



Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Conquest, Coppersmith, Kane, Self, Wagner and President Buerman
Also Present: Moma (DPW Director), McCall (Village Clerk), Dolan (Village Treasurer), Haines (Village Accountant), Jim Jensen (Putnam Twp Trustee and Putnam Liaison to the Village), and approximately 20 members of public.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:01pm. With no one wishing to speak, public comment closed at 7:01pm.

ADD ITEM TO AGENDA: President Buerman suggested adding a resolution to lower payment to employees who do not take village health insurance.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve with above mentioned addition by Self, Second by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- President Buerman read a written update

TREASURER'S/ACCOUNTANT REPORT:

- Treasurer Dolan and Accountant Haines gave a full report on the draft budget

PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Amy was happy with the DPW budget but had questions about the Police Budget and mentioned recent Facebook posts by the Chief regarding Monthly Activity Logs. Linda VanBlaircum is thankful for police patrolling the neighborhoods. Linda Lavey has questions about the current draft budget and read a letter to council. Linda Seger believes we need to protect emergency services for the village and suggests a closer look at our budget, such as efficiency audits. Martina Fenech would like clarification on what each council member stands for. Greg Stine asks why we are spending so much money on Police for such a small area. Public commenting closed at 7:23.

SWEARING IN OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER ADAM SCHINGECK: Motion to appoint Adam Schingeck to Planning Commission by Bierman, second by Coppersmith, motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Schingeck was officially sworn in by Clerk McCall.

DISCUSSION: OVERVIEW OF BUDGET. Many aspects of the draft budget were discussed at length, as well as possible strategies to trim it further. Official budget adoption will take place on June 8.

2026 L-4027 MILLAGE REQUEST TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Motion to approve by Coppersmith, second by Wagner. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO CUT THE “IN LIEU OF INSURANCE” INCENTIVE IN HALF for employees who do not take the village insurance. Motion to accept by Bierman, second by Self. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 8:30 p.m. Julie Amy went over police activity statistics from February 2026 and questioned cost vs. benefits as well as recent Police raises, feeling that they were misrepresented at the time. Matt Stuck Spoke of a neighbor’s blighted and abandoned property and asked the village to do something. Linda VanBlaircum complimented the Village DPW on the care of the cemetery. Valerie MacDonald had questions about the vacant land behind the village hall off of Portage Street. Greg Stine asked if DPW has a woodchipper and if they could provide wood chips as mulch for the community garden. Mike Szafranski mentioned that understands the difficult financial decisions, as his own company recently discontinued health care altogether. Public forum closed at 8:44 p.m.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____