

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on August 11, 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: Tony Thompson, Greg Nitzel, Mike Wilson.

Additions to Agenda:

Addition of number 3 under the Supervisor Cuddeback sealing. Add number 4 under the Clerk's section for perpetual care funds.

Approval of Agenda

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to approve the agenda as presented with two additions.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

DeGroff made a motion with support from Zinkil to approval of July 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes with one correction to the no vote on page 5.

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

Motion Carried

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

Audience voiced their desire to have the renewal.

Palenick closed the Lake Cora Special Assessment Hearing at 6:06 pm and reopened the regular meeting.

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. R250811-1**

**RESOLUTION ON LAKE CORAAQUATIC PLANT CONTROL
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 866**

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 Cora 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 August 11, 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 sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).
2. That this Township Board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as the LAKE CORA AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 866 within which district the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) 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 three (3) years, 2025 through 2027 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 2027 inclusive may be applied to pay for future Lake Cora aquatic plant control measures taken subsequent to 2027.

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.

Payne made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution R250811-1 Lake Cora Aquatic Plant Control.

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

Public comment:

None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Zinkil made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution 250811-2 for the sewer rate increase.

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

DeGroff made a motion with support from Payne to approve the bid for drive sealing in Cuddeback cemetery at a cost of \$3,975.00.

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

The deputy ready the calls for the Township in July (83).

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 34,637.34

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 21,330.97

Payroll expenditures \$ 57,185.73

Zinkil made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve expenditures as presented.
Roll Call Vote: **Yeas**- Reynolds, DeGroff, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays**- None **Absent**-None
Motion carried

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$2,221,652.78

Zinkil gave an update on where we are at on the PILT settlement.

Clerk's Report:

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to approve Ordinance 293 zoning amendment for off sight accessory buildings.

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

Discussion on Senior Center and the need to do some work on the policy manual and structure of the center. Will continue to work on over the next few months.

Palenick made a motion with support from Zinkil for the Clerk to go ahead with future Cemetery repairs without bringing it to the Board for the perpetual care funds.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the Board that the Planning Commission is about 80% of the way done with the updated Master Plan and they should be wrapping it up after one more open house.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds will read the fire report for calls in June at the next meeting.

Public comment:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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