

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2025
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, James DeGroff, Lisa Zinkil, Rebecca Payne, and Dennis Reynolds

Board members absent:

None

Guests present:

Randy Peat, Kyle Richardson, Steve Bryer

Approval of minutes.

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve January 13th, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Payne to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of #5 under the supervisor.

In Favor Aye: All Aye

Motion Carried

Public comment:

Randy Peat wanted to give some highlights from the County in 2024. Broadband initiative is going well. Palisades is moving along on the restart. The County is working on a strategic plan.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Steve Bryer presented the board with the 2023/2024 audit results. The Township is in good financial standing.

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:18 P.M. and opened the hearing on Sheridan Road Maintenance Assessment.

Doug Hickok asked what the next steps are.

Dave Pool why did the Township/County stop repairing the road?

Supervisor Palenick advised that it is a private road and the County just couldn't keep up with maintenance of private roads.

Leann Fader we pay higher taxes. How does a private road become a public road? Should we go to the County Commission and appeal to them? What are the steps?

Donna McQueen moved here a year ago and didn't know it was a private road. Shouldn't our taxes be lower because the County doesn't work on the road?

Larry Allen I have two and a half lots. I said yes, but if I have to pay for 2.5 I would say no.

The Clerk said he would only pay for 1.

Debbie I don't think we should wait any longer. What is the time frame if we proceed? We need to move now because the road is unsafe.

Palenick closed the Sheridan Road Maintenance Hearing at 7:00pm and reopened the regular meeting.

The deputy read the call report with 97 calls for January in the Township.

Kyle Richardson spoke on the fire departments request for additional equipment.

Motion made by DeGroff seconded by Reynolds to approve additional equipment purchase of \$40,000 for air packs at the fire station.

Roll Call Vote: Reynolds Yea, DeGroff Yea, Payne No, Palenick No, Zinkil No

Yeas: (2) Nays: (3) Absent (0). Motion not carried.

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Zinkil to approve additional equipment purchase of \$22,800 for air packs at the fire station.

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

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

Motion made by Palenick seconded by Reynolds to appoint Ken Bowdith to the Planning Commission and Mike Pioch to the Board of Review.

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 53,137.23

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 35,061.95

Payroll expenditures \$ 51,309.22

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

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

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,694,159.80

Clerk's Report:

Motion made by Payne seconded by Palenick to approve resolution 250210 for Sheridan Road

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

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the Board that there was no Planning Commission meeting in January. DeGroff commented that the tree work on Paw Paw Road is appalling.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 1 call to the Township in January. Update the Board that all municipalities have agreed to the contract and are ready to sign. The Fire Department had some ice training this month.

Public comment:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

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