Village of Pinckney
Regular Council and
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Bierman, Coppersmith, Kane, Self, Wagner, and President Buerman
Also Present:	McCall (Village Clerk), PPD Chief Garrison, Moma (DPW Director) and approximately 50 members of the public, including approximately 20 attending online via Teams.
Absent:	Conquest

OPEN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:01pm. Linda VanBlaircum questions if the cemetery will be taken care of with all of the proposed cuts in the DPW. Ray Rau questions if the last two Treasurers who have quit this year were interviewed when they left. Public commenting closed at 7:06 pm.

Trustee Jo Self made a motion to add a Performance Review of the Police Chief to the agenda item # 5. Seconded by Kane. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve with Self's requested addition, by Bierman, Second by Wagner. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- President Buerman updated on several projects going on in the village.

PUBLIC HEARING: DDA EXPANSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ray Rau believes the DDA change is illegal. No further public comments.

Motion to table vote on DDA Expansion by Kane, second by Bierman. Motion passes unanimously.

TIME STUDY: Motion to approve Time study by Kane, second by Bierman. Motion passes unanimously.

BUDGET APPROVAL:
Motion to table budget approval and have a special meeting to review by Wagner, second by Self. Votes were as follows:

Bierman	Y	
Kane	Y	
Wagner	Y	
Coppersmith	N	
Self	N	
Buerman	N	Motion does not pass.

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Motion to approve budget with changes, with 575K for police budget, but still leaving a deficit by Coppersmith, second by Bierman. Votes were as follows:

Coppersmith	Y	
Kane	N	
Self	N	
Wagner	N	
Bierman	Y	
Buerman	N	Motion does not pass.

Motion to approve budget exactly as presented, by Coppersmith, second by Bierman. Votes were as follows:

Bierman	N	
Kane	N	
Wagner	N	
Coppersmith	N	
Self	N	
Buerman	N	Motion does not pass.

Motion to approve budget with changes, with hard cap of 500K for police budget, by Self, second by Bierman. Votes were as follows:

Coppersmith	Y	
Kane	N	
Self	Y	
Wagner	Y	
Bierman	Y	
Buerman	N	Motion passes.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2025-2026: Motion to approve by Self, seconded by Wagner. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF POLICE CHIEF: Chief was offered to go in to closed session, but declined. Items discussed were a recent reserve officers online comments, and the request by Buerman that this person be terminated, lack of communication with the Village President, the recent handling of the rainbow sidewalk paint display, and lack of sufficient ideas on how to cut the police budget down to 500K per year. Coppersmith suggested rather than yelling, giving Chief parameters and goals, and a due date.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 8:45 p.m. Ray Rau blames the budget crisis on council, not the Police, and suggests partnering with Putnam Twp to offer our police services on a per-call basis. Adam Schingeck thanked the council for their backbone and passion. Val Niemeic agrees with Rau to combine Police services with Township. Julie Amy Questions lack of action on councils part regarding DDA and Former Zoning Administrator. She also detailed in depth all that the DDA does for the village. Mike Szafanski spoke in support of the DDA, supports village working with Putnam Twp on Police Services. Public forum closed at 9:06 p.m.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____

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