

# Village of Pentwater

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## Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2022 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, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer, Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Jeff Hodges.

Absent: Dave Bluhm

Also, present: Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman, Chief Laude Hartrum & Zoning Administrator Keith Edwards, Attorney Brian Monton.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

None.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: YES: 6 NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm.

Motion approved 6 - 0.

Discussion on a non-agenda item:

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Griffis to regretfully accept the resignation of Zoning Official Keith Edwards and wish him all the best.

VOICE VOTE: YES: 6 NAYS: 0. ABSENT: BLUHM.

Motion carried all ayes.

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on February 14, 2022.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable -\$80,783.23; Payroll - \$81,598.37.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department - \$6,757.85.
- D. Commission & Board Reports: DDA Minutes and Library Directors Notes.
- E. Requests for Village Property use: None.

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

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Consent agenda items approved 6 - 0.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Comments from the President.

President Hodges wished everyone an early Happy St. Patrick's Day. Go Green! Obviously with everything going on in the world today, even though we have our differences we should feel fortunate. Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine, and we hope for a speedy resolution of the situation.

## **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.

A. Chris Conroy, Amy LaBarge, Ron Beeber and Steve Bass.

## **IX. 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, supported by Nugent to approve the financials as presented.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Consent agenda items approved 6 - 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.

## **X. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. 2022-2023 Village of Pentwater Annual Budget.

President Hodges opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. Clerk/Treasurer Listerman presented the PowerPoint overview of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. The public had no questions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Keith Edwards asked a question regarding the Township Sewer Budget and the final net amount.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:55 P.M.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Building & Grounds – No meeting, no report.
- B. Finances – Report submitted in writing.
- 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. Resolution No. 2022- 03- 06 Adoption of 2022-2023 Annual Budget.  
*Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Griffis to approve 2022-2023 Annual Budget as presented.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Motion approved 6 - 0.

B. DDA Board Appointment.

Discussion was held regarding the DDA appointment. President Hodges will present his appointment at the April Council meeting.

C. Fire Department Elections of Officers.

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Angell-Powell to approve the Pentwater Fire Department Election of the following officers: Fire Chief- Jonathan Hughart  
Assistant Fire Chief- Terry Cluchey, Treasurer- Terry Cluchey and MFR Coordinator- Jonathan Hughart

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Motion approved 6 - 0.

D. ARPA Funds.

*Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Griffis to approve the standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Motion approved 6 - 0.

E. Discussion of Operator of Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion was held regarding the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Service Committee will meet to review the options and report back to the Village Council.

F. Update and Discussion of Broadcasting Meetings and Public Comments.

Attorney Brian Monton gave an overview of the status of electronic meetings in regard to the Open Meetings Act and the current Village Ordinance that was passed in May of 2021 which included a policy for electronic meetings. The Council sent the matter to the Building and Grounds Committee to review and report back to the Council.

G. Resolution No. 2022-03-05 Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments.

*Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Griffis to approve Resolution No. 2022-03-05, 2022-2023 Fourth Quarter Budget Amendments as presented.

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

NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Bluhm. Motion approved 6 - 0.

H. Interim Zoning Official.

*Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Nugent to recommend that the Village Attorney Brian Monton serves as the Interim Zoning Official.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell-Powell, Nugent and Hodges. NAYS: Griffis, Palmer and Ressel-Hodan. Motion not approved 3 - 3.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Kate Anderson, Rec Director* – Shared that the Rec program will be purchasing a lot of equipment for the spring programming, and you will see that reflected in final financials for the year.

*Keith Edwards, 2008 W. Hansen, Scottsville* – Asked a question regarding the 2021-2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments and the proposed 2022-2023 Budget. Was the Budget Amendments reflected in the reports presented today.

*Sue Johnson, 318 E. Hanover* – I wanted to thank you with moving forward with Broadcasting the Village Public meetings. Just a reminder for the public, your meetings are for you to conduct business because you cannot meet secretly. Our participation is as an observer.

*Beth Provencal, 188 S. Chester Street* – We are new to the community if you could explain the acronyms.

**XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Trustee Dan Nugent thanked Keith for his service to the community as the Zoning Official.

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodges adjourned the meeting 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Date