

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 13, 2023  
114 N. GREMPS STREET  
PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

Supervisor Stull called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public comment:**

Several residents spoke up about their concerns for the high-voltage lines on or near their properties. They are worried about the lack of information on what is going on and the health of their families and wildlife currently in the area.

**Board members present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

None

**Guests present:**

Heath Wall, Linda and Pete Spry, George and Mary Ann Cargo, Ben Daam, Kevin and Naomi Goll, Jim and Tammy Tapper, Chet and Julie Boothby, Don and Margie Waite, Scott and Melissa Lindenbach, James and Dawn Hill, Mary Griffin and many others. More than 45 in attendance.

**Approval of minutes.**

Motion by Sanders seconded by Payne to approve the February 13, 2023, regular and the March 8, 2023 special meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**Additions to Agenda:**

One addition under the Supervisors section

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Sanders seconded by Zinkil to approve agenda as presented with one addition.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Sheriff's Report**

Sherriff Abott gave an update on sheriffs office activity last year and some of the things they are focusing on.

Deputy read off the numbers from February 2023 sheriff's report 126 calls.

Mary Springer gave an overview of the what the DDA is and what they were asking for the Wine and Harvest weekend. The Board discussed again if it was possible to do handicap parking for the weekend in our lot and how that could be enforced.

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to approve the use of Township parking lot for touch a truck event on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-3.

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

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

Discussion on proposed route of the Crandall High-Voltage transmission line. Supervisor Stull and Treasurer Zinkil abstained from the discussion and vote as both have directly affected properties on the route.

Motion by Payne seconded by Miller to approve resolution 230313-1 opposing the current route of the Crandall transmission line.

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

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to give support of the bridge project on County Road 358.

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

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

Motion by Miller seconded by Payne to approve the river water trail invoice for the 2023 clean-up.

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

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

Motion by Stull seconded by Sanders to approve generator service contract with Total Energy Systems, LLC.

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

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

Motion by Stull seconded by Payne to approve pine tree clean-up an Pioneer Cemetery from JC and Sons.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Zinkil presented the Board with the expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 25,529.73  
Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 17,361.25  
Payroll expenditures \$ 43,602.55

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Sanders to approve the expenditures as presented.

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

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

Impress Fund Balance of \$1,989,874.74

Discussion on Senior Center hosting a pickleball tournament during the Wine and Harvest Festival.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to approve the entrance fee for the festival.

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

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

Discussion on a 2-year contract renewal with Best Way disposal and reduction in dump passes.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Sanders to approve the 2-year contract with Best Way Disposal and reduce the transfer pass to 2 yards for PRE properties.

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

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

Treasurer Zinkil advised the Board that we are moving the investments from Flagstar back to Mercantile with a 1% increase in interest rate.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to approve the transfer \$960,658.30 of investment funds from Flagstar back to Mercantile.

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

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

**Clerks Report:**

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve resolution 230313-2 honoring the memory of Ethan Quillen.

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

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

Motion by Payne seconded by Miller to approve resolution 230313-3 honoring the memory of Rene Rangel.

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

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

Discussion on the pay rate of volunteers to cover when the staff at the Senior Center are on Vacation.

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve a rate of \$50 a day for coverage of Senior center Director's vacation days.

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

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

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Sanders informed the board that the Planning Commission met on February 21 and they Had a site plan review for Moyle doing a warehouse expansion which was approved. They also looked over an ordinance on Short Term Rentals (STR) and tabled it until they have more information.

### **FIRE BOARD**

Sanders read the fire report with 6 calls to Township in February.

### **Public comment:**

Kalli Marshall the recycling coordinator from the Van Buren Conservation District spoke on the upcoming volunteer opportunities and events.

Nate Smallcombe asked for an update on the moratorium.

Tom Palenick advised that it should be on the next meeting if not defiantly will be done by the May meeting.

Supervisor Stull adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca F. Payne, Clerk  
Paw Paw Township