

**PAW PAW DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 21, 2025
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing**

President Brian Wiersma called the Paw Paw District Library truth in taxation hearing to order at 6:55 PM at the Paw Paw District Library.

Board members present: Brian Wiersma, Suzanne Miller, Catey Bolton, Julie Pioch, Sherry Bennett, Krystal Seibert; Absent: Jeremy Davison; Staff present: Gretchen Evans, Director

There was no public comment.

The hearing was adjourned 6:57 PM

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 21, 2025**

President Brian Wiersma called the regular monthly meeting of the Paw Paw District Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 PM at the Paw Paw District Library.

Board members present: Brian Wiersma, Suzanne Miller, Catey Bolton, Julie Pioch, Sherry Bennett, Krystal Seibert and Jeremy Davison

Staff present: Gretchen Evans, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

Kris Steward, President of the Friends of the Library provided an overview of the Friends of the Library activities for 2025. On behalf of the board, President Wiersma thanked President Steward for her leadership and thanked the many volunteers who have helped make the Friends of the Library activities successful.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Seibert and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2025. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Seibert and seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 16, 2025. The motion was adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 47 The monthly financial report included:
- 48 • A custom summary report for June 2025 showing total income of \$91,419.45 and
 - 49 total expenses of \$102,566.12 for a net income of -\$11,146.67.
 - 50 • Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual income and expenses January 2025 through June
 - 51 2025.
 - 52 • Balance sheet as of 6/30/2025 showing total liabilities and equity of \$2,051,846.39
 - 53 • A custom summary report of the PPDL Debt Fund for June 2025 showing net income
 - 54 of \$8211.35
 - 55 • Balance sheet as of 6/30/2025 of the PPDL Debt Fund showing total liabilities and
 - 56 equity of \$98,482.53
 - 57 • Report of T-Bill maturity date and yield August 2024 through June 2025.
 - 58 • A list of bills to paid for the period of 6/1/2025 to 6/30/2025 with total expenditures
 - 59 to be paid of \$102,566.12. Included in the list were wages of \$36,288.75 and fringe
 - 60 benefits of 7027.93

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62 A motion was made by Bolton and seconded to pay the bills as presented for the period of

63 6/1/2025 to 6/30/2025 with total expenditures to be paid of \$102,566.12. The motion was

64 adopted with a roll call vote (Yes: Jeremy Davison, Julie Pioch, Suzanne Miller, Sherry

65 Bennett, Catey Bolton, Krystal Seibert, Brian Wiersma; No: None).

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67 **LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT**

68 Director Evans provided a written report of her activities for the month, an update on

69 library operations and programs and a PPDL Statistics for the month of June.

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71 Director Evans met with the Paw Paw Village Manager and learned from him that the village

72 owes the library PILOT funds totaling \$17,682.22. The village has requested the library sign

73 an agreement related to the funds, so she has asked the library attorney to review it. She

74 will report back with a recommendation for the board to consider at a future meeting

75 to accept this amount.

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77 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

78 **Buildings and Grounds:** No report

79 **Finance:** No report

80 **Personnel and Nominating:** No Report

81 **Policy & Bylaws:** No report

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83 **NEW BUSINESS**

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85 **2026 Millage Ballot Discussion**

86 Director Evans requested that the board decide which election date in 2026 to put the

87 millage renewal question before the voters and to determine how many years we should

88 request it be levied. After board discussion and review of statewide millage election results,

89 it was moved by Pioch and seconded that we place the 2026 operating millage renewal

90 question on the August 2026 Ballot. The motion passed with a roll call vote (Yes: Jeremy

91 Davison, Julie Pioch, Suzanne Miller, Sherry Bennett, Krystal Seibert, Brian Wiersma; No:
92 Catey Bolton).

93 After further discussion about the pros and cons of different time spans to levy the millage,
94 it was moved by Seibert and seconded to request from the votes that the operating millage
95 be renewed for 20 years. The motion passed with a roll call vote (Yes: Jeremy Davison, Julie
96 Pioch, Suzanne Miller, Sherry Bennett, Krystal Seibert, Brian Wiersma; Catey Bolton; No:
97 none).

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99 **2025 Millage Rate Resolution**

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101 It was moved by Seibert and seconded to adopt the following resolution:

102 WHEREAS, the Paw Paw District Library Board of Trustees held a public hearing on
103 7/21/2025 at 6:55 pm, at 609 West Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079, to hear any
104 objections to its proposed increase of .0503 mills to its operating tax millage rate to be
105 levied on property in 2025;

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107 WHEREAS, Paw Paw District Library desires to provide for payment on its 2020 Library
108 Refunding Bonds; it is hereby resolving to levy .185 mills on property in 2025 for repayment
109 of the aforementioned bond;

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111 WHEREAS, all persons appearing and wishing to be heard on both matters were afforded an
112 opportunity to do so at the public hearing;

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114 WHEREAS, the Board approves the President and Secretary execute the L-4029, and
115 approves submitting it to the County and/or other authorities to have said amounts placed
116 on the tax roll as needed;

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118 NOW THEREFORE, THE PAW PAW DISTRICT LIBRARY HEREBY RESOLVES to increase its
119 operating tax millage rate levied on property in 2025 by .0503 mills to 1.6751 mills, to set its
120 2020 Library Refunding Bonds levy to be levied on property in 2025 at .185 mills, and to
121 execute and submit the L-4029 to the County and/or other authorities to have said amounts
122 placed on tax rolls.

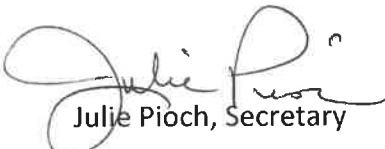
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124 The resolution passed with a roll call vote (Yes: Jeremy Davison, Julie Pioch, Suzanne Miller,
125 Sherry Bennett, Krystal Seibert, Brian Wiersma; Catey Bolton; No: none).

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127 The meeting was adjourned at 7:48

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Julie Pioch, Secretary

Date Approved: 8/18/25