

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on June 08, 2026
114 N. GREMP'S 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, Mike Makowski, Heidi and Will Birkenbach, Deb and John Stermer and Brian Herbert.

Additions to Agenda: add #4 under Treasurer for update on Senior Center and #3 under Supervisor item on Eagle Scout Project.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Degroff made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve May 11, 2026, regular and May 20, 2026, special meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment: None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Palenick made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the hosting and closures needed for the 4th annual Voices of the past at Prospect Hill Cemetery on October 4th, 2026.

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

Motion carried

Will Birkenbach presented his Eagle Scout project for a wind phone at Prospect Cemetery. Multiple members of the board recommended that he do the project at Wildey instead.

Palenick made a motion with support from Reynolds to allow Will to put his design at the location of his choice.

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

The deputy read 160 complaints in May.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 207,518.97

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 30,186.01

Payroll expenditures \$ 49,015.92

Zinkil made a motion with support from Payne to approve expenditures as presented.

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

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,634,514.71

Discussion on landscaping around the Township Hall.

Update on the transition of locations at the Senior Center.

Clerk's Report:

Payne made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve the 2026/2027 budget as presented

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

Payne made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve the 2025/2026 budget amendments as presented.

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

DeGroff made a motion with support from Payne to approve resolution R260608-1 to support the Grape Lake 5K Run and Walk on September 12, 2026.

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

Motion carried

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the board that the Planning Commission meet in May and voted to not hear the request on extension for the Solor Farm until the June meeting.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 10 calls for Paw Paw Township 36 in total for May. The new Fire Truck has been delivered with all tools mounted and looks sharp.

Public comment: None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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