

**PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Fran Sanders, and Lisa Zinkil,

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Matthew Miller, and Rebecca Payne

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mark Root

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:01P.M. and opened the hearing on Summit Road Maintenance Assessment.

Brigitte Depue- objected to the street lighting and tree removal in the notice. The board advised that the notice is more general, and the plans turned in for their assessment only include snow removal and road resurfacing.

Sylvia Walters stated it is \$7,400 for road repair, \$2,000 for snow plowing and 1% to township. Comes to \$9,800

Shari Patton, speaking for Archie and Linda Davies, Archie never received any information about meetings.

Jim Perch, we were unable to attend meetings where is the money and who handles it? Votes No.

Caroline Connoly, at meetings we decided on road maintenance the letter that was sent was wrong! That has been the problem.

Treasurer Zinkil informed the audience that if anyone is opposed, they need to send a letter to the clerk.

Lots of complaints about the wording of the letter.

Palenick closed the Summit Road Hearing at 6:20 and reopened the regular meeting

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:21P.M. and opened the hearing on Eagle Lake weed control Assessment.

Richard Marcinek, Does not want chemicals of any kind.

John Tapper, SAD has been in place for a long time for Asian Milfoil only. Stary stonewort is hard to eradicate without harsh chemicals and the verbiage was changes to address the extra weeds.

Rich Strazinski, has seen no improvement since 1991. Objects to the SAD. Suggest bringing in the DEQ and DNR to help solve it.

Chuck, the DEQ and DNR will not financially support weed control in any inland lake. Still supports weevils, but the weevils can't keep up with the Asian Milfoil. Weevils won't eat the Starry Stonewort.

Palenick closed the Eagle Lake Weed Hearing at 6:51 and reopened the regular meeting

### **EAGLE LAKE WEED CONTROL RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**

**AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD, HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF September 2024 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 114 NORTH GREMPS STREET, PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

**PRESENT:** Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil

**ABSENT:** Matthew Miller, Rebecca Payne

**THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE BY Palenick AND SECONDED BY Sanders.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA. 188 of 1954, being MCLA 41.721 et seq., as amended, a request has been filed with the Paw Paw Township Board requesting application of weed control treatment to Eagle Lake and to create a special assessment district for the purpose of assessing the costs of said improvement in the aforesaid district; and, it appearing to the Township Board said improvement for eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants is an appropriate public improvement to said Lake

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD intends to make such improvement and tentatively designating a special assessment district against which the cost, including costs of engineering and all expenses incident to the proceeding for making and financing the improvement shall be deemed part of the cost, is to be assessed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

- 1) That a public hearing shall be held on the 14th day of October 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Paw Paw Township Hall, 114 North Gremps Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079 to hear objections and comments regarding the proposed improvement and to the special assessment district to be comprised of the owners of record of land benefiting from access to Eagle Lake.
- 2) The Paw Paw Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township a notice of said public hearing. The first publication shall occur at least 10 days before the date of the hearing. Further notice of said public hearing shall be given to each record owner of or party in interest in the property to be assessed whose name appears on upon the last township tax assessment records by first class mail addressed to the record owner or party in interest at the address shown on the tax records at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notice shall also be provided to any railroad companies which have filed in writing with the Secretary of State the name and post office address of the person upon whom may be served the notice of any proceeding.
- 3) The plans and estimate of costs for the improvement shall be placed on file with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination. If periodic redeterminations of costs may be necessary without a change in the special assessment district, redetermination may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest providing that an additional hearing will be required if an actual incremental costs increase exceeds the estimated increase by 10% or more.
- 4) At the public hearing, the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change plans, estimate of costs, or the special assessment district.

AYES: Lisa Zinkil, Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:54P.M. and opened the hearing on Eagle Lake Drive Maintenance Assessment.

Jim Grande, requested how much money is in the SAD.

Palenick closed the Eagle Lake Drive Hearing at 6:57 and reopened the regular meeting.

