

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on January 12, 2026
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, Dennis Reynolds, Rebecca Payne, Lisa Zinkil, James DeGross

Members absent: None

Guests present: Diana and Bryan Stump

Additions to Agenda: addition of Fire Department budget and Road Commission discussion under Dennis Reynolds.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Palenick made a motion to approve December 8th, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment:

Bryan Stump thanked the Board for the response to note and road improvement on Hidden Lane.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures	\$ 129,564.58
Sewer Fund expenditures	\$ 22,604.25
Payroll expenditures	\$ 58,261.06

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,628,324.83

Discussion on how to handle apartments and recycle cards.

Clerk's Report:

Discussion on Senior Center.

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve a Senior Center Assistant position with a pay rate of \$15 an hour for an average of 3.5 hours 3 days a week and to cover for the activities Director during vacation or training.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGross informed the board that the Planning Commission has been very busy. There were 53 in attendance at the open house in December.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 7 calls for Paw Paw Township in December. The department ended 2025 with 357 calls total 93 of which were for Paw Paw Township.

Payne made a motion with support from Palenick to approve the 2026/2027 Fire Budget.

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

Abstained-DeGroff

Motion carried.

Reynolds advised the board on road safety issues created on January 2nd by the County Road Commissions lack of cleaning and salting. The Road Commission did not start the clean up until after 4PM despite the ask for help from first responders and law enforcement throughout the day.

Public comment:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

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