

# Village of Pentwater

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC ZOOM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Hodges called the regular meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 6:02 pm. 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

None

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* Ressel-Hodan, supported by Palmer to approve the agenda with one correction on the Roll Call Vote under New Business, Item C, Pedi Taxi, remove Palmer as a yes vote.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Motion approved.

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2020.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$153,478.92; Payroll - \$36,080.57.
- C. Disbursements from Township Fire Department – \$5,409.10.
- D. Commission & Board Reports: Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals & DDA.
- E. Requests for Village Green Property use:
  - a. Pentwater Chamber of Commerce – Farmers Market extended to include
  - b. September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - c. Pentwater Junior Women’s Club – Village Green – Art Fair, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Burdick to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer and Hodges. NAYS: Ressel-Hodan ABSENT: 0. Consent agenda items approved 6 -1.

## **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 Palmer, 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 – No reported submitted in writing. Report was given orally.

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Building & Grounds – Minutes submitted in writing.
- 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.  
Note: As part of the Restart Grant, Pentwater received \$43,937. It was a very successful grant program that many businesses took part in.
- F. Services – Minutes submitted in writing.

## **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Payment Application #5 - Marina Waterways Grant - C & I Electric.  
*Motion* by Palmer, second by Griffis to approve the payment application for C & I Electric in the amount of \$7,335.00.

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

B. Proclamation for Citizen of the Year – Jean Russell.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Ressel-Hodan to offer our sincere congratulations and approve the proclamation for the Citizen of the Year, Dr. Jean Russell PhD.

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

C. Community Garden.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan second by Griffis to approve the recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee request by the Service Club to enter into a lease agreement with the Village of Pentwater to use the area on Park Street where the old ice rink was located next to the Pentwater Township Library. The Village will remove the old dug out and the unused area of asphalt and contour the area for drainage. The group must pay a service charge for the use of the water. The Community Garden will take care of their own garbage. The Community Garden group also needs to have the fencing approved by the zoning official.

Questions:

Claudia Ressel-Hodan: Who made the decision to form the board? Who is the lease agreement with?

Chris Brown - It will be with the Service Club.

Keith Edwards - The fencing needs to meet Zoning Requirements.

Jared Griffis – Apologies to the Library Board if they feel there was any miscommunication. The Community Garden group went to use the property by the Pentwater School, so the Village Council thought the matter was finished.

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

D. Planning Commission Appointments

a. Bruce Koorndyk - Term Ends September 2024

b. Correction - Amy Roberson to fulfill remainder of Mark Benner's term which expires December 2021.

c. Correction - Mary Temple to fulfill the remainder of Kirstin's McDonough's term which expires March 2021.

*Motion* by Nugent second by Palmer to approve the following appointment to the Planning Commission, Bruce Koorndyk with a term ending September 2024. Also, approving the following corrections to the term ending for Amy Roberson, change to December 2021 and Mary Temple term ending changed to March 2021.

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

E. Construction Bid Approval for the New Village Hall.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan second by Burdick to approve setting a special meeting, at a later date, to discuss the financing options and the bids after the Village Manager Chris Brown clarifies some items on the bid proposal.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

F. Pentwater Chamber of Commerce - 2021 Road Closures Request.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, second by Burdick to approve Chamber of Commerce 2021 Road Closure Requests after Eva Gregwer submits the time requests to the Village Clerk/Treasurer for the MDOT permit applications.

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

NAYS: Palmer. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved 6 - 1.

G. Special Event Permit Chamber of Commerce - Brews & Beats, May 21, 2021

*Motion* by Nugent, second by Angell-Powell to approve the request for a Village Green Special Event Permit from the Chamber of Commerce for the Brews & Beats on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 7 P.M.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. Motion approved 7 - 0.

H. Special Event Permit Chamber of Commerce - Oktoberfest, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Motion* by Nugent second by Ressel-Hodan to approve the request for a Village Green Special Event Permit from the Chamber of Commerce for the Oktoberfest, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Questions:

Trustee Don Palmer – Where is the entertainment tent?

President Jeff Hodges – I will still be having my event. I do not know if it is the Chamber of Commerce intention to have two events, on that day?

Eva Gregwer – In regards, to Oktoberfest the Chamber's goal is to serve all our members. We are moving the event to benefit more of our members particularly those at the North End. We are obtaining new Grand Sponsors, so we need neutral ground. We are hoping Jeff still does something at the Village Café and Pub because we are trying to expand the event throughout the town just like Homecoming, Solfest and Winterfest.

Trustee Palmer – So where will the Entertainment Tent Be?

President Jeff Hodges – In a shameless plug there will be an entertainment tent in my backyard this year and next year. I think the Chamber wants to have an entertainment tent next year on the Village Green.

Trustee Ressel-Hodan - I am in support of the Chamber doing what it is charged to do which is represent the businesses. I think they have great need to seek out grand sponsors for this event. I think it is going to be awesome, Jeff, that people know that they can go to the Village Pub to continue to watch a football and cheer down there. I think it is going to be awesome to have music and events in the middle of town. As far as us approving this we have already as a council approved for non-profits to have a tent and sell beer on the Village Green. We already had it tested last year by Solfest and the Arts Council and it went off successfully with no problems. There is no reason for us not to do it. It is something the Chamber is trying to do for all our business owners.

