

Village of Pentwater

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Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2021 PARK PLACE 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: Michelle Angell-Powell, Dave Bluhm, 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.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

President Jeff Hodges – We recently lost one of our former Police Officers Randy Lentz. Randy was a friend of mine and we attended school together. Randy served the community well for a long time. I would like to take a moment to appreciate his family and his service to Pentwater. Also, I was just informed that Henry Jobbins' brother David passed away today. Our condolences go out to the Jobbins' Family.

Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan - To the Residents of Pentwater, I was absent from the November 8th Council Meeting due to the funeral of a close friend. I would like it noted that I notified all Council members four days in advance. Finally, I will continue to the best of my ability to avoid any conflicts with the meeting schedule.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* Angell-Powell supported by Palmer to approve the agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on November 8, 2021.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$435,598.50; Payroll - \$30,618.27.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department Accounts Payable - \$32,087.50

- D. Commission & Board Reports: Planning Commission and DDA Minutes.
- E. Requests for Village Property use:
 - a. Methodist Church-Community Christmas Caroling-Dec. 19 @ 3:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

Motion by Ressel-Hodan second by Griffis to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. Consent agenda items approved 7 - 0.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Comments from President Hodges.

As we all know we lost a very important figure in our community recently. Paul Smith's Family are here this evening and we would like to take a moment to acknowledge our appreciation.

President Hodges presented the plaque Honoring Fire Chief Paul Smith. Police Chief Laude Hartrum presented Karen Smith with an American Flag.

B. Acknowledgements of Contributions, Donations and Grants. – President Hodges.

The Village of Pentwater received several contributions this month. We have a very giving community and we want to acknowledge the contributions publicly.

- The Junior Women's Club has donated \$10,000 to the North End Park.
- Amy LaBarge and Ron Beeber donated \$5,000 to purchase the sound proofing panels for the ceiling in Park Place Meeting Center.
- Amy LaBarge and Ron Beeber donated \$800 to purchase new life rings on the channel.

VIII. CORESPONDENCE

- 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.

IX. VILLAGE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports are in the meeting packet and posted on 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: AYES: Angell Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. Motion approved. 7 - 0.

C. Police Chief – Report submitted in writing.

Office Amanda Payne shared the information regarding the donation from Amazon and how the department has been distributing the contents to promote Good will in the community.

- D. Fire Chief – Jonathan Hughart - 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 – 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. None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2021-12-31 For Fire Chief Paul Smith.
Motion by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Nugent to approve Resolution No. 2021-12-31 Honoring Fire Chief Paul Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved 7 – 0.

B. Deward Division of Platted 515 E Second Street 044-723-077-00 & 044-723-008-00.
Motion by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Angell-Powell to approve the division of platted lots 7 & 8 of Block 53 of the Village of Pentwater Plat in accordance with the following conditions.

1. Parcel No. 1 shall become owned by and remain with the adjacent property to the east, Parcel No. 64-044-730-001-00 9 (aka 639 E. Second St.)
2. Receipt of appropriate deeds to memorialize the ownership of Parcels No. 1 and No. 2.
3. Recording of the appropriate deeds and survey(s) with the Oceana County Register of Deeds.
4. All costs for the above shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Discussion:

1. Trustee Bluhm - Is property 639 Second St. in favor of this division?
2. Trustee Palmer – The properties are all privately owned. There is no public land that is a give-away?

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved 7 - 0.

C. Resolution No. 2021-12-32 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments.
Motion by Griffis, supported by Palmer to approve Resolution No. 2021-12-32 the 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved 7 – 0.

D. Web Cam – Yacht Club and Mears Beach.
Motion by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Bluhm to approve the Pentwater Yacht Club placing a web cam at their expense on the Village Green viewing the channel. The Yacht Club will move the camera to their new building when it is complete. The council also approved the Village Manager investigating adding a camera at the Mears State Park Beach.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved 7 – 0.

E. Council Workshop – Council set the date for a workshop on Monday, December 20th, at 6:00 P.M.

F. Resolution No. 2021-12-33 Short Term Rental Fee
Motion by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Griffis to approve the Short-Term Rental Application Fee to be \$125.00 for the 2022 Season.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Angell-Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan, Hodges. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved 7 – 0.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Hodges - extended a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Zoning Official Keith Edwards - read a letter of resignation address to President Hodges effective on March 31, 2022.

President Hodges – Sadly noted we appreciate the thought you put into the letter.

Ken Block 639 E. Second St. - Thanked the Council for the approval of the Parcel Division 64-044-773-077-00 and 64-044-723-008-00.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Trustee Don Palmer - Happy Holidays.

Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan shared she suggested to the Pentwater Township Board at their December 8th, meeting that we have a joint workshop to discuss how the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Township Boards function. How they are the same and how they are different. When I presented the idea to the Pentwater Township Board, and they were very receptive to it. The Board suggested the Village find a facilitator and consider holding this in April.

Trustee Dan Nugent - Can I take this moment to ask for an excused absence in February. I will be out of town.

President Jeff Hodges - stated he will have an excused absence in January to attend a trade show in Florida.

Trustee Dave Bluhm - The last couple of months we have been talking about the channel Shoaling. It continues to be a real concern. I think many of you witness the windstorm last week. These storms just continue to fill in the channel. So, most of you may know we put a link onto the website to write letters so we can be considered for Federal Money that is coming through the Infrastructure Bill. We get very little as a recreational port. We need to take things into our own hands. We are doing that. I understand we are meeting with the Amy Corp. of Engineers in January. But we need everyone's help, to send letters to create awareness of the need for assistance.

Secondly, I did sit through the Planning Commission meeting last month and they did talk about Marijuana Ordinance. It was a good discussion. It is my understanding they are writing a letter to send to council for clarification. It's important that they do that so as we go through this process, we leave no stone unturned for the decision we need to make. The DDA did poll the business owners downtown on whether they would like to see a facility downtown in the C3 District and it was two to one against. All good pieces of information. All good stuff that the council needs to make good decisions.

President Hodges – Senator Jon Bumstead did send the Village a letter yesterday about the 3.3 billion dollars of funds available for various projects. The Village will be looking at the needs. We do need to consider a new aquifer. We have been using the same one since before Jared and Don were on the council. This is a one-time deal. Chris is working on preparing projects details to assist with applying for some of the funds to help the Village of Pentwater.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

President Hodges adjourn the meeting 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date