

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING Held on June 9, 2025**  
**114 N. GREMPS STREET**  
**PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 49079**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Members present:** Thomas Palenick, Lisa Zinkil, Dennis Reynolds, James DeGroff, Rebecca Payne

**Members absent:** None

**Guests present:** Bryan Stump. Dave and April Smith, B. Carroll, Angie Honda, Donald Welch, Frank Walters, Ben Brousseau and Dave Sons

**Additions to Agenda:**

Correction to number 3 under the Clerk's should be the 2025/2026 Budget.

**Approval of Agenda**

approve the agenda as presented with one correction.

In Favor **Aye:** All **Nay:** None

Motion Carried

**Approval of minutes.**

Approval of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 special meeting minutes.

In Favor **Aye:** All **Nay:** None

Motion Carried

**Public comment:**

None.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The deputy ready the calls for the Township in April (96) and May (109).

Reynolds made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the bid from Vogt's Snow Removal for the parking lot sealing at the Fire Department Building.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas-** DeGroff, Reynolds, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays-** None **Absent-**None

Motion carried

Palenick made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve the use and closure of Prospect Cemetery on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Zinkil, DeGroff, Reynolds, Payne, Palenick **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 28,051.31

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 23,279.30

Payroll expenditures \$ 55,099.24

Zinkil made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve expenditures as presented.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Reynolds, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil, DeGroff **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$2,193,879.45

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

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:20 P.M. and opened the hearing on Ackley Lake Special Assessment.

Bernice Puskaric- here to hear what is going on and for support. Helped to start the original petition in 2001ish.

Angela Honda- a lot of people would like to change the plants that are treated. Such as lily pads and spatter dock.

Annette – added agreement in adding additional species. Asked about the deeded access owners?

Richard Chudoba- concerns on the Lilly pads. There has been considerable growth in the past few years.

Dave Sons- spoke to address some of the concerns on the lily pads.

Richard Chudoba- agreed that the treatment of the invasive plants is very good.  
However, the native plants are not under control, they are increasing.

Casy Sons- removing the native plants will open fertile ground for the invasives to grow.  
The DEQ limits what you can do to treat the lily pads.

Frank Stout- lived out there for a long time. The lake is much better than it was in the past. I hope we don't turn this down due to the appearance of disagreement.

Palenick closed the Ackley Lake Special Assessment Hearing at 6:45 pm and reopened the regular meeting.

Reynolds made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve resolution R250609-1 Ackley Lake Aquatic Plant Control establishing the roll.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas-** Zinkil, DeGroff, Reynolds, Payne, Palenick **Nays-** None **Absent-**None  
Motion carried

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. R250609-1**

**RESOLUTION ON ACKLEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 840**

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 Ackley 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

WHEREAS the plans, estimate of costs 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 law and statute as sworn by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was held on June 9, 2025 commencing at 6:00 p.m. and all persons were given an opportunity to be heard in this 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That this Township Board does hereby approve the plans for the project as prepared and presented to the Township Board and the estimate of costs for the completion thereof Eighty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$86,400).
2. That this Township Board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as the ACKLEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 840 within which district the amount of Eighty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$86,400) of the cost of such improvements, including any administrative costs, shall be assessed according to benefits, against the properties identified by parcel number attached and incorporated herein on attached Exhibit A. The term of the special assessment district will be for six (6) years, 2025 through 2030 inclusive.

This special assessment district shall remain in existence until all assessments and interest thereon have been paid and that unspent special assessment monies, if any, remaining after the conclusion of payment for aquatic plant control measures taken through 2030 inclusive may be applied to pay for future Ackley Lake aquatic plant control measures taken subsequent to 2030.

3. That on the basis of the foregoing, this Township Board does hereby direct the Supervisor and Chief 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 the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all 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 and Chief Assessing Officer shall affix thereto his certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this Resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this Resolution and the applicable state statutes.
4. That all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:55 P.M. and opened the hearing on Mape Lake Special Assessment.

Frank Walters- from the Maple Lake Association, here to answer any questions.

Jeff Brown- due the same people treat Ackley and Maple? How do they determine the cost the treat?

Palenick closed the Mape Lake Special Assessment Hearing at 6:59 pm and reopened the regular meeting.

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. R250609-2**

**RESOLUTION ON MAPLE LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 839**

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 Maple 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

WHEREAS the plans, estimate of costs 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 law and statute as sworn by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was held on June 9, 2025 commencing at 6:00 p.m. and all persons were given an opportunity to be heard in this 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That this Township Board does hereby approve the plans for the project as prepared and presented to the Township Board and the estimate of costs for the completion thereof two hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$227,850).
2. That this Township Board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as the MAPLE LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 839 within which district the amount of two hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$227,850) of the cost of such improvements, including any administrative costs, shall be assessed according to benefits, against the properties identified by parcel number attached and incorporated herein on attached Exhibit A. The term of the special assessment district will be for six (6) years, 2025 through 2030 inclusive.

This special assessment district shall remain in existence until all assessments and interest thereon have been paid and that unspent special assessment monies, if any, remaining after the conclusion of payment for aquatic plant control measures taken through 2030 inclusive

may be applied to pay for future Maple Lake aquatic plant control measures taken subsequent to 2030.

3. That on the basis of the foregoing, this Township Board does hereby direct the Supervisor and Chief 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 the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all 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 and Chief Assessing Officer shall affix thereto his certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this Resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this Resolution and the applicable state statutes.
4. That all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Zinkil made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve resolution R250609-2 Maple Lake Aquatic Plant Control establishing the roll.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- DeGroff, Reynolds, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve the 2024/2025 budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Zinkil, DeGroff, Reynolds, Payne, Palenick **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

Payne presented the Board with the 2025/2026 Budget and millage rates.

GENERAL FUND 101	
revenues	\$1,258,847.14
appropriations	\$1,130,551.40
Net R/A	\$128,295.74

SEWER FUND 590	
revenues	\$383,300.00
appropriations	\$420,100.00
Net R/A	\$(36,800.00)

ALL FUND	
revenues	\$3,131,356.78
appropriations	\$2,589,890.97
Net R/A	\$541,465.81

ALLOCATED OPERATATING	.7884
NEW SENIOR	.4889
ROAD	.9540
TOTAL	2.2313

Payne made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve the 2025/2026 budget and millage rates as presented.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Reynolds, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil, DeGross **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

DeGross made a motion with support from Payne to approve the 2025/2026 Insurance contract with Decker.

Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Payne, Palenick, Zinkil, DeGross, Reynolds **Nays**- None **Absent**-None  
Motion carried

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

DeGross informed the Board that the Planning Commission had a meeting in May. Coming up, the Township Board should see 2 new ordinances for approval.

#### **FIRE BOARD**

Reynolds read the fire report with 19 township and 44 village calls in May. Many of the calls were due to the windstorm. The department participated in training at Palisades and Honor Guard training last month.

VBEMS had 126 calls for ambulance and first response to the Township in May.

#### **Public comment:**

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

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