

**Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026**

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, Angie Koester, Chris Whited

Members absent: None

Supervisor Pixley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Attendance: 12

Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment:

- Nick King, 6585 Rouget Road stated that there is property line issue along the Palmyra Township Hall rear driveway. He stated that his garage sits a few inches on the Township Hall line. Supervisor Pixley stated that when the house went up for sale, he explained to the realtor that the back side of the garage was approximately nine inches over the Township Hall property line. He also said that he gave the realtor a copy of the Township Hall survey, who was supposed to give the copy to the buyer of the property. He also stated that he and Nick previously had discussed splitting the cost of changing the boundary line.
- Natalie, 6585 Rouget Road, stated that she did not receive a copy of the survey and asked the Supervisor if she could have a copy of it. Supervisor Pixley replied yes, he would give her a copy of the survey.
- Anthony Morabito, Cordelio Power/Pattern Energy, stated that he came to the meeting to introduce himself and explained that Cordelio Power is currently working on siting a wind energy project south of Palmyra Township. He stated that there are a few Palmyra property owners who have signed agreements with Cordelio Power.
- Ryan Beil, 3832 Sharp Road, asked about the 3822 Sharp Road Special Land Use Permit. Clerk Whited explained to Ryan that the Special Land Use was tabled for the purpose of seeking legal counsel from the attorney Dave LaCasse. She stated that the Special Land Use public hearing will be reconvened at the Planning Commission regular meeting scheduled on May 5, 2026.
- Doug Southwell, 3852 Sharp Road, stated that he is concerned about the Special Land Use of 3822 Sharp Road, which, if approved, would become a rehabilitation facility for drug addicts. He is concerned about the kids in the neighborhood in the matter of some of the clients harassing them. He stated that the facility would be harmful to the area. He believes it should not be allowed in his neighborhood. He also feels the facility would be a burden on EMS and fire services as well as the County law enforcement agency.
- Gary McKinney, 3783 Sharp Road, stated that he has lived at his current address for over 30 years, and during that time he had no issues with the adult foster care home facility that was previously located at 3822 Sharp Road. However, he feels that the drug rehab facility would

harm the neighborhood. He is also concerned about parking, visitors, lower property values, and the safety of the neighborhood children.

- Dan Dougherty, 4121E. Carleton Road, introduced himself to the public. He stated that he is interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission.

Minutes & Reports

- Minutes: presented by Clerk Whited
- Financial: report presented by Angie 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: Clerk Whited reported that the Special Land Use was tabled due to the Planning Commission desiring to seek legal counsel on the matter.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that he received two letters from the Drain Commission regarding the budgets for the O&M of Manor Farms Water System and the O&M of the Sewer System.
- Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Board would be reviewing the road projects later in the meeting.
- FOIA Requests: None
- Park Committee: None
- Land Splits: None

Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Koester to approve the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 31, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- **Man-Nor Farms Preliminary Engineering Report:** No report available
- **Issues with Cistern at 6357 US 223, Eric Dittmer:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the cistern located at 6357 US 223 has been removed and signed off as the State of Michigan Health Department required.
- **Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Construction of the PFD Fire Station:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the PFD Fire Station is scheduled on Saturday, April 18, 2026, 2:00 pm.
- **Special Meeting with EGLE:** Supervisor Pixley reported that a special meeting with EGLE is on hold due to no scheduled time or date at this time.
- **Letter from the Lenawee County Administrator:** Supervisor Pixley reported that he received a letter from the Lenawee County Administrator stating that Palmyra Township has been identified as an “interested party” for Lenawee County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Improvement Partnership housing rehabilitation program, which is targeted to residents who are at or below 80% Area Median Income. The program provides qualified homeowners with the opportunity to address health and safety concerns and code issues, utilizing a grant or interest free, forgivable loan totaling up to \$25,000 per household. Lenawee County

was awarded a \$1,500,000 CDBG grant through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). An environmental review process is currently underway to ensure compliance with MSHDA/HUD requirements.

- **EGLE's Community Energy Mgt Program:** Supervisor Pixley reported that DTE would like to help the Township apply for EGLE's Community Energy Mgt Program which could award the Township up to \$50,000 to be used for energy efficient upgrades such as LED lighting, windows, and insulation.

