

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on September 8, 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 Ordinance 293.

Approval of Agenda

Approve the agenda as presented with one addition.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Approval of August 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment:

Brian Herbert (64th Ave) Voiced concerns on the rezoning that appears on the future land use map. They want it to stay as it is and not change.

Mary Corstange (64th Ave) How do we voice our opinions on this?

Austin (64th Ave) wants future land map changed to Ag.

Deb Stermer (CR665) We don't have trust in the Board, and we don't want sewer.

Adam Dudycha (64th Ave) I agree with the others here today.

Rob Egly (39th Street) I agree with the others.

Derrick Pond (CR 665) Agree with others, get rid of the future land use map.

Heather Gordan- How often is the future land use map redone?

Supervisor Palenick closed the regular meeting at 6:50 P.M. and opened the hearing on Lake Cora Special Assessment.

Tony Thompson (60th Ave) We want this approved.

Palenick closed the Lake Cora Special Assessment Hearing at 6:51 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. 2022-1

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. 2022-1.

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 Lake Cora Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 2022-1 and shall hereby be confirmed as the assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 2022-1.
2. Said Special Assessment Roll in the total sum of \$60,000. 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 118 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 \$173.26 per parcel, subject to modification in accordance to law, for 3 years commencing 2025 through 2027. 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 assessments 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.

Degroff made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution R250908-1 Lake Cora Aquatic Plant Control.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

DeGroff made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve ordinance 293 zoning amendment to allow and regulate indoor recreation facilities and mini storage.

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

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 45,412.88

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 26,810.54

Payroll expenditures \$ 54,642.33

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 \$2,256,207.03

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

Zinkil made a motion with support from Payne to move forward with the PILT settlement for years 2018 through 2023.

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

Clerk's Report:

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the Board that the Planning Commission has been busy. Hopefully they will get a date set for the open house at Tuesday night's meeting.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 7 calls for Paw Paw Township in August. The Fire Department has been busy with various training in August.

Reynolds also advised the board that John Redmond is retiring the Paw Paw Quick Response at the end of the month. A plan is being worked on as to how to cover services going forward and he will keep us informed.

Public comment:

None.

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 adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

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