

**Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dave Pixley at the Palmyra Township Hall, 6490 Palmyra Rd.

Members present: Dave Pixley, Mark Crane, Steve Papenhagen, Chris Whited

Members absent: Matt Koester

Supervisor Pixley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Attendance: 7

Motion Crane, support Whited to approve the agenda as amended, adding “Closed Meeting” to New Business. **Motion carried**

Public Comment: Craig Dunham, 6151 Deerfield Road, stated that he is concerned about the lack of information concerning Michigan Public Act 233, which transferred zoning decisions concerning solar energy, wind energy, and energy storage facilities from local control to the three-member Michigan Public Service Commission. Craig asked that the Township be proactive in informing the community of this new law.

Minutes & Reports

- Minutes: presented by Clerk Whited
- Financial: report presented by Supervisor Pixley
- Fire & EMS: report presented by Chief Paul Rohlan
- Code Officials:
 - Code Enforcement: N/A
 - Building Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
 - Electrical Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
 - Mechanical Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
 - Plumbing Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
- Planning Commission: Trustee Mark Crane reported that during the March 19, 2024 Planning Commission meeting, Ryan Mapstone was appointed as PC Chair and Carmen Loar was appointed as the PC Secretary. He also reported that the Planning Commission has scheduled a training session on Saturday, April 13, 2:00 pm, at the Township Hall. The next Planning Commission meeting is September 17, 2024, 7:00 pm, at the Township Hall.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that he met with the Drain Commissioner, Jennifer Escott, on Thursday, April 4th, to discuss the distribution of excess CLSS funds to the CLSS system accounts.
- Park Committee: N/A

- Roads/Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Board approved road projects and payment was submitted to the Road Commission.
- FOIA Requests: None

Motion Crane, support Whited to approve the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- Supervisor Pixley reported that he had received two phone calls, a voice mail, and a text message concerning an on-going issue with a property located on Sharp Road. Supervisor Pixley stated that he investigated the complaint and contacted the Township attorney to get more information concerning the issue. He is waiting for the attorney to respond.
- Chief Rohlan reported that the PFD boiler system was inspected. The inspector said that the boiler is in good shape considering its age.

Unfinished Business: 1236

- **Request from Pam Fusco to Host Farmers Market on Twp. Hall Grounds:** Pam Fusco will draft an application for Farmers Market vendors. The discussion is postponed until the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- **Central Lenawee Sewer System fund:** There was a discussion about the distribution of CLSS funds to the System accounts. It was suggested by Supervisor Pixley to distribute \$50,000 to the Plant Replacement account; \$80,000 to the Collection O & M account; \$100,000 to the Collection System Replacement account; and the remaining balance of \$67,830 to the Plant O & M account. The Board also discussed a sewer rate increase. The discussion is postponed until the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.

New Business:

- **PTFD –**
 - **Employment applications:** N/A
 - **Probation terminations:** N/A
 - **Resignations:** N/A
- **Arbor Professional Solutions, Collections:** Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to authorize Arbor Professional Solutions to collect delinquent funds of \$948 and \$1,236. **Motion carried**
- **MTA Online Subscription- Plus Package, \$1,000:** Motion Pixley, support Crane to purchase the annual MTA Online Plus Package subscription for \$1,000. **Motion carried**
- **Closed Session:** Motion Crane, support Papenhagen to enter into a closed session at 8:14 pm as requested by Sedrick Willitt, candidate for Code Enforcement Officer position. Supervisor Pixley, Clerk Whited, Trustee Crane, Trustee Papenhagen were present. Closed session adjourned at 8:25 pm. **Motion carried**
- **Code Enforcement Officer Candidates, Sedrick Willitt & Darrin Kost:** Motion Whited support Crane to hire Darrin Kost as the Palmyra Township Code Enforcement Officer. **Roll call vote:** Whited – yes; Pixley – yes; Crane – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Koester – absent **Motion carried**

Motion Crane, support Pixley to amend the previous motion to hire Darrin Kost by including pay rate of \$20 per hour. **Roll call vote:** Crane – yes; Paixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Whited – yes; Koester – absent **Motion carried**

- **Update Code Enforcement Officer *Fine Schedule*:** Discussion is postponed. The Board would like Darrin Kost to review Fine Schedule.
- **Review of *Nuisance Ordinance & Health & Welfare Ordinance*:** Postponed to allow Board members and Darrin Kost to review the Nuisance Ordinance and the Health & Welfare Ordinance.
- **Fire Millage Renewal & Resolution – *Fire Operation, Maintenance, and Purchase of Township Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus*:** Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to adopt the *Fire Operation, Maintenance, and Purchase of Township Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Resolution*, approving the following millage ballot question language to be placed on the August 6, 2024, Primary Election ballot:

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section VI of the Michigan Constitution on General Ad Valorem Taxes within Palmyra Township be renewed at 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2024 through 2027 inclusive for fire department operation, maintenance, and purchase of township fire department equipment and apparatus; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$119, 640?

Roll call vote: Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Whited – yes; Koester – absent **Motion carried**

- **Memorial Day Parade:** Motion Pixley, support Crane to allow Clerk Whited to order 4 boxes of flags and for the Parade prizes to be the same amount as prizes from the previous year parade, \$40 first place float/bike; \$25 second place float/bike; and \$15 third place float/bike, as well as \$5 participation awards; and for the Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 27, 2024, at 9:00 am. **Motion carried**

Bill Payment

Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to allow the Clerk to pay all Township and PTFD bills. **Motion carried**

Adjournment

Motion Crane, support Pixley to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2024