

**Palmyra Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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: 16

Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried**

**Public Comment:**

- David Lacasse introduced himself to the Board and public and stated that he is running for the seat of judge of the 2A District Court. He stated that Lenawee County deserves to have a judge who is knowledgeable, fair, and experienced. 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: report presented by Clerk Whited
  - Plumbing Inspector: report presented by Clerk Whited
- Planning Commission: PC member Mark Crane reported that the Planning Commission has scheduled a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Palmyra Township Hall, to review Article VIII General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Building Committee: N/A
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that the sewer system bonds will be paid off by October 2023.

Motion Crane, support Koester to approve the June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

### Communications:

- **Land Splits:** Hultz Family Trust, PA0-114-1050-00
- **FOIA requests:** None
- **Cemeteries:** None
- **Roads & Bridges:** None
- **Senator Dale Zorn:** Senator Dale Zorn introduced himself to the Board and public. He reported to the Board that he and Supervisor Pixley have been discussing appropriating funds to cover the cost of the new fire station. Senator Zorn said that he was hoping to get the appropriations allocated in the State Budget this year but did not succeed at doing so. However, Senator Zorn shared good news that in the fall there will be a supplemental that will pick up appropriations that did not get approved. He said that the goal is to get the funding for the new fire station this fall.

### Unfinished Business:

- **Water hauling:** Motion Papenhagen, support Koester to hire Lowe Water Hauling to haul water to the fire station as needed, at a cost that shall not exceed \$150. **Motion carried**
- **Camera system:** Supervisor Pixley stated that he had received quotes from FSS Technologies and Jpeg Design. The discussion is tabled until the September 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

### New Business:

- **PTFD –**
  - **Employment applications:** N/A
  - **Probation terminations:** N/A
  - **Resignations:** Aaron Jones has submitted his resignation effective July 1, 2022.
- **Cemetery grave stone – Broken Vase (Baker):** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Clerk Whited had not received a reply from Krystal Baker concerning a quote to repair the vase.
- **Shaun Morris:** No action required. Shaun Morris did not attend the meeting.
- **Luke and Rachael Gregg:** Rachael explained to the Board that excessive fireworks were being set off at the Driggs Dairy Farm during the Fourth of July weekend. She said that the noise level was extremely loud, frightening their pets and children. The noise level made it almost impossible to sleep as the fireworks were being set off until 1:00 am. She asked the Board if there was a noise ordinance and if there was anything that could be done to regulate future fireworks displays. Fire Chief Paul Rohlan explained that the State of Michigan has changed the fireworks laws for 2022, and the best thing to do in the future is to contact the Sheriff's Department. The Board stated that the Township does not have a noise ordinance and that it is something that needs to be considered.
- **Village sewer:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Supervisor Pixley met with the Drain Commission to review the deficit of the Palmyra Township Collection System O & M. Supervisor Pixley said that the Board will need to consider increasing the billing fee to catch up.

- **Engine 1 fire damage:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Chief Rohlan is still waiting for R&R to complete the work and submit the invoice to the Clerk.
- **Engine 2:** Discussed with no action taken at this time. Chief Rohlan reported that they are working on a plan to repair and secure the hose bracket on Engine 2.
- **MML Official Ballot:** Motion Papenhagen, support Crane to elect Lee Kilbourn for a four-year term as the MML Fund Trustee. **Motion carried**
- **Hultz Family Trust PA0-114-1050-00 Land Split:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to approve the land split of PA0-114-1050-00, Hultz Family Trust. **Roll call vote:** Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes; Crane – yes; Whited – yes **Motion carried**
- **PFD training laptop:** Motion Whited, support Pixley to allow the FD to purchase a training laptop at a cost that shall not exceed \$1,000. **Motion carried**
- **R&R Inspection Report:** Motion Papenhagen, support Koester to allow the Fire Chief to take the emergency vehicles to H&H Truck Repair and Knapp Chevrolet to receive quotes on the repair items listed in the Inspection Report submitted by R&R Fire Truck Service. **Motion carried**
- **Vital Sign Monitor Demonstration:** Ambulance Coordinator, Stacey Rohlan, demonstrated to the Board the use of the new vital sign monitor that was purchased by the fire department.

#### **Bill Payment**

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

**Motion carried**

#### **Adjournment**

Motion Pixley, support Koester to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. **Motion carried**

**Next Regular Meeting: September 13, 2022**