



## Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on January 27, 2025.

### ROLL CALL:

Present: Conquest, Coppersmith, Hochertz, Kane, Spencer and Buerman

Absent: Bierman

Also Present: A. McCall (Village Clerk), Jim Jensen, (Putnam Twp. Trustee/Liaison to the Village of Pinckney), J. McInnis (Village Planning Commissioner) and approximately 12 members of the public.

### PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum opened at 7:01 p.m. Jim Jensen discussed working on the Master Plan with the Village, and indicated a survey will be sent out with the next tax bill titled "Tell Us What You Want". Julie Amy spoke on behalf of Regina Hamlett, who was not present. Julie shared that Regina would like to see the Farmers Market return to the Village. Mike Szafranski is excited about seeing the DDA on the agenda and expansion of Food Truck Fridays.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Spencer. Second by Coppersmith. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buerman indicated that police union negotiations will begin soon. He also would like to see more enforcement of our snow removal ordinance as many sidewalks in the downtown area are not getting cleared in a timely manner. Buerman also indicated that there have been several people interested in the old Pinckney Elementary building that is currently for sale, and the Lakeland Knolls project is moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Adoption of Council Rules: Motion by Conquest, second by Kane to adopt as presented. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance of Grischke resignation from Planning Commission. Motion to accept by Spencer, second by Coppersmith. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

Recommendation by Buerman to appoint Justin McInnis to newly vacant Planning Commissioner role. Motion to appoint McInnis by Conquest, second by Kane. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner McInnis sworn in by Clerk McCall.

Multi Modal Pathway to the High School Committee Updates: Several options are being explored to make the pathway plan work, or pursue downsizing the project to a sidewalk.

Adoption of revised DDA Ordinance #177: Motion to approve by Spencer, second by Coppersmith. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution to form independent DDA: Motion to approve by Coppersmith, second by Hochertz. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

Presentation of the Trailside Café (concept plans for the old train depot) to the council by Alayna Moricz. Motion to support further development by Hochertz, second by Kane. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum opened at 7:51 p.m. Julie Amy, speaking on behalf of Regina Hamlett, expressed further support. Public forum closed at 7:52 pm.

Comments/Concern of the Council: Coppersmith inquired about the council trustee vacancy on the Planning Commission, with the resignation of Hartman. President Buerman appointed Coppersmith as council representative on the Planning Commission. With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approval date \_\_\_\_\_

Village President J. Buerman \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk A. McCall \_\_\_\_\_

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