



Village of Pinckney  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on June 8, 2026.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:01pm.** Ray Rau expressed support for union representation for the DPW, and provided to Council a packet of information in which he went over questions that he had. Holly Stebbens spoke about negative news exposure for the village during Pride Month. Adam Schingeck stated that the budget deficit was “a math problem not a people problem”. He also questioned if the policing of sidewalk chalk paint was more important than policing speeders. Public comment closed at 7:14pm.

**ADD ITEM TO AGENDA:** Trustee Bierman suggested adding to the agenda a discussion about the handling of the painted sidewalk Pride Display.

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

**PRESIDENT’S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- President Buerman read a written update

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP REPORT:**

- Jim Jensen gave a report on Putnam Twp Updates

**PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Martina Fenech asked if any phone calls have been made, to look into outsourcing some village services. Mike Szafranski stated that some hard and painful decisions will need to be made by council. Linda Segar delivered a call to action to village council. Julie Amy said we cannot tax our way out of this deficit and we need to look into additional options to cut. Public commenting closed at 8:02.

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS DPW LABOR ORGANIZATION OPTIONS** by Bierman, second by Coppersmith. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

Council members file into a separate room for a closed session from 7:41pm to 8:02pm.

With an announcement by President Buerman, council returns to open session.

DISCUSSION: FY 2026-27 BUDGET. After significant discussion, Self made a motion to table until a special meeting of council on June 15. Second by Kane. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC ACT 152 HEALTH CARE CAP: Motion to follow Public Act 152 Hard Cap by Self. Second by Kane. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE: After Village Lawyer Stoker raised questions about the wording, there was a motion to table and re-write the millage proposal by Coppersmith, seconded by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

CORRECT CLERICAL ERROR ON 2026 L-4027 MILLAGE REQUEST TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Motion to approve WITH CORRECTION by Self, second by Conquest. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

At this point in the meeting Trustee Bierman had to leave for a prior commitment. With five remaining council members, a quorum was maintained and the meeting continued.

APPROVAL OF QPS MICHIGAN HOLDING LLC REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DRIVEWAY TECH STANDARDS: Motion to approve waiver by Coppersmith, seconded by Kane. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION: RESPECTING EMPLOYEE RIGHTS DPW. Motion to approve by Conquest, seconded by Self. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 10:01 p.m. Holly Stebbens spoke against the handling of recent incidents regarding sidewalk painting and says we want to be a warm and welcoming community. Public forum closed at 10:03 p.m.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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

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

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