

Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 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, Matt Koester, Chris Whited

Members absent: Steve Papenhagen

Supervisor Pixley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Attendance: 8

Motion Crane, support Koester to approve the agenda as amended by adding the following to New Business: Nuisance Fire and Ambulance Committee. **Motion carried**

Public Comment: Greg Brown, President of the Schultz Holmes District Library, encouraged voters who are in the Blissfield Community School District to vote yes on the August 6, 2024 millage proposal of 1.25 mills to fund the library.

Minutes & Reports

- Minutes: presented by Clerk Whited
- Financial: report presented by Treasurer Matt 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: report presented by Clerk Whited
 - Plumbing Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
- Planning Commission: Trustee Mark Crane reported that on July 2, 2024, the Planning Commission had a public hearing for a Special Use Permit for a group child care home on Carleton Rd. The Planning Commission granted that special use permit for the home. He also reported that letters of intent to review the Master Plan were mailed out.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that there is a meeting on July 17, 2024, and one of the topics that will be discussed is the distribution of \$290,000 to the Plant Replacement account; the Collection O & M account; the Collection System Replacement account; and the Plant O & M account.
- Park Committee: Clerk Whited reported that the Fleis & Vandenbrink planning manager Lisa Easterwood is working on the park concept plan. As soon as the plan is complete, Clerk Whited will schedule a Park Committee meeting.
- Roads/Bridges: N/A
- FOIA Requests: None

Motion Koester, support Crane to approve the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- **Letter from Ed Scheffler:** Supervisor Pixley read a letter from Ed Scheffler, who is the republican candidate for the Lenawee County Drain Commissioner in the August 6, 2024 primary election and November 5, 2024 general election. Ed Scheffler wrote about his qualifications and experience, as well as working over 24 years at the Lenawee County Drain Commission as an engineer, superintendent, and currently as a deputy.
- **MDOT Cameras at US 223 & Rouget Rd.:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the MDOT placed cameras at the US 223 and Rouget Road area to monitor the flow of traffic near the fire station. The cameras were in place from July 3rd to July 9th.

Unfinished Business:

- **Cemetery Disinterment:** Discussed with no action required.
- **Meeting Room Equipment:** Supervisor Pixley demonstrated to the Board how to operate the new video equipment in the meeting room.
- **Archangel Safety, LLC:** Motion Crane, support Koester to approve the \$7,500 safety contract with Archangel Safety, LLC for a period of one year. **Roll call vote:** Koester – yes; Pixley – yes; Whited – yes; Crane – yes; Papenhagen – absent
Motion carried

New Business:

- **PTFD –**
 - **Employment applications:** N/A
 - **Probation terminations:** N/A
 - **Resignations:** N/A
- **PA 116 Enrollment, Jake & LeeAnn Isley, PA0-136-3550-00:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to approve the PA 116 Enrollment application submitted by Jake & LeeAnn Isley, and to allow the Clerk to sign and send the application to the reporting agencies. **Roll call vote:** Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Whited – yes; Papenhagen – absent **Motion carried**
- **PA 116 Release Application, Ed Judson:** Discussion postponed
- **Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO):** Motion Crane, support Koester to allow Trustee Mark Crane, Supervisor Dave Pixley, and Planning Commission Chair Ryan Mapstone to contact/meet with attorney Mike Homier to receive counsel concerning the CREO. **Motion carried**
- **Michigan Municipal League (MML) Trustee Election:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to allow the Clerk to mark the three MML Workers' Compensation Fund trustee candidates (Victor Cardenas, Daniel Coss, Bridget Dean) on the MML ballot, and submit it to the MML. **Motion carried**
- **Payment of August Bills:** Motion Crane, support Koester to allow the Clerk to pay the August bills. **Motion carried**

- **Ambulance Committee:** Discussion postponed until the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- **TLC Internet CD Investment:** Motion Pixley, support Crane to allow the Treasurer to invest \$150,000 of Fire Department funds in a TLC Certificate of Deposit for a period of seven-months at five percent interest. **Roll call vote:** Koester – yes; Whited – yes; Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen - absent **Motion carried**
- **Nuisance Fire:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the fire department was called out to contain a fire of a large dead tree. The owner of the tree accidentally set the tree on fire by putting smoldering debris in the hollow of the tree. Fire Chief Paul Rohlan stated that the Township needs a policy that will address nuisance fires that are carelessly set by individuals.

Bill Payment

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

Adjournment

Motion Pixley, support Crane to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: September 10, 2024

CHRISTINE WHITED, CLERK