

# Village of Pentwater

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## Regular Meeting of Village Council MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 8, 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, Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Don Palmer, Claudia Ressel-Hodan and Jeff Hodges.

Absent: Dan Nugent.

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

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

Kendra Flynn, 6006 N. Wayne – Update from the library board. 1. The library received a grant from the Gerber Foundation. They are using the funds to benefit children. Please stop in they have to go kits for the children. 2. The Library held an open house in the afternoon, and they had 102 attendees. 3. The staff is training to be a mental health hub for the community. 4. Look for the library in the Homecoming Parade.

Chris Conroy, 560 Hancock Street, Unit 21 – She also shared her concern over the items voiced in the letter from Deb Palmer and Jacki Kruger, Owner of Fair Trade and Chris would also like to see more Police presence walking on Main Street.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* by Ressel-Hodan supported by Angel-Powell to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: YES: NAYS: 0. ABSENT:

Motion approved 6 - 0.

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on July 11, 2022.
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable -\$167,469.31; Payroll - \$99,752.58.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department – \$18,560.51.
- D. Commission & Board Reports: Planning Commission.

- E. Requests for Village Property use:  
a. Heather Douglas, June 24, 2023 @ 5 P.M., - Wedding.

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

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

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

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Comments from the President.

Happy Homecoming Everyone. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff, especially the DPW in advance for all they do to prepare the town for this week.

## **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. Deb Palmer and Jacki Kruger Owners of Fair Trade.

## **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 Palmer, supported by Griffis to approve the financials as presented.

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

None.

## **XI. 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.

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2021-2022 Annual Audit Review – Bill Hirschman from Roslund Prestage & Co.**

Bill Hirschman, from Roslund, Prestage & Co. presented a review of the 2021-2022 Annual Audit. They did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Bluhm to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Audit as presented from Bill Hirschman of Roslund and Prestage & Co.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Griffis to approve the financials as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Nugent. Motion approved 6 - 0.

**B. Approval of Funds Transfer for Bond Payment.**

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Palmer to approve the transfer of \$33,391.96 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund to make the final payment for the Township Sewer Portion of the Sewer Bonds and the approval of the transfer from the Township Sewer to the General Fund to reimburse for the Sewer Fund Payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Nugent. Motion approved 6 - 0.

**C. Utility Service Agreement with Pentwater Township.**

Discussion was held regarding the Utility Service Agreement with Pentwater Township. Village Manager Chris Brown will send the letter reviewed by the Village Attorney Brian Monton to give the 30-day notice of termination of the contract dated June 18, 1984. Discussions will need to be held on how Township North can continue to flow into the Village Sewer treatment plant.

**D. STR Cap Discussions.**

*Motion* by Ressel-Hodan, supported by Angell-Powell to approve placing a Moratorium on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance effective immediately and placing a cap on the annual permits at 67 for one year while the Village studies the economic impacts to the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Angell Powell, Bluhm, Griffis, Ressel-Hodan, Palmer and Hodges.  
NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Nugent. Motion approved 6 - 0.

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Stan Rokita, 424 Chester Street* – His family hosted two weddings for each of his daughters this summer. The community has a need for venues for those types of events. For both events we had 100 out of town guests. On a positive note, the visitors all impressed with Pentwater and gave positive feedback on their stay. The public Wi-Fi is not working in the downtown area. Lastly, when the rain is heavy Chester Street floods, and we can be stranded after the water level goes down there is a muddy slur on the roads for three to four days we have to navigate.

*Kathy O’Conner, 337 North Rush Street* – Ask everyone to be an Ambassador for Pentwater this summer and remember to take your visiting guests to the Sculptures and remind everyone to scan the QR Code and it will open an app so there is an opportunity to vote for your favorite sculpture.

*Kendra Flynn, 6006 North Wayne Road* – The School Bond Issue Committee will be releasing information in the next couple of weeks regarding the next Bond Proposal.

*Paul DeGregorio, 270 Sands Street* – We have a beautiful building I would like to see open hours at Park Place again. A friend from outside the Village wanted to use the internet while she was here and could not have access to the building.

#### **XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

*Trustee Michelle Angell-Powell* – The Planning Commission meeting regarding the Master Plan is tomorrow night and I encourage people from the Village to attend the meetings. Those attending lack much of the history of why things like the height restrictions are in place. Please don’t let those outside of the Village of Pentwater make all the decisions of what our downtown should look like. Please show up at tomorrow’s meeting.

*Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan* – I will not be in attendance at the September Council meeting because I will be out of town. The DDA is working on getting the Wi-Fi repaired in the downtown area or looking for a new vendor.

*Trustee Dave Bluhm* – The private group of citizens met regarding the Pentwater Harbor. The group is focusing on long term solutions for the channel. We believe the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board can assist with this situation.

*Trustee Don Palmer* – Our sympathy goes out to the Bill Maxwell Family.

#### **XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

None

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Jeff Hodges adjourned the meeting 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Date