

Palmyra Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 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: 11

Agenda: Agenda was approve as presented.

Public Comment: None

Communications:

- **New Fire Department Construction:** The Board members as well as many of the audience toured the new fire station.
- **Communications with Foster Swift Attorney Keith Brown:** Supervisor Pixley reported that he received an email from Foster Swift attorney Keith Brown informing Palmyra Township that Rouget Road, LLC has requested suspension of all dates and agreed to waive the 12-month Commission decision deadline while it evaluates measures to address the impacts of the May 7, 2026 Court of Appeals decision in *In Re Implementing Provisions of Public Act 233 of 2023*. He also stated in the email that Rouget Road LLC will either reapply to the MPSC or call it quits.
- **Wolverine Kubota:** Supervisor Pixley reported that Bob Rasch, owner of Wolverine Kubota, said that he has purchased the Kill Shots building, but it will take approximately a year before the Kubota store is open for business.
- **Meeting with Mindy Bradish, Consumer's Energy:** Supervisor Pixley reported that on June 15th, he and Trustee Mark Crane met with Mindy Bradish and John Bates, representatives from Consumer's Energy. Mindy discussed with Dave and Mark the possibility of a 100 to 150 watt solar project and 100-watt battery storage facility being built in Palmyra. Both Dave and Mark stated that the community would object to such a large-scale project. Mindy then told them that Consumers will not consider Palmyra for the project.

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 the Planning Commission had a Public Hearing on July 7th to address an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and a Special Land Use Application for a firearms Range & Training facility, which was submitted by Steve Wasenko. The PC approved the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, which would be the addition of Moratoriums. The PC tabled the decision/deliberation of the Special Land Use in order to research the Township's liability regarding the proposed facility. The Clerk contacted the Township insurance company, and PC Chair John Turpening contacted the Township attorney Dave LaCasse. The insurance agent and the attorney both said that the Township is not liable due to governmental immunity. However, the attorney recommended that if approved, the PC should approve the special land use with the condition of adding the Township as an additional insured on the liability insurance policy of the firearms range, and request \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. On July 14, 2026, the PC held a Special Meeting and approved the Special Land Use with those conditions.
- Drain Commission: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Drain Commission quarterly meeting will be sometime in late August or early September.
- Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Pixley reported that the Road Commission completes the seal coating Rouget Road and is now ready for paving. Supervisor Pixley also reported that all the seal coating of the other roads is completed
- FOIA Requests: Clerk Whited reported that she received six FOIA requests. Five of the requests were for vendor information, and the sixth request is for information regarding the Special Land Use application for the firearms range & training facility.
- Park Committee: N/A
- Land Splits: N/A
- County Commissioner Kevon Martis: Commissioner Kevon Martis reported that the County received from RWE two checks of \$75,000 each. One check was issued by Rouget Road, LLC, and the other check was issued by Glacier Meadows. These checks are grants which the County can use as an intervenor in the Rouget Road solar application (Palmyra) and the Glacier Meadows solar application (Blissfield). Kevon also pointed out that the County has two choices: either intervene or send the funds back. If the Township wants the County Commission to intervene, they can do so by a resolution passed by the Township. Kevon provided the Board members with a sample resolution, and stated that Foster Swift can make the necessary changes to it for Palmyra. Other items Kevon reported to the Board are new maps with renewable energy projects are available; the County hired a Lisa Hewitt-Cruz as the new Community Development Coordinator; Zeeland Farms continues to pursue water sources for Palmyra, Blissfield, and Riga. They have found a very good source and are working with County and State; the Economic Development is increasing rail transportation by investing 2.5 million dollars to restore the rail right of way, and long term goals are to connect to the national rail road system.

