

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on April 13, 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 DeGroff

Members absent: None

Guests present: Bryan and Diana Stump, Kevin Prins, Anne Belecki, Eric Odom, Debbie Klinger, and Pat Elder.

Additions to Agenda: add #4 village agreement and #5 Director report under the Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Palenick made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented with the 2 additions.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to approve March 9th, 2026, regular meeting minutes with updated wording on page 2.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment: Bryan Stump- question on the letter that he received. Wanting to know why and how much it cost.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve a payment of \$ 1,500 to the Van Buren County Resource Recovery and Recycling Program for 2026.

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

Motion carried

Discussion on the Draft Master Plan. Minor changes were requested on page 13 should be 37.5 square miles not 35 and page 45 5 cemeteries not just the 3 listed. Will look at it again in May.

The deputy read 189 complaints in March.

Palenick made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve zoning ordinance amendment 297 SLU in Waterfront Area Zoning Districts
Roll Call Vote: **Yeas** Reynolds, DeGroff, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays-** None **Absent-**None
Motion carried

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

Discussion on considering Land Contract on 104 Municipal Lane.

Palenick made a motion with support from Payne to entertain land contracts depending on the details.
Roll Call Vote: **Yeas** Reynolds, DeGroff, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays-** None **Absent-**None
Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.
General Fund expenditures \$ 44,695.12
Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 22,132.08
Payroll expenditures \$ 51,134.50

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,675,702.47

Discussion on Holiday schedule.
Zinkil made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the 2026/2027 holiday and meeting schedule.
Roll Call Vote: **Yeas** Reynolds, DeGroff, Payne, Palenick, Zinkil **Nays-** None **Absent-**None
Motion carried

Zinkil made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution R260413-1 to form an agreement with Village to collect their summer taxes.

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

Discussion on the Senior Center.

Anne Belecki the Senior Center Activities Director gave an overview of her first quarter running the Center.

Debbie Klinger commented that bringing Anne on has changed the whole environment for the better.

Clerk's Report:

Discussion on Health Savings Card options. Will wait and see what the new budget will allow.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the board that the Planning Commission plans to start working on making the zoning align with the new Master Plan as soon as it is approved.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 5 calls for Paw Paw Township 17 in total for March. The department has a lot of upcoming training. The new truck will have its final inspection in May and then it goes to get equipment mounted..

Public comment:

None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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