

**Palmyra Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2022**

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, Matt Koester, Mark Crane. Steve Papenhagen, and Chris Whited

Members absent: 0

Audience Attendance: 7

Motion Whited, support Crane to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried**

- Add MTA Annual Dues to New Business

**Public Comment:**

- Commissioner Jim Goetz reported that an AG Pesticide Container Recycling event will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 am, at the Lenawee Farm Bureau. He also reported that the ARPA Sub-Committee will meet with an attorney to determine use and distribution of the ARPA funds.
- Judge Todd Morgan introduced himself to the Board and public and stated that he is running for the seat of judge of the 2A District Court. His name will be on the August 2, 2022 Primary Ballot.

**Minutes & Reports:**

- Minutes: presented by Clerk Whited
- Financial: report presented by Treasurer Koester
- Fire & EMS: report presented by Chief Paul Rohlan
- Code Officials:
  - Code Enforcement: report presented by Clerk Whited
  - Building Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
  - Electrical Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
  - Mechanical Inspector: N/A
  - Plumbing Inspector: N/A
- Planning Commission: PC Chair Deb Comstock reported that the Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for the amendments of Articles V, VI, and VII of the Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing will take place at the Township Hall, 7:00 pm, on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Building Committee: N/A

- **Drain Commission:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the broken sewage pipe in the Village has been repaired. He also reported that the drain commission will be completing maintenance on the Crandall #71 Drain and the Vanfleet Drain.

Motion Koester, support Crane to approve the May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, the May 19, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, as well as the reports, and to place them on file.

**Motion carried**

**Communications:**

- **Land Splits:** Keith Knierim, PA0-122-4050-00
- **FOIA requests:** None
- **Cemeteries:** Clerk Whited reported that she received a complaint about a cracked corner on a newly poured foundation on Don Marcus's burial site. The Clerk has contacted the Sexton, Kent Cannon, who will repair or replace the foundation.
- **Roads & Bridges:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the seal coating and underlayment is completed on Grosvenor Hwy., but the final cap still has to be completed. Supervisor Pixley also reported that the tile will be place on Pope Rd. in June.
- **Drain Commission:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the Drain Commission has issued payment of \$320.00 to Jeff Ehlert for erroneous billing.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **SES Ordinance:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Supervisor Pixley said that he is hoping that the Board can begin reviewing the SES Ordinance in September. Trustee Mark Crane asked if the Supervisor would get language from Attorney Mike Homier for Telecommunications Interference and Hazardous Waste Disposal.
- **Water hauling:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Trustee Steve Papenhagen will contact Joe's H2O for water hauling to the fire department.
- **Consumers' Franchise Agreement:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to adopt the Consumers' Power Company Gas Franchise Ordinance. **Roll call vote:** Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Whited – yes; Papenhagen – yes **Motion carried**
- **Cemetery Disinterment:** Discussed with no action required at this time. Supervisor Pixley will contact Pat DeHart to discuss the movement of the monument.
- **Parade:** Fire Chief Paul Rohlan reported that the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast went well, however, he noticed that the number of people attending was less than last year's breakfast. Clerk Whited thanked Judy Marcus, Ruth Pribik, Josiah Whited, Ella Goetz, and Ben Hyder for assisting her with placing U.S. flags on the Veteran sites in the cemeteries.

**New Business:**

- **PTFD –**
  - **Employment applications:** N/A
  - **Probation terminations:** N/A
  - **Resignations:** N/A

- **Cemetery grave stone (Baker):** Tabled until the July 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
- **MTPP Board of Directors Ballot:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to elect William Banker to the MTPP Board of Directors. **Motion carried**
- **Security Camera System:** Supervisor Dave Pixley reported that he has received one quote from FSS Technologies. He is waiting on two other quotes to be submitted.
- **Village sewer:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the Drain Commission will start pumping the tanks in the Village on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and the pumping will take approximately a week to complete. The Drain Commission will pump the tanks every seven (7) years. Also, Supervisor Pixley reported that the Susie's Court property has two tanks, and two residents are being billed for the use of only one tank. The Drain Commission asks that the Board consider billing for two tanks. However, before any decision can be made, Supervisor Pixley said that documents pertaining to the tanks' installation will have to be found and reviewed.
- **Advance Article:** Supervisor Dave Pixley reported that He had received a reprimand from the Drain Commissioner concerning an article that was printed in the May 25, 2022, Blissfield Advance. He said that it was mentioned in the article that the Central Lenawee Sewer System Operating & Maintenance account had a positive balance. The CLSS report stated that the O&M account has been in the red for several months due to delinquent sewer payments of approximately \$8000. The Drain Commissioner said that the Board may want to consider either a budget adjustment or raising the sewer rates to bring the O&M balance out of the red. Another issue the Drain Commissioner mentioned was a statement made in the article that the Drain Commission "does not want the health department involved at this time." In the meantime, the Village sewer and O&M fund is tabled until more information is provided.
- **EMS Fee Schedule & Directive:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to increase the EMS fees to the highest recommended fees submitted by AccuMed and to allow the Ambulance Coordinator, Stacey Rohlan, to write the billing directive for Palmyra Township residents. **Roll call vote:** Whited –yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes **Motion carried**
- **Engine 1 fire damage:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Board will wait for repair estimate to be submitted. Chief Paul Rohlan reported that a controlled burn/training exercise involving Palmyra and Riga Townships quickly escalated when the wind shifted, causing the structure to burn extremely hot, with the heat and flames blown in the direction of the fire trucks. As a result, the intense heat damaged Palmyra's Engine 1 and Riga's engine.
- **Engine 2:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Chief Rohlan reported that Palmyra Township Fire Department assisted with a fire in Blissfield Township. On their way to the call location, the hose bracket dislodged from the truck and unloaded approximately 500 feet of hose, causing damage to mailboxes on Blissfield Hwy. Chief Rohlan assured the Board that the bolts are checked periodically to ensure there is a tight fit. However, during this incident, the entire bolt was pulled out of the metal, causing the release of the bracket and hose.

- **AED Training – Stacey Rohlan:** Ambulance Coordinator Stacey Rohlan demonstrated to the Board how to use the AED unit.
- **MTA Annual Dues:** Motion Crane, support Pixley to renew MTA annual membership for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,055.81. **Motion carried**
- **AED & Vitals Machine:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to authorize Chief Paul Rohlan to purchase the LifePak 1000 AED and the ADView 2 Vital Sign Monitor at a cost that shall not exceed \$6,000. **Roll call vote:** Pixley – yes; Crane – Yes; Papnehagen – yes; Koester – yes; Whited – yes **Motion carried**
- **Advance EMT License Fee Reimbursement:** Motion Koester, support Pixley that the Township reimburse Stacey Rohlan for the Advance-EMT license fee and for the test fees associated with obtaining the license, a total of \$386.00. **Motion carried**

### **Bill Payment**

Motion Pixley, support Whited to pay all Twp. and PTFD bills.

**Motion carried**

### **Adjournment**

Motion Whited, support Koester to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. **Motion carried**

**Next Regular Meeting: July 12, 2022**

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**CHRISTINE WHITED, CLERK**

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED JULY 12, 2022.**