

Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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: 4

Agenda: Agenda was approve as presented.

Public Comment:

Jim Goetz submitted a bid in May 2026, to repair the Main Cemetery fencing. During the May 12th Board meeting, the motion failed to accept the bid. Jim stated that the repair to the cemetery fencing involves sanding the rusted fence and applying an industrial antioxidant rust inhibitor paint. This process would approximately 48 gallons of paint to cover approximately 7,000 square feet of fencing. The cost would be approximately \$2,000. Jim also stated that he would clamp the loose section of fencing.

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: Trustee Mark Crane reported the Planning Commission nominated Dan Dougherty as the secretary. Mark also reported that there was was extensive discussion concerning a Special Land Use Permit application submitted by Steve Wasenko to operate a gun range on his property. The Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on July 7th to address the Steve Wasenko's application.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Drain Commission quarterly meeting will be sometime in July.
- Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Road Commission will be seal coating Rouget Road, between Rogers and Grosvenor, and then it will be paved.
- FOIA Requests: None
- Park Committee: Clerk Chris Whited

- **Land Splits:** A Land Division Application was submitted by James Warner for PA0-133-3300-00, 5752 E. Gorman Road. The application has been sent to the Assessor, Zoning Administrator, and Supervisor for review.

Motion made by Koester and supported by Papenhagen to approve the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- **Man-Nor Farms Preliminary Engineering Report:** Supervisor Pixley reported that he had a meeting earlier in June to discuss the water system. Engineers are still considering Madison and Zeeland Farms sites to be the most viable options. There was extensive conversation about the piping. They calculated that 53,400 feet of piping would be required for Madison, and 45,000 feet of piping would be required for Zeeland. Supervisor Pixley also reported that they are still looking at options of connecting with Riga and the Village of Blissfield.
- **Construction of the PFD Fire Station:** Trustee Steve Papnhagen stated that construction of the fire station is going well, and they are now getting the floor ready for the installation of tubes for the heated floors.
- **Remediation Meeting:** Supervisor Pixley reported that a meeting with EGLE was held a couple of weeks ago to discuss the preconstruction plans for the remediation site at US 223 and Ogden Hwy. Supervisor Pixley also stated that the recovery wells and water wells have been installed.
- **Wolverine Kubota:** Bob Rasch and his son Bobby Rasch, owners of Wolverine Kubota, stated their intent of the possibility of purchasing the Killshots Cornhole building located at 3818 East US 223 and redeveloping it as a modern Kubota dealership.
- **Meeting with Mindy Bradish, Consumer's Energy:** Supervisor Pixley reported that a meeting with Mindy Bradish from Consumer's Energy has been scheduled on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 2:45, to discuss renewable energy projects.
- **Letter from Senator Gary Peters:** Supervisor Pixley reported that he received a letter from Senator Gary Peters regarding four grant opportunities. Supervisor Pixley called Senator Peters to schedule a meeting with to discuss the grant opportunities.

Unfinished Business:

- **Employee Handbook/ESTA:** Attorney Dave LaCasse is currently working on the policy.
- **PFD Discipline Policy:** Supervisor Pixley stated that he and Chief Paul Rohlan will meet with attorney Dave LaCasse to review the PFD policies.
- **Fire Department Draw:** Motion made by Koester and supported by Crane to approve the draw of \$218,800 from the General Fund to pay Papenhagen Construction for the construction of the new fire station. **Roll call vote:** Whited – yes; Koester – yes; Papenhagen – abstain; Pixley – yes; Crane – yes **Motion Carried**
- **Main Cemetery Fence Repair:** Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Pixley to allow Jim Goetz to produce a sample fence coating by removing a small section of the Main Cemetery fence and coat it with the antioxidant rust inhibitor paint. **Motion Carried**

New Business:

- PFD – Rohlan:
 - Employment Applications: None
 - Probation Terminations: None

- Resignations: None
- **Intervenor Funds (Current Balance of \$37,015.32) – What Next?:** Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Pixley to allow Supervisor Pixley to draft a resolution that will state Palmyra Township's intentions to end litigation/intervention in the contested case of RWE's application filed with the MPSC once the intervenor funds are depleted.
Roll call vote: Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Koester – yes; Whited - yes **Motion carried**
- **D&P Communications Franchise ACH Payments:** Motion made by Koester and supported by Whited to accept D&P Communication's franchise payments via ACH payments and to allow the Clerk to complete the ACH authorization form. **Motion Carried**
- **Authorized Signer of the 911 Billing Service Contract:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Koester to allow Supervisor Pixley to sign the 911 EMS Billing Contract. **Motion Carried**
- **Application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement (PA116 Enrollment):** Motion made by Whited and supported by Papenhagen to approve the Application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement submitted by Edward Judson for property located in Palmyra Township, 5000 Cook Road Block, Section 28, Parcel Number PA0-128-3100-00. **Roll call vote:** Whited – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Koester - yes **Motion Carried**

Bill Payment

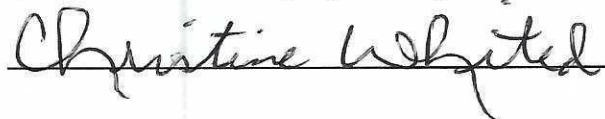
Motion made by Pixley and supported by Crane to allow the Clerk to pay all Township and PTFD bills.
Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion made by Koester and supported by Papenhagen to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 2026

These minutes were prepared by Clerk Christine Whited.

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