

# Village of Pentwater

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## Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES JUNE 8, 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC ZOOM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Hodges called the regular meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 6:00 pm. via Zoom from the Community Room at Village Hall.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Michelle Angell-Powell, Pam Burdick, Jared Griffis Dan Nugent Don Palmer, Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Jeff Hodges.  
Absent: None

Also, present: Village Manager Chris Brown, Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman, Chief Laude Hartrum & Zoning Administrator Keith Edwards, Parks & Rec Director Kate Anderson.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

President Jeff Hodges - With the unrest in our country Pentwater wants to remember that “All Life’s Matter” in our country. We also want to take time to appreciate the quality Police Officers we have working for our Police Department. We also want to take time to recognize all the quality Police officers around the country. We give them our support and gratitude for keeping everyone safe.

Amy LaBarge, 105 6<sup>th</sup> Street - Representing Pentwater Yacht Club as this year’s Commander. We are experiencing many issues this year, an aging building, Covid 19 and high water. But, the high water is causing issues around our building with the surges overflowing into the parking lot. I would like as a representative of the Yacht Club to encourage the Council to consider the Social Spaces on the Village Green to use the picnic spaces to allow Alcohol to be consumed by the Public so we can offer as much outside services this year to make people comfortable.

Village Manager, Chris Brown - We have issues with the sewer line on Lowell Street between Carrol and Wythe. I would like to ask for the agenda to be amended to include under New Business Item J Sewer Line Repair on Lowell Street.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Burdick to approve the agenda with one addition under New Business; Item J; Sewer Line Repair on Lowell Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2020 via Zoom.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$89,162.27 Payroll - \$77,270.03.
- C. Disbursements from Township Fire Department – \$17,661.93.
- D. Commission & Board Reports: Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals & DDA.
- E. Requests for Village Green Property use:
  - 1. Village Green - Pentwater Schools - High School Graduation - July 9th @ 5P.M.- 9P.M.
  - 2. Village Green - Marine Corps League Det. #1225 – Rose Sales June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8A.M. - 1 P.M.
  - 3. Pentwater Service Club – Various Dates Submitted.
  - 4. Larry Jobbins – Live Band – Fridays, starting June 12<sup>th</sup> 5P.M. - 10 P.M.

Trustee Don Palmer wanted to recognize the DDA for a wonderful job on the banners for the 2020 Graduating High School Seniors.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Angell-Powell to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Consent agenda items approved.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **VIII. VILLAGE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Reports are in the meeting packet and posted on [www.pentwatervillage.org](http://www.pentwatervillage.org).*

- A. Village Manager - Report submitted in writing.
- B. Clerk/Treasurer - Report submitted in writing.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, second by Griffis to approve the financials as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Consent agenda items approved.

- C. Police Chief - Report submitted in writing.
- D. Fire Chief - Report submitted in writing.
- E. Zoning Administrator - Report submitted in writing.
- F. Parks & Rec Director - Report submitted in writing.

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Building & Grounds - No meeting, no report.

- B. Finances - No meeting, no report.
- C. Ordinances - No meeting, no report.
  
- D. Personnel - No Meeting, no report.
  
- E. Planning/Economic Development - No meeting, no report.
  
- F. Services - No meeting, no report.

## **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Timber Sales Bids.**

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, second by Griffis to approve the bid to select cut the Village Property consisting of 4 acres at the north end of town by Titan Timber in the amount of \$6500.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Consent agenda items approved.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2020 Millage Levy Resolution No. 2020 - 06 -10.**

*Motion* by Palmer, second by Griffis to approve the 2020 Millage Levy Resolution No. 2020 - 06 - 10 as follows: General Operating 8.3077, Pentwater Friendship Center .3403, Highway & Street .9894, General Obligation Street Improvement Debt 2.3000, and Downtown Development Authority 1.4734.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Consent agenda items approved.

### **B. Planning Commission Appointments.**

*Motion* by Griffis second by Angell-Powell to approve the appointment of Amy Robinson to the Planning Commission with a term ending June 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT 0: Motion approved.

### **C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Lift Station Generator.**

*Motion* by Angell-Powell second by Nugent to approve the bid for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Lift Station Generator from Cummins Sales & Service for \$17,300 plus the cost of installation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

### **D. Pentwater Fire Department - Apparatus.**

The Fire Department Deputy Chief Ray Hasil shared with the council the proposal to ask the voters in the November for a millage to purchase an Aerial Apparatus.

*Motion* by Angell-Powell second by Palmer to support the Pentwater Fire Department preparing the request and ballot language for the purchase of an Aerial Apparatus to bring back to the July Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

E. Sewer Plant Membranes Repair & Maintenance Ovivo Quote.

*Motion* by Palmer, second by Angell-Powell to approve the quote from Ovivo in the amount of \$39,950 for repair and maintenance of the bio reactor membranes the Sewer Treatment Plant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell-Powell. Motion approved.

