

# Village of Pentwater

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## Special Meeting of Village Council Meeting Minutes APRIL 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. 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 P.M. from the Park Place Meeting Center at 310 North Rush Street.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Michelle Angell-Powell (6:04 P.M.), Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Don Palmer, Jeff Hodges.

Absent: Dave Bluhm, and Kathy O'Connor.

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

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

None.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda. *Motion* by Palmer, supported by Nugent to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: YES: 4. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Angell-Powell, Bluhm and O'Connor.

Motion approved 4 - 0.

### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Comments from the President.

Our condolences to Kathy O'Connor and family regarding the passing of a family member.

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Quote - CWP Membrane Cleaning.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Palmer to approve the quote from Infrastructure Alternatives for the Clean Water Plant Membrane Cleaning in the amount of \$28,013.00 which does not include the cost of the crane service provided by Ken Adams Excavating.

Discussion was held:

Trustee Palmer asked what is the time frame for the project? Where are the funds coming from? Were bids taken for the crane service?

Village Manager Chris Brown responded approximately 2 days for the work. We budgeted for this in the Sewer Repair and Maintenance Account. Last year the crane came from Grand Rapids and there were more costs involved than using local operator Ken Adams.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Angell-Powell, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Hodges. NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: Bluhm and O'Connor. Motion approved 5 – 0.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2023-04-12 CWSRF Project.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Scott Hall and Lauren Wittmann from Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the proposed project and financing. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Village of Pentwater website to view for those unable to attend the meeting at [www.pentwatervillage.org](http://www.pentwatervillage.org).

Discussion was held:

*Trustee Palmer* asked if Scott Hall and Lauren Wittmann will be the go-to people for the project?

*Trustee Angell-Powell* asked why the venting was not installed from the beginning?  
Is there any recourse to go back to the original Engineering firm or the liner company?

*Village Manager Chris Brown* stated last year's repair was a band aid. Discussion was held about legal action but feel the cost would be high and the liner company says the liner was not installed correctly.

*Trustee Angell-Powell* stated I believe we have one of the most expensive Sewer Plants per the ratio of customers to operate in Michigan.

*Trustee Palmer* asked Scott and Lisa Wittman from Fleis & Vandenbrink how many times each Engineer visited the site? How visible to you intend to be? Regarding the Grant once it is submitted how involved will you be?

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Angell-Powell to approve Resolution No. 2023-04-12 Adopting a final project planning document for Wastewater System Improvements or NPS Pollution Control/Stormwater Improvements and Designating an authorized project representative as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Angell-Powell, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Hodges. NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: Bluhm and O'Connor. Motion approved 5 – 0.

B. Resolution No. 2023-04-10 Support of Channel Dredging for the 5-year Plan of the PLIB.

*Motion* by Angell-Powell, supported by Nugent to approve Resolution No. 2023-04-10, Support of Channel Dredging for the 5-year Plan of the PLIB.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Angell-Powell, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Hodges. NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: Bluhm and O'Connor. Motion approved 5 – 0.

C. 326 S. Hancock Street – Offer for Purchase.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Nugent to adjourn Item C. 326 S. Hancock Street – Offer to Purchase and send this to the Building and Grounds Committee to review and bring it back to the next regular Council meeting on Monday, May,8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Angell-Powell, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Hodges. NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: Bluhm and O'Connor. Motion approved 5 – 0.

## **IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Trustee Don Palmer* asked when the recycle bins will be placed out behind 326 S. Hancock Street? Can you investigate repairing paving in the area by the recycle bins?

*Village Manager Chris Brown* has a couple areas to repair, and he will see what Wolf Gang Paving can add when they come at the beginning of May to finish the Pickle Ball Courts. Chris reminded the Council, DDA, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Staff the MML Parliamentary Procedure Training is Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

## **X. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Ted Cuchna, 529 Clymer St.* – In discussing, the equalizing basin and the treatment plant you gloss over page 3 regarding the cost of operations. I have had conversations with Chris Brown over the operational costs of the plant. I would like to have a copy of the SCATA report for a year to look at the flows. I would like to know how many days a year we are running above 200,000 gallons a day. Most of the proposal addresses that we do not have the storage capacity to operate during the peak months of the year. We were sold a bill of goods as mentioned earlier. It is probably the costliest per gallon operation in the State. My questions to Prien & Newhoff were carefully worded on cost per kilowatt hour, cost of chemicals and they failed to answer my question on the operational cost of the plant. What is the true yearly cost to operate the plant? We have only gone from 820 customers when the plant was placed into operation to 890 customers. Most of those customers are part-time non-residents. I will be submitting a FOIA request for the yearly SCATA report. I do not argue that the repair is necessary. Are we looking at a capacity issue after the plant has not even reached its 10-year period. I feel the plant was not designed properly to start with. I think the village was promoted into the membrane system.

*Ryan Williams, 540 S Hancock St.* – I am speaking on behalf of the Pentwater Chamber Committee. We encourage new businesses. We were shocked to see an offer for the building we currently occupy. Amongst the Chamber of Commerce Board members, we are also discussing buying the building. Since we have been there so long we would like the Council to consider giving the Chamber first right of refusal on other offers. I do know you are adjourning the issue, but we just wanted you to know the Chamber may be submitting an offer as well.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodges adjourned the meeting at 7:11P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Date