

**Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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, Steve Papenhagen, Chris Whited

Members absent: None

Supervisor Pixley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Attendance: 17

Motion Crane, support Koester to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried**

Public Comment:

- Morgan Powell, Rau Hwy, requested that the Township support the keeping of the rural landscape in the township, and she appreciated the Planning Commission passing the Renewable Energy Ordinances, hoping that it will restrict the construction of a 6,000-acre solar energy project. She encouraged the Board to support the Planning Commission's actions.

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 the Planning Commission met on November 8, 2024, for a public hearing regarding a special use permit for the use of a property as a venue/rental hall. He stated that the next meeting is a special meeting and public hearing for the Renewable Energy Ordinances, scheduled November 20, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that the next CLSS management meeting is scheduled on December 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm.
- Park Committee: Clerk Whited reported that she received the revised park concept plan and the cost opinion was still more than what she anticipated, which is \$338,700.

- Roads/Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that he had attended the Lenawee County Traffic Summit, which focused on current road projects that were completed in 2024 and future road projects that are to be completed.
- FOIA Requests: None

Motion Crane, support Koester to approve the October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- **EGLE Presentation – Water Discharge at Ogden Hwy & US Hwy 223:** Sheryl Dostaders, geologist from EGLE, presented to the Board and the public EGLE's remediation plan for cleaning a 2.5-acre gasoline plume, a result of leaking underground gasoline storage tanks of the former Adrian Oil Burner Company. Sheryl stated that the tanks were removed years ago, and EGLE consistently monitored the area. The contamination is currently 20 to 30 feet below ground level and is slowly expanding south due to the southward slope of the ground. As a result, EGLE began a full-scale treatment plan that began in early 2023. However, the treatment plan has been temporarily suspended due to water discharge at Ogden Hwy and US Hwy 223. Sheryl stated that the water discharge is clean and tested on a regular basis. She also said that the discharge is an oversight issue, and EGLE will install the proper drains to eliminate the flooding in the field adjacent to Hunter Storage, redirecting the flow into the Palmyra #70 drain and into the River Raisin. Concerns that Supervisor Pixley has and wants addressed include the installation of a taller fence around the burner; notifications of when equipment is not operating; and copies of the CO test results of the burners.
- **November 5th General Election:** Clerk Whited reported that approximately 74% of the Township's registered voters cast their vote during the November 5th General Election.
- **Variance Request – Judson Farms/Michigan Energy Transmission Co.:** A Variance Request was submitted by Ed Judson for a substation that will be erected by METC off of Pope Rd. Supervisor Pixley stated that the driveway off of Pope Rd. is not a deeded drive, and the property does not meet the lot coverage and minimum lot width requirements of Section 4.8.1 in the Zoning Ordinance. Also, the ZBA must determine if it is truly an essential service.
- **FY 2023 2023 AFG Program:** Supervisor Pixley reported that the AFG application submitted to FEMA did not score enough points to be awarded a grant. Chief Rohlan stated that he would like to resubmit a revised application for the 2024 AFG Program.

Unfinished Business:

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Articles V, VI, & VII:** Discussion postponed until the December 10th Regular Meeting
- **FY 2024 AFG Program – Opens Nov. 12th 2024:** Discussion postponed until the December 10th Regular Meeting.

New Business:

- **PTFD –**
 - **Employment applications:** N/A
 - **Probation terminations:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to terminate Dave Sanchez's probation, effective 11/12/2024.
 - **Resignations:** N/A
- **Dave Bailey – Palmyra Masonic Lodge:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to allow the Palmyra Masonic Lodge members to place at the flagpole in the Palmyra Cemetery a display. The display will consist of seven wreaths representing the seven military branches to honor the veterans. **Motion carried**
- **PFD Batteries for Lucas Chest Compression Device:** Chief Rohlan reported that two Lucas batteries were replaced under the warranty.
- **PFD Batteries for Hurst Jaws of Life:** Chief Rohlan reported that he purchased two batteries for the Hurst Jaws of Life at a cost of \$1,384.99.
- **PFD Backup Cameras for Fire Trucks:** Discussion postponed until December 10th Regular Meeting.
- **PFD Gas Monitors:** Motion Whited, support Koester to allow Chief Rohlan to purchase 2 MSA multigas detectors from Macqueen Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$3,500, and the cost will be expensed to the PFD Equipment account. **Motion carried**
- **PFD Guardian Angel Lights:** Discussed with no action required at this time.
- **PFD Office Heating and Cooling System, plus Electrical:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to contract JC Mechanical to install a heating and cooling system in the PFD office at a cost of \$10,150, and contract Adrian Electric & Generator to complete the electrical work for the heating and cooling system at a cost of \$2,800. The total amount of \$12,950 will be paid with ARPA funds. **Motion carried**
- **Twp. Hall Electrical Wiring and Lighting:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to contract Adrian Electric & Generator to complete electrical and lighting upgrades at the Township Hall at a cost of \$7,250, and the cost will be paid with ARPA funds.
- **Generator for Township Hall:** Discussion postponed until the December 10th Regular Meeting.
- **Arbor Professional Solutions Request for Information:** Motion Pixley, support Whited to allow collections of \$629.33 on account #22221797 by Arbor Professional Solutions. **Motion carried**
- **Delinquent Sewer/Water Accounts:** Motion Pixley, support Papenhagen to place all delinquent sewer and water accounts on the 2024 Winter Tax Roll. **Roll call vote: Pixley – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Whited – yes Motion carried**
- **MTA 2025 Annual Conference, Grand Rapids – March 31 to April 3, Registration Opens January 2nd, Housing Opens January 23rd:** Motion Crane, support Pixley to allow Board members to attend the MTA 2025 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids. **Motion carried**
- **Special Use Permit for Venue/Rental Hall at 6370 Rouget Rd, (PA0-700-0240-00):** Motion Pixley, support Koester to allow the Special Use Permit for the venue/rental hall

located at 6370 Rouget Rd (PA0-700-0240-00) **Roll call vote: Papenhagen – yes; Whited – yes; Crane – yes; Koester – yes; Pixley – yes Motion carried**

- **Junior's Landscaping (Chad Baughey) Snow Removal at Cemeteries Plus Salting at Fire Department & Twp Hall:** Motion Whited, support Papenhagen to contract Junior's Landscape (Chad Baughey) to plow the Crane Cemetery for \$100 per push and the Palmyra Cemetery for \$250 per push, and apply salt on the Twp Hall drive and the PFD parking lot for \$50 each. **Motion carried**
- **Snow Removal at Twp Hall & PFD:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to contract Paul Rohlan to plow the Twp Hall drive and PFD parking lot at \$75 per push. **Motion carried**
- **Ad for Planning Commission Members:** Motion Pixley, support Crane to place an ad in the Blissfield Advance for three Planning Commission members, and to have the ad published in the November 20th and November 27th editions. **Motion carried**
- **Appointment of Clerk as a ZBA Alternate Member:** Motion Pixley, support Koester to appoint Clerk Whited as an alternate ZBA member. **Motion carried**

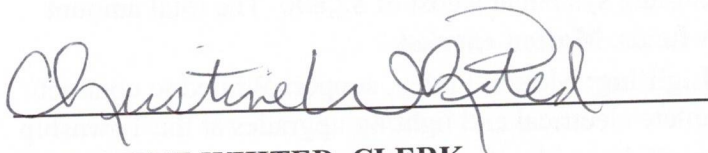
Bill Payment

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 9:34 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: December 10, 2024



CHRISTINE WHITED, CLERK

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED DECEMBER 10, 2024.