Palmyra Township Special Meeting Minutes September 4, 2025

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm by Supervisor Dave Pixley at the Palmyra Township Hall, 6490 Palmyra Rd.

Board Members present: Dave Pixley, Angie Koester, Mark Crane. Steve Papenhagen, and Chris Whited

Members absent: None

Audience Attendance: 4

Agenda approved as presented.

<u>Communications:</u> Supervisor Dave Pixley reported that statutory revenue sharing will be eliminated for 88% of townships under the House budget appropriations House Bill 4706. He encouraged the Board members to contact Representative Nancy Jenkins Arno and Senator Joe Bellino, urging them to work in a bipartisan manner to fund statutory revenue sharing in FY 2026 for all local units of government.

Business:

• Zoom Meeting with Mike Homie: The Board discussed the timing of sending the Community Host Agreement to RWE's attorney, Mike Vogt. Attorney Mike Homier stated that the agreement does not need to be submitted until the application is submitted to the MPSC. Mike Homier agreed with Supervisor Pixley that the revised draft of the Community Host Agreement can be sent to Mike Vogt for review. Trustee Mark Crane asked Attorney Mike Homier what options the Board has to stall/stop the RWE Rouget Road Solar Project. Mike Homier stated that the Board could request that the Planning Commission amend the overlay map in the Zoning Ordinance and send a letter to RWE stating that the Township now has a CREO. Another option is to keep the Zoning Ordinance as is, and send a letter to RWE stating that the Township does have a CREO. However, Mike Homier highly recommended the amending of the Zoning Ordinance, focusing on the overlay map, an application fee, and an escrow.

Trustee Mark Crane asked Mike if there is anything residents can do to either stop or delay the project, and Mike replied that individuals can intervene at the MPSC once RWE's application has been filed with the MPSC.

• The Response to RWE Concerning the Lack of a CREO: Motion made by Crane and supported by Papenhagen to make recommendations to the Planning Commission to

review and amend the overlay map in the Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, Section 8.13, E; and consider an application fee and escrow for renewable energy projects. **Roll call vote:** Crane; yes; Koester – yes; Papaenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes; Whited - yes **Motion carried**

Public Comment:

- Blake Brosamer, 5950 Rau Hwy, stated that it is obvious that the Board is supporting the majority of the residents' desire to keep industrial solar out of the township.
- Morgan Powell, Palmyra Township, stated that if Supervisor Dave Pixley was serious about resigning, she could get someone to take his place. Supervisor Pixley stated that the Board has to appoint a replacement.

Adjournment

Motion Crane, support Whited to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried

Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2025

CHRISTINE WHITED, CLERK

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED September 9, 2025.