

Pleasant Plains Township Board Meeting

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68 min

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 28TH, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1801 (6:01pm)

Members Present			
Clerk Knight	Excused Absent	Treasurer Hanna	Present
Trustee Russell	Present	Trustee Lemm	Present
Deputy Clerk Schaap	Present	Supervisor Braddy	Present

Public Comments – Agenda Items ONLY

None

Special Presentation – Lake and Leaf Introduction

Linda Kozak

Corporate Sales / Community Engagement Coordinator for Lake & Leaf, Midori Products, Midori Farms, and New World Seeds. New World Seeds is the oldest seed company in Michigan.

Purchased Freshwater Cannabis company / property.

Plan on opening retail store first and moving their grow farm from Benzonia to Lake County around mid to end of October. The hiring process should start in September.

The board and members of the community can contact Lake & Leaf store to schedule a tour of their Benzonia facility.

Will need Pleasant Plains Township board vote for new license, and site plan is already on file for property.

Board Meeting Minutes

Special Board Meeting Minutes for Monday July 10th, 2023, Presented.

Motion	Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday July 31 st , 2023				
Motioned By	Treasurer Hanna	Seconded:	Trustee Lemm		
Voice Vote					
In Favor	3	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Motion	Approve Special Meeting Minutes for Monday July 10 th , 2023, with Corrections				
Motioned By	Trustee Lemm	Seconded:	Treasurer Hanna		
Voice Vote					
In Favor	3	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Reports

Clerk's Report

Check Register for July 2023 presented.

Motion	Approve July 2023 Check Register				
Moved By	Treasurer Hanna	Seconded	Trustee Russell		
Roll Call Vote					
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Trustee Russell	Yes				
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Clerk Knight	Excused				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
In Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Reports for July of 2023 presented.

Discussion on Clerk signature for Fifth Third Bank and Westshore CDs. Need to change signer to Deputy Clerk Schaap and request to have a second elected official as well for signer.

Motion	Appoint Deputy Clerk Schaap and Trustee Lemm as Official Signers for Financial Records				
Moved By	Trustee Russell	Seconded	Treasurer Hanna		
Roll Call Vote					
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Trustee Russell	Yes				
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Clerk Knight	Excused				
Tally					
In Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Motion	Approve Treasurer’s Report for July 2023				
Moved By	Trustee Lemm	Seconded	Trustee Russell		
Roll Call Vote					
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Trustee Russell	Yes				
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Clerk Knight	Excused				
Tally					
In Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Commissioner’s Report: Clyde Welford

Dr. Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X, was here on 24th at Mid-Michigan Idlewilders Event Center

Percy J. Langster, the first US black prosecuting attorney and Baldwin resident, was honored and a plaque unveiled that will be placed at the courthouse.

Board of Commission approved \$189,000 for traffic trailers. Trailers will be going East / West and North / South for East US-10.

Supervisor’s Report

Had meetings with EGLE about the water authority at the Washking property. Discussion with township attorney suggested having the state handle it for now.

Trustee Report – Debra Russell

Will need a different plan for sign as quote from Johnson Sign is too expensive.

Trustee Report – Sondra Lemm

Lighting is progressing, generator has been set, should hear from tech to discuss connecting to natural gas.

Zoning Report: Greg Nichols

Permits Issued		
Temporary Land Use Permits	Land Use Permits	Camping Permits
0	3	0

Assessors Report: Mark Barnett

Property Transfers via Deed	31
Property Transfers Affidavits Processed	17
PRE Added	4
PRE Removed	4
Property Combinations Processed	2
Property Splits Processed	2
Address Changes Processed	15

Planning Commission Report

Have not met yet and are working on updates to current zoning ordinance and will present next month.

Discussion on having the Planning Commission looking into the Airbnb and other short-term rentals situation in the area.

Cemetery Report: Greg Nichols

Burials	
Full Burials	Cremation Burials
0	2

Getting cemetery ready for the holiday

Fire Department Report – Chad Schaap

None

Old Business

Special Assessment

The township attorney is waiting to get an answer back on if we need to do one or two mailings.

Gibson Park Improvements

Suggested a couple additions:

- Adding a streetlamp for driveway
- Putting in designated parking in front of fence and get quote for material needed.

Township Hall Improvements

Tentatively working on curb at end of next week.

New Business

Administrative Privileges for BS&A Account

Need to give Mark Barnett administrative privileges for BS&A Account (install, update software) on Board of Review / Assessing computer.

Motion	Grant Administrative Privileges to Mark Barnett for BS&A Account on Board of Review / Assessing computer				
Motioned By	Treasurer Hanna		Seconded:	Trustee Lemm	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	3	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Passed

Wolverine Metro Act

Wolverine Power has power lines running through the township and must pay township for their approval of metro act.

Motion	Approve Wolverine Power Metro Act 5-year Easement				
Motioned By	Treasurer Hanna		Seconded:	Trustee Lemm	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	3	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

L 4029 Tax Rate

The millage rate for winter tax cycle presented. The taxable value went up from last year.

Motion	Approve L 4029				
Moved By	Treasurer Hanan		Seconded	Trustee Russell	
Roll Call Vote					
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Trustee Russell	Yes				
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Clerk Knight	Excused				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
In Favor	4	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Public Comments

None

Motion	Adjourn meeting				
Moved By	Treasurer Hanna		Seconded:	Trustee Lemm	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	3	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
Motion Passed					

Meeting adjourned at 1909 (7:09pm)

The monthly board meeting can be heard in its entirety in the Clerk’s office for up to 30 days after the meeting was held.
Meeting minutes prepared by Patrick Evans

Meeting Minutes Approval	
<u>X</u> _____ Jessica Schaap Deputy Clerk	<u>X</u> _____ Kevin Braddy Supervisor