

Village of Pentwater

ON PENTWATER LAKE AND LAKE MICHIGAN
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Regular Meeting of Village Council

MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2014

Call to Order – Village President, Juanita Pierman called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Pentwater Community Hall meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Roll Call

Present: Jared Griffis, Dan Hoekstra, Bill Maxwell, Norm Shotwell, Tom Sturr, and Juanita Pierman.

Absent: Don Palmer.

Staff present: Village Manager, Rob Allard, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Barbara Gremchuk, Police Chief, Laude Hartrum, Clerk/Treasurer, Colleen Moser, and Village Attorney, Gary Nicholson.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as amended by Shotwell. Second by Sturr. Voice vote. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comments regarding Consent Agenda: Hoekstra said under DDA New Business, the approval was for a 2014 tax rate request. The millage rate was reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 1.5555. No tax increase.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Approval of Village Council minutes from the regular meeting held on May 12, 2014. Regular Village bill approval of \$102,384.32. The Fire Department regular bill approval of \$11,275.05.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items as amended, by Hoekstra, adding a request by Tom Walicki to use the Village Green for a wedding on June 14, 2014. Seconded by Maxwell. Roll call vote. Yea: 6. Nay: 0. Motion carried.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Village Manager: See report. Allard said the Picnic Pavilion at the Friendship Center would be open to public, and Third Street repair work is under local streets at the end of the road right of way.

Police Chief: See report.

Fire Chief: See report.

Marina: See report.

Zoning Administrator: See report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: See report. Water & Sewer Rate Study by UFS was discussed. See New Business.

Ordinance Committee: No meeting. No report.

Building and Grounds Committee: No meeting. No report. Meeting scheduled June 16, 8:30 AM.

Personnel Committee: No meeting. No report.

Services Committee: See report. Next meeting scheduled 8:30 AM, July 9, 2014.

Promotions Committee: See report. A successful Start of Summer party was held June 1, 2014.

Harbor Research Committee: Roseman gave a slide presentation showing recent navigation mappings of the channel. Shallowest spot is 8 ft. deep at the mouth of the channel. He said the fencing has successfully tracked a lot of sand from going into the channel. The Committee recommended limited dredging and suggested installing fencing material that is more permanent to catch the sand. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shotwell to support Harbor Research Committee suggestion of limited dredging, not to exceed 1000 cubic yards for \$10,000, from Pentwater Lake Improvement Board for \$8000 and \$2000 from private funds from the Oceana County Foundation. Second by Sturr. Roll call vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

VILLAGE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Planning Commission: No meeting. No report. Next meeting June 18 at 7:00 PM.

DDA: See report. DDA accomplishments will be updated on the website.

ZBA: No meeting. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Waterways Seawall Grant Resolution (\$36,800): Pierman said the State Grant would help with the repair of the Marina Seawall.

Motion by Maxwell to accept Waterways Seawall Grant Resolution (\$36,800), second by Shotwell. Roll call vote. Ayes: 6. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Rate Study (\$12,000): Motion by Griffis to approve (UFS) Utility Financial Solutions LLC to complete a Rate Study for \$12,000. Second by Shotwell. Roll call vote: Ayes 6. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Proposed 2014 Tax Rate Request: General Fund 8.5439 mills, Pentwater Friendship Center 0.3492 mills and VIP Bond Debt 1.2100 mills. No tax increase.

Motion to accept the 2014 Village Tax Rate Request by Griffis, second by Hoekstra. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution to charge Village Property Tax Administrative Fee: Moser, Village Clerk, explained the 1 % Administrative 1% fee on Village Tax Bills. Discussion followed.

Motion by Sturr to accept Administrative Fee Resolution for Village of Pentwater Property Tax. Second by Shotwell. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Hoekstra). Motion carried.

First Right of Refusal for 371 E. Fourth St., Parcel: 64-044-709-008-00: Nicholson explained the foreclosure process for the property, and if the Village were to purchase the property at the minimum bid, it must be for a public purpose. If the Village sold the property, it would then have to pay 100% on any gain; and any excess would go back to the State. Discussion followed. Council made a motion based on legal advice from Nicholson.

Motion by Shotwell to wave the first right of refusal for 371 E. Fourth St., second by Hoekstra. Roll call vote. Ayes: 6. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion by Hoekstra to adjourn the meeting, second by Shotwell. Voice vote: unanimous.

President Pierman adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gremchuk, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date