

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on July 14, 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: Hope Vasquez, Dave Sons, Don Welch, Frank Walters, Sly and Lisa Sylvester, Ben Brousseau, Toni and Dave Pool, Frank Stout, Angie Honda, David Smith

Additions to Agenda:

Correction to number 2 under the Supervisor should be the Township lot not PPFD. Add number 6 under the Clerk's section for Lake Cora SAD.

Approval of Agenda

approve the agenda as presented with two correction.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Approval of June 9th , 2025, regular and June 3rd, 2025 special meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment:

None.

Clerk's Report:

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:03 P.M. and opened the hearing on Ackley Lake Special Assessment.

Resident asked how many bids and who set this up?

This was handled by the Ackley Lake Association.

Palenick closed the Ackley Lake Special Assessment Hearing at 6:07 pm and reopened the regular meeting.

PUBLIC ACT 188 OF 1954 PROCEEDINGS
Paw Paw Township
Van Buren County, Michigan

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION

Special Assessment Roll for special Assessment District No. 840

WHEREAS, the township board of the Township of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, after due and legal notice, has conducted a public hearing upon a proposed assessment roll prepared by the supervisor and assessing officer of the township for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintenance proposed to be conducted within the Special Assessment District No. 840.

AND WHEREAS, such public hearing was preceded by proper notice in the Courier-Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in the township, and by first-class mail to each property owner of record within said district and upon said assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS, comments were received from those present at such public hearing concerning said assessment roll and opportunity to all present to be heard in the matter;

AND WHEREAS, no written objections were received to said roll and levy;

AND WHEREAS, a record of those present to protest, and of written protests submitted at or before the public hearing was made a part of the minutes of the hearing;

AND WHEREAS, the township board has duly inspected the proposed assessment roll and considered all comments and proposed amendments thereto and has found the proposed assessment roll, as amended, to be correct, just and reasonable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The assessment roll submitted by the supervisor and assessing officer of the township (as amended in the within resolution) shall hereafter be designated as Ackley Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 840 and shall hereby be confirmed as the assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 840.
2. Said Special Assessment Roll in the total sum of \$86,400.00 plus , expenses, legal, 1% administration fee, publication and initial billing costs and said Special Assessment Roll is described as all parcels of land, determined the be 61 parcels, to be assessed with the name of

the respective owners thereof, if known, and shows a total to be assessed against each parcel of land in the Special Assessment District as the benefit of the parcel of land bears to the total benefit of all parcels benefited in said District is \$196.86 per parcel, subject to modification in accordance to law, for 6 years commencing 2025 through 2030. All unpaid installments prior to the transfer of the tax roll shall bear interest as provided by Public Act 188 of 1954 payable annually on each installment due at the rate of 5% percent per annum commencing on the first installment due date hereinbefore set forth. Any payment made before such first installment shall not bear any such interest.

3. Future installments of an assessment against a parcel may be paid to the Township Treasurer any time in full with interest accrued through the month in which the final installment is paid in accordance with Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended. If any installment of a Special Assessment is not paid when due, then the installment shall be considered to be delinquent and there shall be collected, in addition to the interest provided by this section, a penalty rate of 1% for each month, or fraction of a month, that the installment remains unpaid before being reported to the Township Board for reassessment upon the Township Tax Roll, also in accordance with Public Act 188 of 1954.
4. The assessment made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected by the Township Treasurer, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to said Treasurer with his warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect such assessment in accordance with the direction of the Township Board and said Public Act 188 of 1954.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve resolution R250714-1 Ackley Lake Aquatic Plant Control establishing the roll.

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

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:08 P.M. and opened the hearing on Mape Lake Special Assessment.

Resident had a question if the weed boat would be in use at all? Association answered that it will be used when needed.

PUBLIC ACT 188 OF 1954 PROCEEDINGS

**Paw Paw Township
Van Buren County, Michigan**

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION

Special Assessment Roll for special Assessment District No. 839

WHEREAS, the township board of the Township of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, after due and legal notice, has conducted a public hearing upon a proposed assessment roll prepared by the supervisor and assessing officer of the township for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintenance proposed to be conducted within the Special Assessment District No. 839.

