

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING Held on August 10, 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 Stump, Linda Jordan, Rachel Welton.

Additions to Agenda: add #4 use of parking lot for the Grape Festival under the Supervisor

Approval of Agenda

Palenick made a motion with support from DeGroff to approve the agenda as presented with the 1 addition.

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

Motion Carried

Moment of silence for former Trustee Sanders.

Approval of minutes.

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

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

Motion Carried

Public comment:

Rachel Welton-Thank you for looking into the speed limit on her road.

Bryan Stump-Can you please look at the trees from the Village limit to the curve on Paw Paw Road. They are dying and dangerous.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Zinkil made a motion with support from Payne to approve the purchase of 2 AED's for the Police Department use.

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

Motion carried

Payne made a motion with support from Reynolds to approve resolution R260810-1 for the wording of the operating millage increase on the November ballot.

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

Motion carried

Presentation from the Road Commission.

Payne made a motion with support from Palenick to approve the use of the Township Parking lot for use during the Grape Festival.

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

Motion carried

The deputy read 100 complaints in July.

Treasurer's Report

Zinkil presented the Board with an expenditure report.

General Fund expenditures \$ 50,289.00

Sewer Fund expenditures \$ 35,271.89

Payroll expenditures \$ 52,491.68

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 \$1,887,502.14

Zinkil made a motion with support from Payne to approve resolution R260810-2 Sewer rate increase of 3.4%.

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 Transfer Station rate increase for out of town from \$75 to \$80 and discontinue the Dump passes starting January 2027.

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

Motion carried

Treasurer Zinkil had to leave meeting early.

Clerk's Report:

None.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION

DeGroff informed the board that the Planning Commission has a meeting on Tuesday night with a public hearing on swimming pool alternative fencing.

FIRE BOARD

Reynolds read the fire report with 14 calls for Paw Paw Township 56 in total for July. The department assisted with the County Youth Fair, Decatur parade, and Lawton Summerfest.

Public comment: None.

Palenick adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

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