

# Village of Pentwater

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## Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2021 PARK PLACE MEETING CENTER 310 NORTH RUSH STREET

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Hodges called the regular meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 6:00 pm. from Park Place Meeting Center at 310 North Rush Street.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer, Jeff Hodges.

Absent: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.

Also, present: Village Manager Chris Brown, Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman, Chief Laude Hartrum.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

*Village Manager Chris Brown* thanked the Pentwater Sportsfishing Association for the generous donation of \$500 for the operation of the Fish Cleaning Station.

*Cathy O'Conner 337 N. Rush St.* – I know the township paid a portion of the pro-rated share of the operating costs for Park Place. I listened to the township meeting via zoom last month and saw Chris present the case for the Village for the additional amount for the township share of the operating cost. There has been a lot of discussion amongst the clubs that attend events about having to pay for a card to use the center. I hope the Village can further negotiate with the Township to ask them to contribute a pro-rated share to Park Place. Thank you.

*Stanley Rokita, 424 S Chester* - I wanted to make a comment on the Channel's Southside there are no life rings.

*Township Treasurer Heather Douglas, 818 E. First Street* – We all need to work together. The township residents may not realize the village residents pay a millage for this building. The township has contributed \$17,500 towards the operating costs of this building for this fiscal year and last fiscal year. There are still a lot of things we need to figure out. Just keep in mind the village residents are paying for the operation of this building through their taxes.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* Palmer supported by Bluhm to approve the agenda as presented with one correction in the Consent Agenda Item E.(a.) the date should be June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan. Motion approved 5 – 0.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on October 11, 2021.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$77,063.00; Payroll - \$87,688.32.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department -
- D. Commission & Board Reports: DDA Minutes.
- E. Requests for Village Property use:
  - a. Village Green-Friends of the Hart Trail-Taco for Trails, June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11A.M. – 3P.M.
  - b. Village Green-Katye Melchert Wedding-May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3 P.M.
  - c. Methodist Church-Community Christmas Caroling-Dec. 5 @ 4-5P.M.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.

Consent Agenda Approved 5 – 0.

## **VII. COORESPONDENCE**

- All correspondence directed to the Village Clerk is received and filed and emailed on to the Village Council.

The following citizens sent correspondence to the Village Clerk for the Village Council.  
Emeli Bowers, Janet K Schomberg and Julie Burdick.

## **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 Griffis, supported by Bluhm to approve the financials as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.  
Motion approved 5 – 0.
- C. Police Chief – Report submitted in writing.
- D. Fire Chief – Report submitted in writing.
- E. Zoning Administrator – Report submitted in writing.
- F. Rec Director – Report submitted in writing.

## **IX. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Building & Grounds – Report 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.
- F. Services – No meeting, no report.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Pentwater Chamber of Commerce 2022 Top of the Village Green.  
*Motion* by Nugent, supported by Griffis to approve the use of the Top of the Village Green for the 2022 Chamber Of Commerce requests.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.  
Motion approved 5 – 0.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2020-2021 Audit Review Roslund, Prestage & Co.  
*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Griffis to approve the 2020-2021 Audit Review by Bill Hirschman from Roslund, Prestage & Company.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.  
Motion approved 5 – 0.

B. Resolution No. 2021-11-31-2022 Council Open Meetings.  
*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Nugent to approve Resolution No. 2021-11-31 2022 Council Open Meetings.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Michelle Angell-Powell and Claudia Ressel-Hodan.  
Motion approved 5 – 0.

C. Park Place Usage.

Discussion was held on the 2021-2022 Park Place Budget. The council agreed to follow the recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee to wait to review revenue and expenses prior to the end of this fiscal year to determine how to proceed with the use of the building by non-village residents.

### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Dan Hoekstra, 160 4<sup>th</sup> St.* - Good evening, The Concerned Citizens of Pentwater group watched the last Council meeting and was not shocked at the 4-3 vote failure to rescind the marijuana ordinance. This would have allowed the residents of Pentwater to have an awareness and a voice to freely express our opinions to the Village Council before a vote. With the failure of the rescinding vote behind us and the obvious conclusion by 4 members of the Council not in doubt. We have chosen to take this issue to the constituents of Pentwater through an Initiative for a Referendum vote in May of 2022 As the Village Attorney, Brian Monton is aware, this process has already begun. He received a phone call from our attorney, Brian Doyle, of Varnum Law Offices in Grand Rapids last week. This process should halt all discussions of the Village Council and Planning Commission regarding the marijuana ordinance. That is the Council and the current administrations call. If they wish to waste the taxpayer's money on attorney fees and the Planning Commission's time on the marijuana discussion so be it. Time may be more well spent on the Master Plan and the larger concepts of the Village for the Council. We will, however, follow this through to completion with a vote in May at the General Election.

*Glen Beavis, 7158 N Crescent Dr.* – Question about the funding for Park Place operational costs. If the Township were to agree to match what the Village is putting in would the \$500 that the township resident pay be waived or how would that work?

*President Jeff Hodges* – The discussion was everyone would be treated equally as far as the fee schedule.

*Amy LaBarge, 605 E 6<sup>th</sup> St.* – I would like to comment on the discussion earlier on Zoom being used for Council meetings. As you know many of us travel for the winter and would like to stay very involved with the Village Council. So, I would encourage you to use zoom or whatever device allows residents to listen live but comment as well. You can attend the township meetings in person and remotely. If I am understanding council members can not attend in that way but the residents can. I encourage you to do that so the rest of us can stay involved.

*Jim Karner, 416 N. Rush St.* – I understand we have a camera at the Village Green. I would suggest expanding that to a camera pointing at the lake. It would be nice to see a camera at the beach. I would suggest it you consider that if it is possible.

*John Adams, 1243 West M-20 New Era* – I am here on behalf of the Oceana County Planet Action Council. We have been active in the county since August. We have 26 active members in the county. We have worked with Pentwater and Shelby Township and the Village of Shelby. We are asking you to give some thought to passing a Climate Emergency and Restoration Resolution. We are working with local government to help reduce climate emissions

### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

*Trustee Jared Griffis* – I have heard from a number of people about the cost of our Water/Sewer Usage Rates, and I am wondering if we could do an assessment on where we are budget wise? Some are wondering if we could do something for them in the summer months when they are watering the lawn.

*Village Manager Chris Brown* – That discussion has come up over the last month with the new sewer rates in place. I will be asking the Service Committee and the Ordinance Committee to address this on a bigger scale. We hope to have Garden meters available next year.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodges adjourn the meeting 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM, MiPMC  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Date