AND WHEREAS, such public hearing was preceded by proper notice in the Courier-Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in the township, and by first-class mail to each property owner of record within said district and upon said assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS, comments were received from those present at such public hearing concerning said assessment roll and opportunity to all present to be heard in the matter;

AND WHEREAS, no written objections were received to said roll and levy;

AND WHEREAS, a record of those present to protest, and of written protests submitted at or before the public hearing was made a part of the minutes of the hearing;

AND WHEREAS, the township board has duly inspected the proposed assessment roll and considered all comments and proposed amendments thereto and has found the proposed assessment roll, as amended, to be correct, just and reasonable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The assessment roll submitted by the supervisor and assessing officer of the township (as amended in the within resolution) shall hereafter be designated as Maple Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 839 and shall hereby be confirmed as the assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 839.
2. Said Special Assessment Roll in the total sum of \$180,600.00 plus , expenses, legal, 1% administration fee, publication and initial billing costs and said Special Assessment Roll is described as all parcels of land, determined the be 121 parcels, to be assessed with the name of the respective owners thereof, if known, and shows a total to be assessed against each parcel of land in the Special Assessment District as the benefit of the parcel of land bears to the total benefit of all parcels benefited in said District is \$282.50 per parcel for 2025, and increasing 3% cumulatively per year, subject to modification in accordance to law, for 6 years commencing 2025 through 2030. All unpaid installments prior to the transfer of the tax roll shall bear interest as provided by Public Act 188 of 1954 payable annually on each installment due at the rate of 5%

percent per annum commencing on the first installment due date hereinbefore set forth. Any payment made before such first installment shall not bear any such interest.

3. Future installments of an assessment against a parcel may be paid to the Township Treasurer any time in full with interest accrued through the month in which the final installment is paid in accordance with Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended. If any installment of a Special Assessment is not paid when due, then the installment shall be considered to be delinquent and there shall be collected, in addition to the interest provided by this section, a penalty rate of 1% for each month, or fraction of a month, that the installment remains unpaid before being reported to the Township Board for reassessment upon the Township Tax Roll, also in accordance with Public Act 188 of 1954.
4. The assessment made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected by the Township Treasurer, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to said Treasurer with his warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect such assessment in accordance with the direction of the Township Board and said Public Act 188 of 1954.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Payne made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution R250714-2 Maple Lake Aquatic Plant Control establishing the roll.

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

Payne made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the approve the Grape Lake Rune route.

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 ordinance 291 NCC District Amendment.

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

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to approve Ordinance 292 Solar amendment.

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

Motion carried

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to move forward with the hearings on the Lake Cora SAD.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The deputy ready the calls for the Township in June (136).

Zinkil made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the bid from Vogt's Snow Removal for the parking lot sealing at the Township Hall for \$2,650.

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

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to approve the use and closure of ½ the parking lot for corn hole on the Saturday of the Grape Festival.

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

DeGroff made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve the use of Siegfried Crandall PC for the annual audit not to exceed \$13,300.

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

Discussion on Village PILOT distribution. Will be readdressed at the August meeting after we get more details.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 89,058.60

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 24,700.17

Payroll expenditures \$ 54,930.14

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 \$2,280,304.01

DeGroff made a motion with support from Reynolds to send an email to Almena saying that it is \$15,000 to be a partner. Also attach a letter that will be given to their residents if they do not agree to contract.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the Board that the Planning Commission has a meeting tomorrow night. DeGroff questioned why Almena Township had such a successful Master Plan campaign? Do we have money in the budget to do flyers and yard signs as well?

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 12 township calls in June. The department escorted the girls' softball team as they went to state. They had ladder and pump training. Reynolds commended the fire members on putting in the lengthy hours of training that they do without pay.

Public comment:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

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