

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 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:

Ken Schafer addressed the Board with concerns of amplified music at the neighboring properties Venue. He asked if he is the only one having a problem with the venue is the board not going to take action.

Supervisor Stull advised that there has been one other neighbor complaining this year as well. The Board further discussed the issue.

Joe Holman Informed the board of concerns his family has with the visibility of the intersection of CR 665 and CR 358. They believe the stop sign is not visible enough in time to safely make the stop. The Holman's family owns the house directly across from the intersection and they experience an accident that prompted the concerns. He provided pictures of the intersection and Supervisor Stull advised he will look into a solution with the Van Buren County Road Commission. The board agreed to pay for stop sign to correct the problem.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None

Guests present:

Tom Palenick, Daron Taylor, Mike Makowski, Ken Schafer, Greg Wegler, and Mr. and Mrs. Holman.

Approval of minutes.

Motion by Stull seconded by Sanders to approve the August 14, 2023, regular and August 22, 2023, special meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

One addition under the Supervisor and one under the Clerk sections

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Stull seconded by Sanders to approve agenda as presented with the two additions.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Sheriff's Report

The deputy was not present to read calls on the August 2023 sheriff's report.

Supervisor Stull asked the Board to hold the closed session to the end of the meeting. The Board agreed.

Mike Makowski gave the Board an update on the cemetery tour coming up in October with half the available tickets have been sold already.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures	\$ 114,291.32
Sewer Fund expenditures	\$ 21,218.61
Payroll expenditures	\$ 50,272.95

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

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

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,242,854.28.

Zinkil gave update on Cemetery CD's

Trustee Miller asked questions on what the interest of the Avery trust had been spent on over the years. He feels it should have made a lot of interest back in the 80's and would like to know how it was spent.

The Clerk and Treasurer were not sure off hand but agreed it can be looked into.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Stull to approve resolution 230911-1 to update office hours to Monday through Wednesday 8am to 3PM and Thursday 8AM to 11AM.

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

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

Zinkil advised the board on an email scam that she received.

Clerks Report:

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve resolution 230911-2 to enter an agreement for a joint early voting site.

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

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sanders informed the board that the Planning Commission had a meeting in August with two hearings. The first was to build a small pole barn on their property in the front yard which was consistent with others in the neighborhood. Second was the Jerz flower farm wanted to build a new house behind the current business. Both were given approval.

FIRE BOARD

Sanders advised that the Fire Board met last week, and they had just gotten back their ISO rating. They went from a 4 to a solid 3-3 and were given a list of items they can work on for an even better score next time around. This rating is used by house insurance companies to determine your rate and the new rating should help to lower insurance bills for Township residents.

Trustee Miller had no update on the public access point at Lake Cora.

Trustee Miller opened a discussion on the current sexton contract. After much discussion it was decided to return to the discussion at a future meeting.

Public comment:

None

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to enter closed session to discuss real estate offer on 35 ½ street property.

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

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

Motion by Stull seconded by Zinkil to come out of closed session and reopen the regular meeting.

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

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

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve the counteroffer on 35 ½ street property.

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

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

The board set a special meeting for September 19th at 1PM to work on contract for Cemetery Sexton, Township snow removal & Lawn/cemetery maintenance.

Stull adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

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