### EAGLE LAKE DRIVE MAINTENANCE

AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD,  
HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF September 2024 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL  
LOCATED AT 114 NORTH GREMPS STREET, PAW PAW, MICHIGAN  
49079

PRESENT: Lisa Zinkil, Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick

ABSENT: Matthew Miller, Rebecca Payne

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE BY Palenick AND  
SECONDED BY Sanders.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA. 188 of 1954, being MCLA 41.721 et seq., as amended, a request has been filed with the Paw Paw Township Board requesting maintenance of Eagle Lake Drive and to create a special assessment district for the purpose of assessing the cost of said improvement in the aforesaid district: and, it appearing to the Township Board said improvement for street lighting, snow removal, and tree and brush trimming is an appropriate public improvement to said road, and

WHEREAS, the estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district were filed with the township clerk for public examination and notice of the within hearing upon the same was published and mailed in accordance with the law and statute provided as shown by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the township clerk, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was scheduled this 9<sup>th</sup> day of

September 2024 commencing at 6 o'clock p.m. and all persons given the opportunity to be heard in the matter, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the township board believes the project to be in the best interests of the township and of the district proposed to be established therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That this township board does hereby approve the plans for the street maintenance and improvements prepared and presented by James Grande, on behalf of the Eagle Lake Association and their estimate of costs for the completion thereof of \$21,000.
2. That this township board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as Eagle Lake Drive Maintenance special assessment district No.885 within which the costs of such maintenance shall be assessed according to benefits, the following described area within said township:

**All properties that abut Eagle Lake Drive from M-51 to Palmer Dr.**

3. That on the basis of the foregoing, this township board does hereby direct the supervisor and assessing officer to make a special assessment roll in which shall be entered and described all the parcels of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against the parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all the parcels of land in the special assessment district. When the same has been completed, the supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto his/her certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he/she has, according to his/her best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in the resolution and the applicable state statutes.
4. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolutions be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil.

The following voted "Nay":

The supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were then submitted upon the motion of Palenick and supported by Sanders for adoption:

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR EAGLE  
LAKE DRIVE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 885

WHEREAS, the supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with resolution of the township board and the laws pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$14,000 covering all the parcels of land in the Eagle Lake Drive Maintenance Assessment District No. 885 for a period of five years, according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district and has affixed thereto his/her certificate as required by said resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the township clerk and shall be available for public examination during working hours of regular working days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing.
2. That the township board shall meet at 6 o'clock p.m. on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Paw Paw Township Hall located at 114 North Gremps Street, within the township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.
3. That the township clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Courier-Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing with the first publication being not less than 10 days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all owners of or persons interested in property within the Eagle Lake Drive Maintenance Assessment District No. 855 as shown on the current assessment roll of the township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with law and statute provided.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.
5. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil.
6. The following voted "Nay": None
7. The supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:58P.M. and opened the hearing on Lake Brownwood weed Assessment.

Scott Lindebach, Back lots and deeded lots should be included.

Dave VanDoeran, in charge of the Lake Association, we cannot find out who the back lot owners are.

Charmaine Sullivan- we have tried for years to find deeded access. There are several back lotters that don't use the lake. We are trying to get donations from back lots.

Edward Louis, who controls what happens?

An audience member stated the associations are in charge of what happens.

Palenick closed the Lake Brownwood Hearing at 7:06 and reopened the regular meeting.

## **LAKE BROWNWOOD WEED CONTROL RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**

AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD,  
HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL  
LOCATED AT 114 NORTH GREMPS STREET, PAW PAW, MICHIGAN  
49079

PRESENT: Fran Sanders, Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil

ABSENT: Matthew Miller, Rebecca Payne

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE BY Palenick AND  
SECONDED BY Sanders.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA. 188 of 1954, being MCLA 41.721 et seq., as amended, a request has been filed with the Paw Paw Township Board requesting application of weed control treatment to Lake Brownwood and to create a special assessment district for the purpose of assessing the costs of said improvement in

the aforesaid district; and, it appearing to the Township Board said improvement for eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants is an appropriate public improvement to said Lake

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD intends to make such improvement and tentatively designating a special assessment district against which the cost, including costs of engineering and all expenses incident to the proceeding for making and financing the improvement shall be deemed part of the cost, is to be assessed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

- 1) That a public hearing shall be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Paw Paw Township Hall, 114 North Gremps Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079 to hear objections and comments regarding the proposed improvement and to the special assessment district to be comprised of the owners of record of land benefiting from access to Lake Brownwood.
- 2) The Paw Paw Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township a notice of said public hearing. The first publication shall occur at least 10 days before the date of the hearing. Further notice of said public hearing shall be given to each record owner of or party in interest in the property to be assessed whose name appears on upon the last township tax assessment records by first class mail addressed to the record owner or party in interest at the address shown on the tax records at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notice shall also be provided to any railroad companies which have filed in writing with the Secretary of State the name and post office address of the person upon whom may be served the notice of any proceeding.
- 3) The plans and estimate of costs for the improvement shall be placed on file with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination. If periodic redeterminations of costs may be necessary without a change in the special assessment district, redetermination may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest providing that an additional hearing will be required if an actual incremental cost increase exceeds the estimated increase by 10%



or more.