Motion made by Crane and supported by Koester to approve the June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as well as the reports, and place them on file. **Motion carried**

Unfinished Business:

- **Employee Handbook/ESTA:** N/A
- **PFD Discipline Policy:** N/A

- **Main Cemetery Fence Repair:** Trustee Mark Crane reported that Jim Goetz had painted a section of the fence at the Main Cemetery. Board members will look at the fencing and determine whether or not to contract Jim Goetz to restore the fence.
- **Intervenor Funds Resolution:** Motion made by Crane and supported by Papenhagen to postpone the Intervenor Resolution until RWE (Rouget Road, LLC) reappplies with the MPSC. If RWE reappplies, the Township will request the County to intervene in the matter of Rouget Road, LLC, and the Township will ask Foster Swift to request an additional \$75,000 if RWE reappplies with the MPSC. **Roll call vote: Crane – yes; Whited – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Koester – yes Motion carried**

New Business:

- PFD – Rohlan:
 - Employment Applications: None
 - Probation Terminations: None
 - Resignations: None
- **Closed Meeting with Howard Hanna Real Estate Agents Chris Gould and Mary Kay Gibson:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Whited to enter into a closed meeting with Howard Hanna Real Estate Agents Chris Gould and Mary Kay Gibson at 7:48 pm. **Motion carried**
 Motion made by Pixley and supported by Papenhagen to adjourn the closed meeting at 8:18 pm. **Motion carried**
- **Sale of PFD Building Located at 4276 Rouget Road and the Adjacent Property:**
 - Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Whited to accept Howard Hannah Realty 3% Seller and 3% Buyer Commission. **Roll call vote:** Koester – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Whited – yes **Motion carried**
 - Motion made by Crane and supported by Koester to set the selling price of the PFD building located at 4276 Rouget Road and the adjacent property at \$245,000. **Roll call vote:** Crane – yes; Whited – yes; Pixley – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes; Koester – yes **Motion carried**
 - Motion by Papenhagen and supported by Koester that the PFD Property located at 4276 Rouget Road and the adjacent property, zoned commercial and light industrial respectively, will not be allowed to be rezoned as residential. **Roll call vote:** Koester – yes; Whited – yes; Crane – yes; Papenhagen – yes; Pixley – yes **Motion carried**
 - Motion made by Koester and supported by Crane to allow the Supervisor to sign all documents associated with the sale of the PFD Building located at 4276 Rouget Road and the adjacent property. **Roll call vote:** Papenhagen – yes; Crane – yes; Pixley – yes; Whited – yes; Koester – yes **Motion carried**
- **MML Workers' Compensation Fund Ballot:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Whited to vote for all three MML Trustee appointees, Harry Burdett, Brad Gurski, and Jonathan Seyferth. **Motion carried**
- **Approval for the Clerk to Pay the August Bills:** Motion made by Pixley and supported by Koester to allow the Clerk to pay the August bills. **Motion carried**

- **Arbor Professional Solutions Collection of Delinquent Accounts #260690185, \$910.20 & #260690786, 888.60:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Koester to allow Arbor Professional Solutions to collect the delinquent accounts #260690185, \$910.20 & #260690786, \$888.60, and to allow the Supervisor to sign the document.
- **Electrical Inspector Advertisement:** Motion made by Koester and supported by Pixley to allow the Clerk to place two advertisements for an electrical inspector in the Advance. **Motion carried**
Motion made by Crane and supported by Pixley to allow the Clerk to place two advertisements for an electrical inspector in the Lenawee Voice. **Motion carried**
- **Mowing of 6366 Palmyra Road:** Motion made by Whited and supported by Koester to allow D & C Lawn and Landscape to mow the property located at 6366 Palmyra Road, and to submit the bill to the Lenawee County Treasurer. **Motion carried**
- **Special Use Application, Steve Wasenko, 1581 Academy Road, PA0-106-2555-00:** The discussion is postponed until the Board receives clarification from the attorney.
Motion made by Papenhagen and supported by Pixley to send the WLEN FOIA request to the Township attorney for review, and to have the attorney provide any clarification and/or recommendations for the Zoning Ordinance as related to the Special Land Use Application for a private firearms range and training facility. **Motion carried**

Bill Payment

Motion made by Koester and supported by Papenhagen 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 9:11 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: September 8, 2026

These minutes were prepared by Clerk Christine Whited.
