

# Village of Pentwater

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## Regular Meeting of Village Council November 13, 2023 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 Park Place Meeting Center at 310 North Rush Street.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Dave Bluhm, Jared Griffis, Dan Nugent, Kathy O'Connor, Don Palmer and Jeff Hodges.  
Absent: None.

Also, present: Village Manager Chris Brown, Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman, Police Chief Laude Hartrum & Zoning Administrator/Rec Director Kate Anderson & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Renee VanNortwick.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – On the agenda

None.

### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda.

*Motion* by Griffis supported by O'Connor to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting on October 9, 2023
- B. Disbursements Village: Accounts Payable - \$194,615.94; Payroll - \$90,569.77.
- C. Disbursements from Township: Fire Department – \$7,325.90.
- D. Commission & Board Reports: Planning Commission, and Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc.
- E. Requests for Village Property use:
  - 1. Friends of the Pentwater Hart Trail 501c3, June 29, 2024, 9A.M. -3P.M.
  - 2. Chamber of Commerce 2024 Dates. See sheet.
  - 3. Pentwater Sport Fishing 2024 Dates for the Marina Gazebo. See sheet.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Bluhm to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer, and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Consent agenda approved 6 – 0.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Comments from the President.

We appreciate the service of all our veterans.

Senator Jon Bumstead read and presented the Resolution from the State of Michigan to Barb Siok. President Jeff Hodges read and presented Resolution No. 2023-11-22 Barb Siok.

## **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.

1. Kay Trommater.

## **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 Nugent to receive the November 2023 financials as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.

No: 0. Absent: 0. 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.

G. Park Place - Report submitted in writing.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Building & Grounds – No meeting, no report.

B. Finances – No meeting, no report.

C. Ordinances – No meeting, no report.

D. Personnel – Minutes submitted in writing.

E. Planning/Economic Development – Minutes submitted in writing.

F. Service – No meeting, no report.

## **XI. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Request For Proposal - Outreach and Communication Director.

*Motion* by O'Connor, supported by Nugent to remove XII. Unfinished Business, Item A. Request for Qualifications – Outreach and Communication Director.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.

No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

B. Appointment to the Village Council.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by O'Connor to approve the appointment of Phil Frame as Council Trustee to fill the vacancy on Village Council with a term ending of November 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.

No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

C. License Agreement – Use of Public Land – Antler Bar.

Village Manager Chris Brown at our council meeting last month I was instructed to work with Brian Monton to draft a license agreement for the Antler Bar's Dumpster. You have in front of you an agreement that mimics the other license agreements the village has now.

Discussion was held:

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by O'Connor to deny the license agreement as written and encourage the Plummers to work with the Village Manger to place a fence enclosure around the dumpster.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: O'Connor, Palmer, and Hodges.

No: Bluhm, Griffis, and Nugent. Absent: 0. Motion tied: 3 - 3.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Palmer, move to postpone until December Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Griffis, O'Connor and Palmer.

No: Bluhm, Nugent, and Hodges. Absent: 0. Motion tied. 3 - 3.

*Motion* by Bluhm, supported by Nugent, to approve the license agreement with a screen fence added within 30 days with a monthly fee of \$0.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Nugent, O'Connor.

No: Griffis, Palmer and Hodges. Absent: 0. Motion tied 3 - 3. Agenda item failed.

## **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolution No. 2023-11-22 Barb Siok Retirement.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Nugent to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-22 Barb Siok Retirement.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer, and Hodges.

No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 – 0

B. 5-Year Park and Rec Plan.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by O'Connor to appoint President Jeff Hodges to the Park and Rec Board and agree to compensate village appointees with a meeting fee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

C. Truck Repair.

*Motion* by Bluhm, supported by O'Connor to approve the repair costs to the 2012 International Dump Truck in the amount of \$17,269.27.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

D. 2024 Pentwater Chamber of Commerce Request for Road Closure.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Bluhm to approve the 2024 Pentwater Chamber of Commerce list of the request for Road Closures.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

E. Ordinance Amendment Short-Term Rentals.

*Motion* by O'Connor, supported by Nugent to approve the Short-Term Rentals Ordinance Amendment No. 3 of 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

F. Resolution No. 2023-11-23 2024 Short-Term Rental Fees and No. of Licenses.

*Motion* by O'Connor, supported by Nugent to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-23, 2024 Short-Term Rental fees and No. of Licenses.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer, and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

G. Resolution No. 2023-11-24 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Griffis to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-24 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

H. Resolution No. 2023-11-25 2024 Council Meeting Dates.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Palmer to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-25. 2024 Council Meeting Dates.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

I. Resolution No. 2023-11-26 2023-2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments.

*Motion* by Griffis, supported by Palmer to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-26; 2023-2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

J. Rezoning District Designation Zoning Amendment 64-044-560-093-00.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by Griffis to approve the Rezoning District Designation Zoning Amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

K. Resolution No. 2023-11-27 Boundary Line Adjustment.

*Motion* by Bluhm, supported by O'Connor to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-27 Boundary Line Adjustment.

Discussion was held:

Trustee Palmer asked if there was any village property in play?

Zoning Official Kate Anderson answered no.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved 6 - 0.

L. Appointment to the DDA.

Postpone until December Council Meeting.

M. Resolution No. 2023-11-28 Authorizing Transfer of Property.

*Motion* by Palmer, supported by O'Connor to approve Resolution No. 2023-11-28, Authorizing Transfer of Property between Matthew J. Crehan and the Village of Pentwater for the new Water Source Well Project.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bluhm, Griffis, Nugent, O'Connor, Palmer, and Hodges.  
No: 0. Absent: 6. Motion approved - 0.

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

*Heather Douglas, Twp. Treasurer*, - Last month those of us that were at your council meeting might have noticed President Hodges recused himself in regard to the Antler's dumpster. I just wanted to make a few comments regarding that. It appears Mr. Hodges was using the Antler's dumpster repeatedly and he got a ticket for it. As soon as he got the ticket this issue arose. I think it is really interesting the timing, the charges, the inconsistency. The optics look like an abuse of power. I don't think you should have voted. You should have recused yourself again.

*Paula DeGregorio, 270 Sands St.* - commented on the property that was just rezoned. She thinks council should have been told how many houses could go on the property and the street access.

*Jim Karner, 422 N. Rush St.* – A meeting or two ago there was discussion about a sidewalk initiative for new sidewalks. I hope you will reconsider that. 1. People that walk will walk in the street in groups with pets. 2. There is an impact to new sidewalks to the homeowner. Homeowners may get a sidewalk whether they like it or not. Now they are responsible for the sidewalk, shoveling snow and maintenance. If we are considering the safety of walking in the streets lets lower the speed limit.

*Carl Schrumf, 214 S. Wythe St. (via Zoom)* – my Uncle’s Father, Billy Grey was the initial part of the Antler Bar, so I think we should give them their dumpster. Secondly, I was disappointed in the Council’s vote to sell the Chamber Building. Jeff, I am disappointed that I was not communicated with in regard to my interest in the vacated council seat. Thank you.

**XV. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Jeff Hodges adjourned the meeting 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Date