

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2018**

The President called the meeting to order in the Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney at 7:01 pm on October 8, 2018.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dombrowski, Foster, Pais, Tibus, Vedder and Lavey

Absent: Kauserud

Also Present: S. Mills (DPW), J. Newton (Police), A. Salowitz (Clerk)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM:

Lavey opened and closed public forum at 7:02 pm

No one present to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lavey indicated that Mr. Vedder requested that Council prepare for the Township Square discussion at the Joint Parks & Recreation committee meeting on Wednesday. Salowitz suggested making it #2 so we can close on the work session on Headlee communication.

Motion by Foster to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; Seconded by Dombrowski

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kauserud

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Lavey indicated she attended the Candidate Forum in Hamburg earlier this evening and spoke on the Headlee override proposal on the November village ballots.
- Chicken Coop Grand Opening, at Light of the World Academy, and pancake dinner this Friday. She is unable to attend but hopes others can represent the village.
- Council may have heard about contamination concerns in the vicinity of ACO. The DEQ is holding a meeting to discuss testing options with potentially impacted homeowners on Wednesday, October 24th at Village Hall. The village is not hosting the meeting just providing a location.
- Spooktacular is Saturday, October 27th 6-8pm. They can always use more volunteers.
- Lavey gave the floor to Mr. Stoker. Stoker wished to speak on the Recreational Marijuana initiative that is on the state ballot. He indicated that there was a great deal of discussion on the topic on the municipal lawyer listserves and how and what needed to be done if the proposal passes. Unlike other proposals, if this passes it would be effective 10 days after the election is certified. Contrary to other laws on the topic, if the village does not want to allow sales, distribution, etc., than they must execute an ordinance. Council members asked questions and conducted a straw poll on their thoughts on the topic. Council requested that Stoker create an ordinance for execution at the November 12 meeting. Stoker to also evaluate the drug policy in the employee manual.

- Reminder that Council will be short one Trustee after the election. Talk to your friends and neighbors in the village about considering an application for the appointment. Lavey thanked Dombrowski for her time on Council and hopes she will return one day when time allows. She also thanked Pais for his time on Council and noted that she is grateful for his ongoing commitment to Planning Commission.
- Reminder that there is a Police committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm
- Finally, there is a Parks & Recreation Joint Committee with the Township, here at Village Hall, Wednesday at 7pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AGENDA:

1. USRD Sanitary Project – Budget Shortfall

Lavey reviewed the letter prepared by Joe White of Wolverine and herself. Discussion about costs, so far, for the project and other costs not covered in the project plan.

Motion by Foster to dedicate \$125,000 of the sewer funds fund balance to establish a contingency fund for the USRD sanitary upgrade project and to authorize the Village President to sign any required documents confirming this allocation for the USRD; Seconded by Vedder.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kauserud

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

2. Township Square Discussion

Mr. Vedder wrote up some notes to share with Council on the town square. Pros and Cons to taking on a lease and maintenance. He talked about the repairs the township has completed recently and what they told him they plan to complete this fiscal year.

Foster mentioned the Liv-On (Livingston Outdoor Network) meeting that she attending last week and the groups plans for partnerships and shared communication.

3. Work Session – Headlee Action Plan

Salowitz had provided Council with several documents for consideration. It was noted that the village is a small community with a big budget. Foster was grateful for the documents on Capital Improvement and Debt Service.

Biggest concerns are reduced tax revenue, not covering the cost of services provided like leaf and brush and not enough revenue to cover cost of capital improvements.

Topics to highlight in communication include:

Shortfall on leaf and brush service

DPW trucks cut from budget last two years

Police vehicles having longer life requirements

Overall capital replacement cut in entirety for 2018-19 fiscal year.

Safety concerns like village hall parking lot and back stairs

Request photographs for documentation

Council requests that Salowitz compile information to put on website along with generic items currently posted.

TRUSTEE FORUM –

- Foster spoke more on the trail panel for Livingston On. She added that Green Oak is having issues with property acquisition for their trail but that Unadilla is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2019. She talked about interest in signage along the trail. The DNR is scheduled to speak at the next meeting about funding opportunities.
- Foster also attended the controversial Power Lunch at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Foster will not be in attendance for the October 22nd meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Opened and closed at 9:06 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm

Approval Date _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Salowitz, CMMC
Village Clerk

Linda E. Lavey
Village President

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