Unfinished Business:

- **Employee Handbook/ESTA:** Attorney Dave LaCasse is currently working on the policy.
- **PFD Discipline Policy:** Attorney Dave LaCasse is currently working on the policy.
- **PFD Building Colors:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Papenhagen to select Patriot Red for the new PFD Fire Station roof and lower exterior wainscoting and to select Dark Grey for the upper exterior body of the building. The bay doors, exterior doors, and exterior trim will be white. **Motion Carried**
- **Fire Station Groundbreaking Ceremony Reception:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Papenhagen to allow Supervisor Pixley to purchase cookies, bottled water, and coffee at a cost that shall not exceed \$200. **Motion Carried**

New Business:

- PFD – Rohlan:
 - Employment Applications: None
 - Probation Terminations: None
 - Resignations: None
- **2026 FDIC Conference/Expo, April 24th, \$400 – Brian Wilcox:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Crane to allow Assistant Chief Brian Wilcox to attend the 2026 Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) on April 24, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN at a cost that shall not exceed \$400. **Motion carried**
- **2026-2029 Fire Operation Millage Resolution:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Koester to adopt the *Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language* for the 2026-2029 Fire Operation Millage to be placed on the August 4, 2026, election ballot as stated below.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. VI of the Michigan Constitution on General Ad Valorem Taxes in Palmyra Township be renewed for said township by 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) for the period of 2026 through 2029 inclusive for fire department operation; and shall the township levy such renewal in millage upon taxable Real and Personal Property within the township for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$127,034?

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

- **Planning Commission Member:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Papenhagen to appoint Daniel Dougherty as a member of the Planning Commission, finishing the term of former PC member Carmen Loar. **Roll call vote:** Crane – yes; Whited – yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes **Motion Carried**
- **Battery Energy Storage Facility (Under 50 Megawatts) Ordinance:** Motion made by Crane and supported by Papenhagen to send the *Battery Energy Storage Facility (Under 50 Megawatts)* outline to Foster Swift Law Firm for review, and to allow them to draft the Battery Energy Storage Facility (Under 50 Megawatts) Ordinance. **Roll call vote:** Whited – yes; Koester – yes; Crane – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes **Motion Carried**
- **Water Infrastructure Ordinance:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Papenhagen to send the *Water Infrastructure Ordinance* outline to attorney Dave LaCasse for review, and to allow him to draft the Water Infrastructure Ordinance. **Roll call vote:** Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Whited- yes; Crane – yes; Papenhagen – yes **Motion Carried**
- **Arbor Professional Solutions Collections:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Koester to send account 25E-803512 to Arbor Professional Solutions for collections of an outstanding debt of \$863.40 and to allow the Supervisor to sign for litigation. **Motion Carried**
- **2026 Road Projects:** Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Koester to approve the following road projects and to allow the Supervisor to sign the Road Project agreements as well as deliver a 50% payment of \$85,501.80 to the Lenawee County Road Commission. **Motion Carried**
 - **Est. 5346: Rouget Road, Grosvenor Hwy to Rogers Hwy, Underseal & Asphalt Overlay, \$146,647.45**
 - **Est. 5349: Manor Farms Sub, Off Parr, Crack fill seal & Fog seal, \$15,556.04**
 - **Est. 5350: Lenawee St./Sycamore, Palmyra Village, Crack fill seal & Fog seal, \$8,800.10**
- **Sharp Road Gravel Section:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the gravel section of Sharp Road is on the Road Commission schedule for scraping.
- **PFD – Lightning Quick In-House Charge Application:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Pixley to allow the Palmyra Fire Department to apply for the Lightning Quick In-House Charge Account, and charges will be reimbursed to the Townships by the PFD Firefighters’ Association. **Motion carried**
- **East Lot Line of 6585 Rouget Road, PA0-122-2100-00:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Papenhagen to move the east lot line of PA0-122-2100-00, 6585 Rouget Road, twenty-four inches to the east, beginning at Rouget Road, moving the lot line to the east and ending at the lot line bend. The cost of the survey and the Quick Claim Deed will be split 50/50 between Palmyra Township and the owner, Nicholas King, of 6585 Rouget Road. **Motion carried**

Bill Payment

Motion made by Whited and supported by Koester to allow the Clerk to pay all Township and PTFD bills. **Motion carried**

Adjournment

Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Koester to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: May 12, 2026

Minutes were taken & drafted by Clerk Christine Whited and approved May 12, 2026.

Christine Whited