President Hodges – This is an event that I created along with the Chamber and pushed to get it going. I am only one voice in the Chamber, and they may do as they like, I don't support the move to the Village Green, but I do support the Chamber. I will still be having the event at the Village Café and Pub. I support whole heartily making other events like Brews and Beats. It is not easy for me to support change in an event that I created being diminished.

Trustee Angell-Powell – I was the President of the Chamber when we investigated moving this event about 12 years ago to the Village Green. I did my homework to the history of the event. It was indeed Jeff that started that event. I am in support of other activities on the Village Green that support the event. However, I think we need to be sensitive that when a business owner puts their neck out and starts an event and then tag teams with the Chamber that someone like the Chamber does not grab the event and go wherever with the event after 24 years. I was under the impression that Eva was just moving some of the events up top like the Chili Cookoff. I did not think moving the entertainment tent was also part of the change.

Trustee Nugent - When I made the motion, I thought this was an extension of Oktoberfest not taking Oktoberfest somewhere else? I want to make sure we are taking care of, all of our business owners.

President Hodges - I will continue to have the Oktoberfest in my backyard. It does not sit well me with another event will be competing against an event I created.

Trustee Ressel-Hodan - It will be a multi venue event.

Trustee Burdick - Who is the sponsor of the Oktoberfest event?

President Jeff Hodges – I stop sponsoring a few years ago. I had sponsored it for 22 years.

Trustee Nugent – I don't mind having more discussion on this. I feel both ways. An extension of Oktoberfest to two venues is great. The original Solfest the last couple of years has been all over town. People love that about the event having something going on in every open space. I want to support that, but I understand Jeff had a lot to do with the start of Oktoberfest and it has always been in your backyard. I am to understand this is not a hand in hand event. Will you need a bracelet for both locations? I think we need to have that discussion.

Trustee Burdick-Is it not up to the council to approve the use of the Village Green by the Chamber for this event?

Trustee Nugent-Eva will you share the Chamber plans for the event?

Eva Gregwer-Just so you know this is for 2021. We have not discussed the final details. Obviously, we will include the Village Pub and Grill in all the advertising. We appreciate Jeff had us down at the Village Pub all these years however, we got to the point where we needed to reach out to other sponsors for financial support. The plan is to expand and enhance the event throughout the downtown. We have a new event coordinator and the plan is to do other events that include more of our members.

President Jeff Hodges-This is not the place for this conversation, and I will abstain from the vote.

Trustee Dan Nugent-I will keep my motion as it stands in high hopes that Jeff and the Chamber can keep this event an expand it for the future.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and  
NAYS: Angell-Powell. ABSENT: 0. ABSTAIN: Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 1 - 1.

I. Resolution No. 2020-09-13 Community Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Griffis to approve Resolution No. 2020 - 09 -13  
Community Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee.

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

J. Pentwater Friendship Center Name Change.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Angell-Powell to approve the name change of the Community  
Center from Pentwater Friendship Center to Park Place.

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

K. North End Park - Proposals and Grants.

The Council asked Parks & Rec Director to work on more fund raising and grants to assist  
with the matching funds portion of the project and bring them back to the October  
Council meeting for consideration.

L. Clean Water Plant Membrane #2 Replacement.

*Motion* by Griffis second by Burdick to approve the repair to membrane #2 at the Clean  
Water Plant. The repair will be done by Infrastructure Alternatives and (2) Village staff  
members with the cost being approximately \$30,000.

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

M. Resolution No. 2020-09-14 Park Street Improvement Project Funding.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan second by Angell-Powell to approve the Resolution No. 2020-  
09-14 to Establish a request to commit funds for the 2021 Park Street Improvement  
Project.

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

N. 2020 Road Improvement Projects Approval.

*Motion* by Palmer second by Griffis to approve the 2020 Road Improvement Projects  
Option #1 Carroll St. from 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St., ½ of Option #2, Option #3 Rush St. from Cory  
to Sand St. Option #9 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Ellery St. to Clymer St. #5 Intersection Rutledge by the  
Baptist Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Hancock to Carroll some patches where the road was dug up  
for the sewer lines for a total up to \$310,000.

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

O. Draft of the Request for Bids for 327 South Hancock.

Discussion was held regarding the conversation the township board had regarding  
additional requirements for the draft for the Request for Bids for 327 South  
Hancock. The plan is to have a resolution available for the October meeting.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sue Johnson, 318 Hanover-Will you be purchasing a leaf vac to take its place?

Village Manager Chris Brown-No we purchase a new vacuum a few years back.

Susan Johnson, 318 Hanover-Will we still get our leaves taken care of?

Village Manager Chris Brown-Yes.

Dean Gustafson, 410 South Chester-I want to remind the board that when the funding was talked about for the roads there was a suggestion to do Chester Street where it crosses Sussex and the low spot there.

Amy LaBarge, 605 E 6th Street-Park Place has two syllables. A good choice it's catchy.

Eva Gregwer, Chamber of Commerce-Putting the statement out there the status of the building where the Chamber offices are that we are kept informed about the process and when you are going to put it up for sale.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION:**

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Hodges adjourn the meeting 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Date