Pleasant Plains Township Board Meeting
7333 M-37 Baldwin, MI 49304
P.O. Box 239 Baldwin, MI 49304

112 min

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 31st, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Supervisor Braddy called meeting to order at 1803 (6:03pm)

Members Present			
Supervisor Braddy	Present	Clerk Evans	Present
Treasurer Hanna	Present	Trustee Novakoski	Present
Trustee Lemm	Present		

Supervisor Braddy presented agenda

Motion	Approve Agenda		
Moved By	Trustee Lemm	Seconded:	Trustee Novakoski
Voice Vote			
In Favor	5	Opposed	0
Abstained	0		
Motion Carried			

Public Comments – Agenda Items ONLY

None

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for month of July 2026 presented

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes for July 2026 with Corrections				
Moved By	Trustee Lemm		Seconded:	Treasure Hanna	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Reports

Clerk's Report

Clerk Evans Presents Check Register, and Fuel Surcharge from A1 Services. Discussion on fuel costs, checking A1 Services contract suggested

Motion	Approve July 2026 Check Register				
Moved By	Trustee Lemm		Seconded	Trustee Novakoski	
Roll Call Vote					
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Trustee Novakoski	Yes				
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Clerk Evans	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Clerk Evans states election went fine with only a quickly resolved issue. Near 300 absentee ballots sent out, 142 came back with a handful deciding to cast their ballot in person instead.
Next election is November 3rd, and early voting beginning Oct 24th to November 1st at Webber Township Hall from 8AM to 4PM

Received resume of person interested in joining Planning Commission

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hanna presents July Financial Report

Motion	Approve July 2026 Treasurer Financial Report as Presented				
Moved By	Trustee Novakoski	Seconded	Trustee Lemm		
Roll Call Vote					
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Trustee Novakoski	Yes				
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Clerk Evans	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Treasurer Hanna presents housekeeping rules for keeping the township hall clean and tidy, and have everyone sign one and put in employee file.

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Russell

There has been no new information about railroad coming into town.
Got first report back from lobbyist with list of all house bills
Land bank looking for people for critical repairs money that is available
TRV building is still a go
No information about grant for emergency siren in each township
County has approved a $50,000 grant application for prosecutor's office dedicated to the crime victims' unit
To date there has been 410 FOIA requests
Hollister Senior Center is up for lease renewal
Discussion on potash

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Martin

Had complaint about smell from railroad ties
Confident will get conviction with Luther bank robbery
Homicide by old Red Roster, was going to trial, everyone took pleas and all were sentenced last week
Homicide of Richard Ashbrook, added homicide charge to defendant
Animals from animal abuse case are needing to stay in custody due to case continuing on and cannot be released for adoption
Charity drive given away $125,000, there was a complaint made to the Attorney's General office, office found they were not in violation.
Decided to form a new non-profit for dealing with charity drives
Will be doing a Lake County Justice youtube series
Discussed Hawkins Road signs

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Braddy

Discussion on issue with brining
84 street name signs waiting for quote
September 17th to October 3rd phone, email only as will not be available

Trustee Report: Trustee Lemm

68th ST done for chip sealing
Requested an estimate from Road Commission to put rumble strips on 76th ST
Had a Lunch and Learn with MTA on data centers
Surveys are still coming in, currently have 65 received
After September meeting hoping to bring survey results
Hoping to setup committee at next park meeting

Presented Gibson Park general idea renderings
Last meeting discussed adding dog waste containers, and benches to the park
Presented 3 Options for Benches
Presented 3 dog waste stations
Next Park meeting on September 22nd at 5:30pm
Pavilion needs to be anchored, Supervisor volunteers to donate anchors

Requests to purchase bench: $919, surface mount kit: $9, armrests:$84 and 2 dog waste stations: $1,258 for Gibson Park

Motion	Approve Dog Waste Posts and Bench not to exceed $2,500 for Gibson Park				
Moved By	Trustee Novakoski		Seconded	Clerk Evans	
Roll Call Vote					
Trustee Lemm	Yes				
Trustee Novakoski	Yes				
Treasurer Hanna	Yes				
Clerk Evans	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Trustee Report: Trustee Novakoski

Planning had 2 new volunteers will bring up to 7
Setup Planning meeting for September 17th to meet with new members

Motion	Approve Chris Raiden for Planning Commission				
Moved By	Trustee Lemm		Seconded:	Trustee Novakoski	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Clerk Evans swears Chris Radden in for Planning Commission

Zoning Report: Greg Nichols

3 permits: 1 land use, 1 demo permit on Baldwin Rd, and 1 camping permit.
Several complaints and have taken several photos of properties in disarray.
Having a hard time getting letters to property owners

Assessor's Report: Mark Barnett

Property Transfers via Deed	32
Property Transfers Affidavits Received	18
PRE Added	6
PRE Removed	2
Property Combinations	4
Property Splits	1
Address Updates	12

Cemetery Report: Greg Nichols

All mowed and ready for the weekend

Fire Department: Chief Schaap

County wide invitation at the Dream Catcher for practice
Ladder testing is done

Chief enquires about contractor for building, Trustee Lemm replies contractor is restructuring, exceeded liability policy and needs to get a new policy

Planning another motel event in October, seeing about doing a controlled burn instead of demolition

Treasurer Hanna brings up maintenance and needing a maintenance person. Discussion on maintenance.

Old Business

Short Term Rental (STR)

Going back to Planning

Special Assessment District (SAD) Hearing

Hearing set for September 23rd at 6PM

Garbage and Rubbish Collection and Blight Abatement Special Assessment District 1 Resolution presented

Motion	Approve Resolution 08-31-26 Garbage and Rubbish Collection and Blight Abatement Special Assessment District 1				
Moved By	Trustee Novakoski	Seconded:	Trustee Lemm		
Voice Vote					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
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New Business

Township Sign

Treasurer Hanna presented quotes digital signs, Red LED, 5 YR Warranty: $10,314.89, Full Color Message Board, 5 YR Warranty: $13,872.41

Motion	Approve Have a Full Color Sign for the Replacement out at M37 for the Township Hall in the Amount of $13,872.41				
Moved By	Trustee Novakoski	Seconded	Clerk Evans		
Roll Call Vote					
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Public Comments

Board of Review

Board of Review needs 1 more, and 1 alternate

Mrs. Kyles

Mentions some use the absentee ballot as a sample ballot to see what is on ballot before getting to the poll.
Suggests Zane Grey for electrician work

Written Communications

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission had a Public Forum on August 10th to gather perspective to help shape the master plan for Yates Township,

Clerk Evans presents quote for mailing SAD, $2,550.92

Motion	Approve Hearing Notice Mailing Quote for $2,550.92				
Moved By	Trustee Novakoski		Seconded	Clerk Evans	
Roll Call Vote					
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Trustee Novakoski	Yes				
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Clerk Evans	Yes				
Supervisor Braddy	Yes				
Tally					
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Motion	Adjourn Meeting				
Moved By	Trustee Lemm		Seconded:	Trustee Novakoski	
Voice Vote					
In Favor	5	Opposed	0	Abstained	0
					Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 19:55 (7:55pm)

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	
X_____ Patrick Evans Clerk	X_____ Kevin Braddy Supervisor