F. Marina Closure.

*Motion* by Palmer, second by Angell-Powell to approve the recommendation from the Village Manager Chris Brown to close the Marina due to high water and the delay in the work on the Waterways Grant for the electrical upgrades do to the COVID19 Governor's Executive Order.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

G. Disposal of Old Concrete Trash Receptacles.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, second by Palmer to approve the Village Manager Chris Brown offering the old Concrete Trash Receptacles for sale with the proceeds going to the Downtown Development Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

H. Social Spaces within Downtown the District.

*President Hodges sent this item to the Building and Grounds Committee* for review and to bring back a recommendation to the Village Council.

I. Amendment to Ordinance Chapter 115 Marihuana Establishment Prohibition.

*Motion* by Palmer, second by Nugent to approve the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 115 Marihuana Establishment Prohibition with the Council members receiving the Draft of the Code Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance to "Opt. In" before they go to the Committee for consideration.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

J. Sewer Line Repair on Lowell between Carroll and Wythe Streets

*Motion* by Palmer, second by Nugent to approve the Village Manager Chris Brown seeking bids for the Sewer Line Repair on Lowell between Carroll and Wythe Streets  
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*President Jeff Hodges* – Dean Gustafson was going to share with the public about the Webinar that Dean Gustafson regarding the High Water, High Waves. Michigan Tech June 15 @ 7 P.M.

*Trustee Don Palmer* – Jared's words of cooperation and unity he so eloquently stated a few months ago come to mind when I read the following:

One grasshopper when able seems insignificant as it leaps across the lawn. But when it joins forces with other grasshoppers the resulting action can soon cause all kinds of issues, some far reaching.

In the case of the grasshopper, on-going resolutions could be reseeding, replanting and understanding weather and other conditions. Like these grasshoppers, we may need ongoing understanding when the potential seeds of DISUNITY are cast by some who despite the good thoughts of unity and consistency exhibited during the first Zoom meeting on the opening/closing of businesses and the Governor's executive order decided to open their businesses anyway, in one form or another. These good thoughts of unity did not last long after many witnessed the actions of a few.

Whether we like it or not, we have a duty and a responsibility to set an example, not of wrapping oneself around the flag, proclaiming American citizenship and assuming the matter closed. Rather, the thoughtful purpose of the first ZOOM meeting- to be a positive light, united in the VILLAGE'S efforts to have a common purpose and come through this together.

We all have rules and regulations we may not like, vote for or think otherwise in thought. Effective change is not just thumbing one's nose to selected passages of the Governor's order but through discussing the matter, deciding on a direction and working together to formulate this change or action.

Let's have the distinction here on out of being a community of residents/businesses working together for the health, safety and future of us all.

*Mary Temple, 560 S. Hancock, Unit 9* – Would like to state she is excited to be living in Pentwater and looks forward to being able to get involved on the various committees. Thank you to the council for giving consideration, to supporting the local businesses with social spaces. Most people will do day trips this year and let's make Pentwater a place they want to come visit.

*Eva Gregwer - Pentwater Chamber of Commerce* – In accordance with the CDC recommendations, and the Executive Order put in place with the State of Michigan, the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce has made the difficult decision to post pone the 3rd of July Fireworks. Our highest priority is the health and safety of our residents, visitors and our members. We came to this difficult decision only after reviewing all options and consulting with the State of Michigan, DNR, Pentwater Police Department, and the Pentwater Fire Department. Additionally, we do not feel it is appropriate to ask our local businesses for donations who are already experiencing the financial strain. The

Pentwater Chamber is now turning all of its focus on Homecoming and making it the best it can be. We appreciate everyone's understanding in this matter.

*Chris Conroy, 560 S Hancock St. Unit 21* – The comment on unity was appreciated. I submitted a letter to council regarding the Marihuana discussion last month. I am glad to see the recommendation and appreciate the Council taking the "Opting Out" direction until they really understand what the people in Pentwater voted for. Do they really want cultivation, manufacturing, retail and testing? I don't think they do. I think as Mary said at the out most, they want to be able to consume on their own property not looking to bring in the additional expenses that would incur. Plus, the burden on our Police force and mental health facilities. I appreciate that you are taking the time to look at this seriously. I also want to thank the DPW team for cutting the lawn at the Marina District. It is a reflection, of who we are. I want to thank Chief Laude Hartrum and the Police Department for all the services his team has provided in this trying time. In this age of rioting and looting I can appreciate the concern he has for his staff. We as a community need to support our Police Force. If we start seeing disruption because of over consumption of beer and wine in our parks and at the picnic areas. If we can help our Police Department by speaking up and supporting good behavior.

Village Manager Chris Brown – Every one of our employees have a sense of pride for Pentwater and what is best for our community. We certainly have had a lot of challenges over the last few months. We have followed all of the Governor's orders and done our best to get everything done in a timely manner. Please don't hesitate to call us at the office if you have any questions.

*County Commissioner Dean Gustafson* – Thank you President Hodges for your comment on the memo regarding High Water and High Waves Webinar next Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. From a county level we want to thank everybody who has volunteered their time to help the community in various ways get through the challenges we have all faced over the last few months and Pentwater has done more than its share. Thank you everyone.

#### **XIV. CLOSED SESSION:**

None

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Hodges adjourn the meeting 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Date