

**Village of Pinckney  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 25, 2017**

The President called the meeting to order in the Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney at 7:00 pm on September 25, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dombrowski, Foster, Kausrud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Also Present: A. Salowitz (Clerk)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM:

Lavey opened at 7:01pm

Lyndsey Schingeck-Smith, 240 William St., wanted to attend the meeting. They have a signed fence permit that seems to be in question and a lot of work and money were put into the fence.

Lavey closed forum at 7:03pm

AMENDED AGENDA:

Vedder requested that we pull out item #6 – Utility Abeyance recommendations and make it #4 on the agenda. Lavey also suggested that we pull out the correspondence regarding Chicken quantity and make it #5 on the agenda.

Motion by Foster to accept amended consent agenda; Seconded by Pais

Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kausrud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Lavey attended the last Putnam Township meeting. Dick McCloskey officially resigned his position on the board. Bob Press was appointed to be his replacement.
- Putnam Township also spoke about possible improvements to the township square. They are considering a splash pad.
- HRWC Green Infrastructure would like to have a joint meeting with Planning and Council. Lucie Fortin, Planner, has suggested November but Salowitz is suggesting after the first of the year. Does anyone have preference on date? Lavey will get something scheduled after the opportunity is presented to Planning Commission.
- Lavey indicated that the property owner of the empty lot behind the Dio has expressed interest in donating the lot to the village. Lavey is attempting to determine if there is interest from Council to accept before something formal comes in. Council is open to idea. Part of parking plan. Would be asset to businesses on that block if improved. Concern about cost to improve. Normally accept assets once they are brought to village spec.
- Ongoing issues with DTE streetlights. Attempting to schedule a meeting with the village and DTE government representatives to go over a list of concerns. Lavey indicated that currently there are eight lights out on Main Street alone. Kausrud indicated that the light behind Ostlund's building has been out for some time. DTE tells him that the village owns it. Salowitz indicated that there are at least six of those lights that she can list that DTE says the village owns. Lavey noted that our understanding is we own nothing; we lease light fixtures.

- Spooktacular meeting this Wednesday at 6pm.
- Homecoming Parade is Friday. They will begin lining up around 3pm; parade starts at 4:30pm
- Sorry to announce that our Water department employee, Don Fralick, has resigned. He was an asset to the department but found employment closer to home.
- Additionally, Zoning Administrator, Diane Kay-Hougaboom, has resigned her position with the village. She will work through this Thursday. Diane indicated that her law practice has grown to the extent that she has too much on her plate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Historic District Study Committee
  - a. No Update
2. Coal Tar Ordinance
  - a. Expect something next meeting.
3. Dam Feasibility study
  - a. Foster asked if Lim was able to identify financial information. Salowitz shared where we stand with relation to the Fund Balance policy, including the adjustment to the calculation that was made by removing capital improvement dollars. Salowitz added the concern that the budget was built based on the prior anticipated fund balance. Items in capital improvement plan (CIP), and department requests, should be reconsidered before new items that aren't emergency situations. Lim offered to add dams to the CIP if Council requests.

Pais indicated that the proposal addresses the impact of the dam removal but provide no "do nothing" alternative or plan for repair. There are no costs provided for rehab. The proposal is focused solely on dam removal and the quality of the stream. To contemplate doing anything to the dam we need an engineering review, which is not included.

Lavey questioned whether Pais thought it was an "insufficient study"? Pais indicated it is "sufficient to a point". Foster noted that a more complete study can be done but it will be more expensive. She can request that HRWC update the proposal to include structural assessments. She asked Pais if that would entice him to approve the project. He indicated that it depended on the cost.

Still concerns on the S. Howell dam ownership as well as the consequences of ownership.

Motion by Vedder to not participate in the feasibility study; Seconded by Pais.

Yeas: Pais, Vedder and Lavey

Nays: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud and Tibus

Motion failed in a roll call vote.

Motion by Foster to table until the October 9, 2018 meeting so an estimate of costs for structural analysis can be added to the proposal; Seconded by Dombrowski

Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus and Lavey

Nays: Vedder

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Motion by Kauserud to request a proposal from Wolverine Engineering for structural assessment and feasibility study; Seconded by Pais  
Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Nays: None  
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

AGENDA:

**1. Raica Pay Request #3**

Lavey indicated that this is the third, not final, pay request. Project nearly complete.  
Motion by Foster to authorize payment of Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$95,341.23;  
Seconded by Dombrowski  
Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Nays: None  
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

**2. Wolverine Invoice for Portage**

Again, not final but work associated with the same timing as the Raica invoice.  
Motion by Foster to pay Wolverine invoice in the amount of \$10,118; Seconded by Kauserud.  
Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**3. Purchasing Policy draft**

Salowitz indicated that this is not the final document but staff is seeking feedback at this point.  
Foster indicated her belief that it should have language indicating that the new document supersedes all other policies and resolutions on the subject.  
Vedder requested that we add alerts to the credit cards when a purchase over \$1000 is made.

**4. Utility Abeyance**

Vedder not opposed to the recommendations but concerned that they might be in violation of the ordinance where it indicates "no free service". Salowitz indicated that since the new ordinances has not yet be codified into the existing ordinance she is curious to see how some of the language will change.  
Motion by Vedder to accept recommendations pending confirmation from Attorney that recommendation is in compliance with ordinance; Seconded by Foster  
Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**5. Chicken Permit Count**

A. McCall wrote to Council requesting the consideration of changing the ordinance allowing chickens be for six instead of four. She explained her reasoning for this change and cited the Ann Arbor ordinance.  
Council not opposed to change but need to look into it further. Salowitz requested that we put aside until we are going to open the ordinance again as it is costly to open the Zoning Ordinance.  
Motion by Foster to table until such a time that research is available and change is appropriate with other ordinance changes; Seconded by Tibus.

Yeas: Dombrowski, Foster, Kauserud, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

TRUSTEE FORUM

Opened at 8:01pm

Vedder requested update on Traffic Study. Salowitz indicated that she sent the resolution to MDOT when approved and never heard anything. She called to follow up because it felt like it went into a black hole. They indicated that it was received and in line for action but since she called to follow up they would try to "give it a bit more importance". MDOT indicated that the state police do their traffic studies. Salowitz added that she put a reminder in her calendar to follow up, again, in a few months.  
Closed at 8:03 pm

PUBLIC FORUM

Opened 8:03pm. No one wished to speak. Closed at 8:03pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amy Salowitz, CMMC  
Village Clerk

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Linda E. Lavey  
Village President

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