

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on May 11, 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, Anne Belecki, Eric Odom, Alice Yonkman, Cathy Arrans, Troy Gentz, Jean Gregory and a few more that did not sign in.

Additions to Agenda: add #5 resolution to lower flag for David Richardson under the Supervisor, add #2 under DeGroff to discuss possible switch of law firms as well as a moment of silents for Dave.

Approval of Agenda

Palenick made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the agenda as presented with the 3 additions.

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

Motion Carried

Approval of minutes.

Palenick made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve April 13th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Palenick made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve April 28th, 2026, special meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried

Public comment: None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

After discussion on Master Plan the Board will vote after the Planning Commission has a chance to review the changes made at last months Board meeting.

Discussion on the potential moving of the Senior Center. Including input from seniors, the Director of the Senior Center, and the Pastor for Freshwater that were in attendance.

Palenick made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve the contract with PPPS for the lease of a portion of the Cedar Street building and move forward with letter to Fresh Water.

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

Motion carried

The deputy read 152 complaints in April.

DeGroff made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve new contract with Appraisals Plus Group for assessing.

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

Motion carried

Palenick made a motion with support from DeGroff to pass resolution R260511-3 to lower the flag for David Richardson.

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

Motion carried

Moment of silence for the passing of David Richardson.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 24,988.78

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 23,079.63

Payroll expenditures \$ 48,734.32

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

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

Motion carried

Zinkil gave the Impress Fund balance of \$1,696,747.74

Clerk's Report:

DeGroff made a motion with support from Zinkil to approve resolution R260511-2 renewal of the Senior Center Millage language to appear on the August Ballot.

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

Payne made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve resolution R260511-1 to approve August ballot language for extra-voted operating millage.

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 accepting the partial grant and paying the remaining balance to install additional cameras.

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

Payne made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve Ordinance 298 amending the Floodplain management provisions of the state construction code.

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

Discussion and setting of a special meeting for the 2026/2027 budget workshop for May 20th at 1:30PM.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the board that the Planning Commission did not meet in April. They will meet on the 19th and can discuss the Master Plan changes.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 9 calls for Paw Paw Township 27 in total for April. The department has hazmat refresher coming up. Almena Township is doing \$2,500 towards the tools on the new truck.

Public comment: None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

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