

**PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 13th, 2024
114 N. GREMPS STREET
PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fran Sanders

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Root, Catherine Kaughman, Jim Degroff, Dennis Reynolds, Kimberly Rennolds, Bryan Stump, Erica Haselberger, and Emily Hickmont.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Payne to approve the April 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Correction of item number 1 under the Clerk should be Fire not Senior Services and addition of number 9 Sewer Study under Supervisors section.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve agenda as presented with the correction and 1 addition.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Stump had questions on the proposed solar farm. Supervisor Palenick advised where he could obtain the information he requested.

Emily Hickmont gave an overview on what the Van Buren Conservation District had planned for this year.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The deputy read 165 calls on the April 2024 sheriff's report.

Discussion and update on bid process for the sewer maintenance contract.

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve a two-year contract renewal with Appraisals Plus Group, LLC.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea

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

Motion by Palenick seconded by Payne to approve the village use of the parking lot for Paw Paw Days.

Roll Call Vote: Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea

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

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve the "Voices of the past" 2nd annual event at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea

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

Motion by Payne seconded by Palenick to approve the contribution of \$ 1,500. to Van Buren County Resource & Recovery Program.

Roll Call Vote: Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller Yea

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

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve ordinance 287 an amendment to the Zoning ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Miller Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea

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

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve ordinance 288 allowing short term rentals with the change to 35 miles for local agent and the word inspection to issuance on page 4.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Miller No, Payne Yea
Yeas: (4) Nays: (0) Absent (1). Motion carried.

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to authorize the Supervisor to seek estimates for a sewer rate study and authorize the Supervisor to execute all documents for the study not to exceed \$20,000.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures	\$ 49,422.83
Sewer Fund expenditures	\$ 39,336.62
Payroll expenditures	\$ 51,919.93

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

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$2,893,802.81.

CLERKS REPORT:

Motion by Payne seconded by Zinkil to approve resolution R240513-3 the renewal of the fire operating millage language.

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

Motion by Palenick seconded by Payne to approve resolution R240513-2 the renewal of the Township Road millage language.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

The PC started looking at the Master Plan at the April meeting.

FIRE BOARD

The Fire Board meeting was postponed last week due to the tornado activity in the surrounding area and will be held tomorrow night.

PARKS AND REC

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

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