F. Payne, Clerk
Paw Paw Township