

**PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2024  
114 N. GREMPS STREET  
PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public comment:**

None.

**Board members present:**

Thomas Palenick, Matthew Miller, Fran Sanders, Lisa Zinkil, and Rebecca Payne

**Board members absent:**

None

**Guests present:**

Gary Schanz, Jim Degroff, Jean Gregory, Mark Root, Phil Hover, Debbie Klinger, Brooke Fogt.

**Approval of minutes.**

Motion by Sanders seconded by Zinkil to approve the February 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**Additions to Agenda:**

One deletion #5 under the Supervisor and move Senior Center discussion up to the Supervisor's section.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve agenda as presented with the two changes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Discussion on the use of the parking lot during the Wine festival for Touch a Truck and robotics display. Questions about when they were using it and how we were going to control parking at that time. Will get more information and readdress at a later meeting.

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve the purchase of new boardroom chairs not to exceed \$3,600.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea  
Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion not carried.

## **Sheriff's Report**

The deputy read 154 calls on the February 2024 sheriff's report.

Motion by Palenick seconded by Payne to approve resolution 24-03-11-1 on supporting critical bridge funding for Van Buren County Road Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Sanders Yea, Payne Yea  
Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Supervisor Palenick introduced Mark Root as his new Deputy and gave an overview of what he will be doing.

Discussion on the Paw Paw Senior Center. Possible alternative locations, how to get information out to more people, and dealing with the large quantities of to-go meals.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 24,742.32

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 3,923.20

Payroll expenditures \$ 47,928.74

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

Roll Call Vote: Sanders Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea  
Yeas: (5) Nays: (0) Absent (0). Motion carried.

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$2,564,647.00.

Discussion on 3% late penalty charge on property tax collections.

**Clerks Report:**

Motion by Payne seconded by Palenick to approve 23/24 budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick 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 resolution 24-03-11-2 on the gratitude and appreciation of Donald Stull.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick 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 met in February and held two public hearings to tweak our zoning ordinances. Also looked at the overview of the PC's work and attendance in 2023.

**FIRE BOARD**

Sanders advised that the Fire Board met last week, and there were 7 calls to the Township in February. The mustache contest went well, and they really seemed to enjoy it.

**Public comment:**

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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