

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 13, 2025  
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:**

John Heidema asked the board to consider entering a moratorium to eliminate cannabis in our township. Requested to see the website more up to date with minutes and agendas.

Gary Schantz gave the board information from the first week having a membership fee for out of area seniors. We have had some new members already this year bringing our total member count to 968.

**Board members present:**

Thomas Palenick, James DeGroff, Lisa Zinkil, Rebecca Payne, and Dennis Reynolds

**Board members absent:**

None

**Guests present:**

Gary Schantz and John Heidema

**Approval of minutes.**

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, regular meeting minutes with addition of corrections on page 3.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**Additions to Agenda:**

One additional under the Clerk section for the Sheridan Rd SAD and adding item 5 sign ordinance to the Supervisors section.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Payne to approve the agenda as presented with changes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Sheriff's Report**

The deputy read the call report with 123 calls for December in the Township.

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Reynolds to appoint members as listed below.

Roll Call Vote: Reynolds Yea, DeGroff Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea

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

Planning Commission terms expiring 2027- Kip Kerby, Chuck Felcyn, Phillip Arbanas and Jim DeGroff (term ends 2028)

Board of review terms expiring 2027- Phil Hover, Neil Boff, and Anita Ghastin

Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 2027- Phillip Aranas, Neil Boff, Trisha Downard, Nate Smallcombe, and Tom Beam ( as alternate).

Palenick updated the board that Freshwater church agreed to lock in the same rate for rent until December 2026 to run the same as our milage.

Palenick presented the board with copies of the updated policy and procedure manual and asked that they review it so that it can be addressed at the February meeting.

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve sign ordinance amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Zinkil Yea, Reynolds Yea, DeGroff Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 29,841.83

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 25,191.93

Payroll expenditures \$ 53,445.69

Motion made by Zinkil seconded by DeGroff to approve expenditures as presented.

Roll Call Vote: DeGroff Yea, Reynolds Yea, Payne Yea, Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,730,958.07

Discussion on senior Center memberships and the addition of a quarterly option.

### **Clerk's Report:**

Motion made by Payne seconded by Palenick to move forward with public hearings on Sheridan Rd SAD.

Roll Call Vote: Palenick Yea, Zinkil Yea, DeGroff Yea, Reynolds Yea, Payne Yea

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

Discussion on the termination of the health savings card.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

DeGross informed the Board that there was no planning commission meeting in December. They are scheduled to have a meeting next Tuesday after a round table discussion at 4pm. Also had notices that the website is not up to date.

**FIRE BOARD**

Reynolds read the fire report with 10 calls to the Township in December. There were 306 responses in 2024 for the fire department making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest year.

**Public comment:**

John Heidema ask if the future land map would be available soon.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

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