

Village of Pentwater

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Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2022 PARK PLACE 310 NORTH RUSH STREET

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Pro Tempore Jared Griffis 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, Claudia Ressel-Hodan.

Absent: Michelle Angell-Powell, Jeff Hodges

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

None.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Pro Tempore Griffis requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* Palmer supported by Nugent to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Bluhm, Nugent, Palmer, Ressel-Hodan and Griffis.

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell-Powell and Hodges.

Motion approved 5 – 0.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on December 13, Special Meeting December 20, and Closed Session on December 20, 2021.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$94,326.63; Payroll - \$108,210.87.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department – 4,597.49.
- D. Commission & Board Reports:
- E. Requests for Village Property use:
 - a. Pentwater Sportsfishing Association

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

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Consent agenda items approved 5 - 0.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Comments from the President.
None.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- 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.
None.

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 Palmer, supported by Nugent to approve the financials as presented.
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bluhm, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Griffis.
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 0.
- C. Police Chief – Report submitted in writing.
- D. Fire Chief – No report submitted.
- E. Zoning Administrator – Report submitted in writing.
- F. Rec Director – Report submitted in writing.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

XI. 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.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Appointments – Dave Bluhm.

Motion by Palmer, supported by Nugent to approve President Hodges appointments for Trustee Dave Bluhm to the following council committees:

Chairperson of Personnel Committee. Service and Ordinance Committee.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 0.

B. Leaf Vac Truck.

Council decided to have the Services Committee & Finance Committee set meeting dates to review the information regarding the potential purchase of the Leaf Vac Truck.

C. Police Vehicle Equipment.

Motion by Palmer, supported by Ressel-Hodan to approve the purchase of the equipment for the new Police Vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. The funds will be taken from Fund No. 661 Motor Pool/Equipment.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 0.

D. Memorandum of Understanding between Pentwater Township and the Village of Pentwater.

Motion by Palmer, supported by Bluhm to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Pentwater Township and the Village of Pentwater, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Pentwater Fire Department, that trained members of the Village of Pentwater Police Department that holds a Medical First Responders License may serve as members of the Pentwater Fire Department to provide emergency medical aid to persons in immediate need of medical care.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 0.

E. Resolution No. 2022-01-01 Intent to Vacate a Public Street and Notice of Public Hearing.

Motion by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Palmer to approve Resolution No. 2022-01-01 Intent to Vacate a Public Street and Notice of Public Hearing. A Public Hearing on the proposed Resolution No. 2022-01-01 is scheduled for February 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell Powell and Hodges. Motion approved 5 - 0.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chris Conroy, 560 South Hancock Street, #21 – Has any consideration been given to having the residents bag the leaves and hire a service to pick them up?

Village Manager Chris Brown – Republic Waste does not offer that service.

Chris Conroy, 560 South Hancock Street – Will we be getting an update on the Water Taxi. I notice we had expenses this year but no revenue.

Dan Hokestra 160 4th Street - I represent The Concerned Citizens of Pentwater.

We want to thank the council members who did their due diligence on the issue of recreational marijuana storefronts in the Village. We have learned how the democratic process truly works for a citizen led ballot initiative. We also found that the Village, Township, and County Clerks have also learned through this process. No one we talked to had ever done this type of initiative. We were thanked for using this process because they learned along the way. The petition language has been approved by the Village, the signatures of voters have been verified by the Township, and lastly the ballot language has been approved by the Oceana County Election Commission. We were notified by the County Clerk's Office last week that everything is in order, and the Village of Pentwater will have the citizen led Initiative on the May General Election ballot regarding marijuana establishments. We want to thank the President, the Village Council, the Planning Commission, Village Attorney, and Village Manager for the time that they put into this local issue. I personally would like to express my gratitude to the members of our group that put time, money, and effort to make this happen for the betterment of our Village.

Karl Schrumpf, 214 South Wythe Street – I am a new resident in Pentwater. I was wondering if you sent out bids to have the leaves remove from an outside source.

Mary Temple, 560 South Hancock Street, #11 – Hope Council will be doing an exit interview with Keith Edwards. Could the channel dredging fit under the Infrastructure Bill.

XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Trustee Dave Bluhm – We will be meeting to talk about the shoring in the channel this month. I have been reaching out to stake holders including residents to form a committee. We have a lot of issues to work through to get this done. Village Manager has a template on the Village website of a letter to send to our Federal Representatives in Washington DC. Funds are supposed to be ear marked under the 2021 Infrastructure Bill. We are waiting to meet with the Army Corp of Engineers representative to hear how much is available.

Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan – I felt the Council had a good work session on December 20th. I would like to see us put into action many of the ideas and develop a Strategic Plan moving forward.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

President Pro Tempore Griffis adjourn the meeting 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date