

**Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 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, Matt Koester, Chris Whited

Members absent: None

Supervisor Pixley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Attendance: 8

Motion Papenhagen, support Crane to approve the agenda as amended, adding “Battery operated Tools” and “CD Transfer” to New Business. **Motion carried**

Public Comment:

- Matt Witte from Raisin Township reported that We the People will be hosting a private event on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 11:00 am, at Hooligans, 113 E. Maumee St., Adrian, MI. The event will feature renowned physicist and mathematician Dr. Douglas Frank, who is currently a full-time national election data analyst.
- Jim Leonard reported that he attended a fireworks seminar and the State of Michigan strongly suggests that individuals obtain permits for fireworks displays. Jim Leonard asked the Board to grant him permission to host fireworks displays and to record the Board’s response in the minutes. Jim stated that he will be hosting a private display on May 26, 2024; July 3, 2024; and September 1, 2024. The Board did not respond to Jim’s request.

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: report presented by Clerk Whited
 - 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: PC Chair Ryan Mapstone reported that a PC Special Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, to begin a review of the Master Plan.

- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that he plans on meeting with Ed Sheffler, who is running for the Drain Commissioner seat in the August Primary. Dave wants to get him up to speed concerning the Central Lenawee Sewer System Fund.
- Park Committee: Clerk Whited reported that she met with Fleis & Vandenbrink planning manager Lisa Easterwood and Great Lakes Recreation planning manager Stephanie Habers via Zoom. During that meeting, they discussed the purchase of playground equipment prior to filing for the DNR Recreation Passport Grant, which would not cover the cost of the equipment if purchased prior to the filing of the grant. Stephanie stated that she would speak to the Little Tykes vendor to see if they would give the Township the \$40,000 discount on a similar structure that would be purchased in 2025. Lisa also explained that there are two other DNR grant options: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Roads/Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Road Commission has not yet started road work in Palmyra Township.
- FOIA Requests: Clerk Whited reported that she received two FOIA requests: Elite Property Research for information on 6343 Palmyra Road and Applied Environmental for information on 7751 E. US 223. Both requests were promptly fulfilled.

Motion Crane, support Papenhagen to approve the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, the April 9, 2024 Closed Session Meeting, and the April 30, 2024 Special Meeting, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- Supervisor Pixley reported that Comcast sent a letter concerning a change in the cost of Xfinity.
- Supervisor Pixley reported that he received a letter from Midwest Energy informing the community that they will be trimming trees and spraying a herbicide on brush and weeds that are located near their poles and equipment.
- Supervisor Pixley reported that Michigan Electric Transmission Company withdrew their current request for PA 116 partial termination. They will be working with the landowner and his attorney in filing a Land Division application and a PA 116 Partial Termination application.

Unfinished Business:

- **Request from Pam Fusco to Host Farmers Market on Twp. Hall Grounds:** Motion Whited, support Pixley to approve the Palmyra Township 2024 Farmer's Market Participation Agreement. **Roll call vote: Whited – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes Motion carried**
- **Central Lenawee Sewer System Fund:** The discussion is postponed until the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.

New Business:

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

- **Township Attorney:** Supervisor Pixley presented the Board with two proposals, one submitted by Stimpson Law & Associates, and one submitted by Mohr, Budds Law. Motion Whited, support Papenhagen to accept the Stimpson Law Proposal, allowing Dave Lacasse to represent Palmyra Township as the Palmyra Township Attorney – **Roll call vote: Pixley – yes; Crane – yes; Whited – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes – Motion carried**

Motion Whited, support Pixley to amend the previous motion by accepting the Stimpson Law Proposal hourly rate of \$150 – **Roll call vote: Pixley – yes; Whited – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Koester – yes Motion carried**

Motion Pixley, support Koester for Clerk Whited to draft a letter of termination addressed to Attorney Jeff Juby. **Roll call vote – Papenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes; Whited – yes; Koester – yes; Crane – yes Motion carried**
- **Laura Fisher – ZBA Member:** Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to appoint Laura Fisher, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Roll call vote: Pixley – abstained; Whited – yes; Crane – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes Motion carried**
- **Training room PA Sound/Video System:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to accept the FSS Technologies proposal for a sound/video system and installation for a cost of \$8,615.39, for the Township Hall. **Motion carried**
- **CD Transfer:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to designate the \$257,477.25 CD as the Palmyra Township Fire Department CD, and to transfer \$257,477.25 from the Fire Department Fund to the Palmyra Township General Fund. **Roll call vote: Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Whited – yes; Pixley – yes Motion carried**
- **748 Voters Reprecincted, Voter ID Cards:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to accept Spectrum Printing’s quote of \$561 to print and mail Voter ID cards to those Palmyra Township residents who have been reprecincted due to the election geography change for the Formation of the Schultz Holmes District Library. **Motion carried**
- **Playground Equipment:** Motion Papenhagen, support Pixley to not purchase the Great Lakes Recreation Nuedge structure. **Motion carried**
- **Lucas Device Service Agreement:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to accept Stryker’s Option 2 Service/Warranty Agreement Prevent Plus contract, including battery replacement for the PFD Lucas device, paying \$1,375.20 yearly for four (4) years. **Motion carried**
- **Fire Hoses:** Motion Crane, support Papenhagen to allow the Fire Chief to purchase 8 hoses (4-inch diameter, 100-foot sections) for \$705.47 each plus freight charges. **Motion carried**
- **Cemetery Disinterment:** Discussion is postponed until the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- **PFD Battery Tools:** Motion Papenhagen, support Koester to allow the Fire Department to purchase Milwaukee battery powered tools (angle grinder, impact drill, Sawzall, two battery chargers, 4 batteries) for a cost of \$1,999.88. **Motion carried**

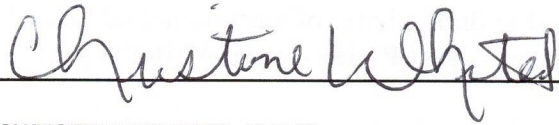
Bill Payment

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

Adjournment

Motion Koester, support Pixley to adjourn at 10:22 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: June 11, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christine Whited", is written over a solid horizontal line.

CHRISTINE WHITED, CLERK

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED JUNE 11, 2024.