- 4) At the public hearing, the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change plans, estimate of costs or the special assessment district.

AYES: Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil and Fran Sanders

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF September 2024.

### SUMMIT STREET MAINTENANCE

AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD, HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 114 NORTH GREMP'S STREET, PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079

PRESENT: Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil, Fran Sanders

ABSENT: Matthew Miller, Rebecca Payne

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE BY Palenick AND SECONDED BY Sanders.

WHEREAS, the township board of the Township of Paw Paw received petitions signed by more than 50 percent of the total (area or footage) of the proposed special assessment district described hereinafter, and accordingly, determined to proceed under the provisions of PA 188 of 1954, as amended, to secure estimates of the cost together with a proposed special assessment district for assessing the costs of the proposed street and easement maintenance and improvement to schedule a public hearing upon the same for this date, and

WHEREAS, the estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district were filed with the township clerk for public examination and notice of the within hearing upon the same was published and mailed in accordance with the law and statute provided as shown by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the township clerk, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was scheduled this 9<sup>th</sup> day of

September 2024 commencing at 6 o'clock p.m. and all persons given the opportunity to be heard in the matter, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the township board believes the project to be in the best interests of the township and of the district proposed to be established therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

5. That this township board does hereby determine that the petitions for the Summit Street Maintenance special assessment district No.865 were properly signed by the record owners of land whose (frontage or area) constitutes more than 50 percent of the total (frontage or area) upon the proposed improvement.
6. That this township board does hereby approve the plans for the street and easement maintenance and improvements prepared and presented by Sylvia Walter, on behalf of the Summit Street Association and their estimate of costs for the completion thereof of \$9,800.
7. That this township board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as Summit Street Maintenance special assessment district No.865 within which the costs of such maintenance shall be assessed according to benefits, the following described area within said township:

**All properties that abut Summit Street a loop from M-40 back to M-40.**

8. That on the basis of the foregoing, this township board does hereby direct the supervisor and assessing officer to make a special assessment roll in which shall be entered and described all the parcels of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against the parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all the parcels of land in the special assessment district. When the same has been completed, the supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto his/her certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he/she has, according to his/her best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in the resolution and the applicable state statutes.
9. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolutions be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye" Palenick, Zinkil, Sanders

The following voted "Nay" None

The supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were then submitted upon the motion of Palenick and supported by Sanders for adoption:

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SUMMIT STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 865

WHEREAS, the supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with resolution of the township board and the laws pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$9,800. covering all the parcels of land in the Summit Street Maintenance Assessment District No. 865 for a period of two years, according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district and has affixed thereto his/her certificate as required by said resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

8. That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the township clerk and shall be available for public examination during working hours of regular working days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing.
9. That the township board shall meet at 6 o'clock p.m. on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Paw Paw Township Hall located at 114 North Gremps Street, within the township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.
10. That the township clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Courier-Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing with the first publication being not less than 10 days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all owners of or persons interested in property within the Summit Street Maintenance Assessment District No. 865 as shown on the current assessment roll of the township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with law and statute provided.
11. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.
12. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Palenick, Zinkil, Sanders
13. The following voted "Nay":None
14. The supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

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

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve agenda as presented.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

The deputy was absent.

Motion by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve Dirtworks estimate for Prospect Cemetery work.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Sanders Yea, Palenick Yea

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Absent (2). Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 77,358.55

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 29,562.99

Payroll expenditures \$ 52,104.19

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

Roll Call Vote: Sanders Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Absent (2). Motion carried.

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$2,052,826.61

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Palenick to adopt the Senior Center policy manual.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, Sanders Yea

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Absent (2). Motion carried.

Motion by Zinkil seconded by Palenick to approve \$18 per hour no benefits or holiday pay for an employee at the transfer station.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Sanders Yea, Palenick Yea

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Absent (2). Motion carried.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Sanders informed the board that the Planning Commission meet in August and will share more next meeting.

**FIRE BOARD**

Sanders advised that the Fire Board meet last week, and there were 4 calls to the Township in August. The new chiefs will be announced at the banquet in October.

**PARKS AND REC**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

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