



Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Coppersmith, Kane, Self, Wagner and President Buerman

Also Present: Police Chief Garrison, Moma (DPW Director), McCall (Village Clerk), Jim Jensen (Putnam Twp Trustee and Putnam Liaison to the Village), and approximately 25 members of public.

Absent: Conquest

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:01pm. Tom Cremonte, former Pinckney Police Officer, spoke in strong support of the Pinckney Police. Katie Spillane-Knight spoke out against dissolving the Pinckney Police Department. Hailey Garrison spoke in support of her father Police Chief Garrison. Therese Cremonte spoke in support of Chief Garrison. Ryan Hershey spoke in support of a well funded Police Department. Dalton Brennan spoke in support of the Pinckney Police Department. Elizabeth Vedder-Smith spoke in strong support of the PPD. Julia Sindlinger spoke in support of a 24 hour/7 day a week police coverage. Public commenting closed at 7:24pm.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Kane, supported by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- President Buerman gave updates on Planning Commission, DDA and Zoning

DPW UPDATES: Radio installs and hydrant flushing continue.

PPD UPDATES: Ofc Kramer's last day will be this Wednesday. Dodge Durango was involved in an accident and will likely be totaled.

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP REPORT: Jim Jensen reporting he would like to see more combined meetings between Putnam Township and the Village in the future.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE ISSUE WITH LAWYER by Self, second by Wagner. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

Council members file into a separate room for a closed session.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION by Wagner, and supported by Self, council returns to open session.

BUDGET UPDATES:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR APPOINTED AND HIRED OFFICIALS -

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Motion to approve by Coppersmith, supported by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS - CLERK, TREASURER, DEPUTY CLERK: Motion to approve by Wagner, supported by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS - PRESIDENT (INCL VILLAGE MANAGER AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR), AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: Motion to approve by Self, supported by Wagner. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS - PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion to approve by Wagner, supported by Kane. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR APPOINTED AND HIRED OFFICIALS - POLICE DEPARTMENT: Motion to approve by Self, supported by Kane. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE WORDING: After discussion, Wagner made a motion to table until next meeting. Supported by Self. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

In order to correct a clerical error, several Ordinance numbers were rescinded and replaced with newly ratified numbers:

- Ordinance 175: Motion to rescind as number 175 by Coppersmith, supported by Wagner. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 183. Motion by Coppersmith, supported by Bierman. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 176: Motion to rescind as number 176 by Wagner, supported by Bierman. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 184. Motion by Self, supported by Wagner. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 177: Motion to rescind as number 177 by Kane, supported by Bierman. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 185. Motion by Kane, supported by Bierman. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 178: Motion to rescind as number 178 by Kane, supported by Wagner. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 186. Motion by Wagner, supported by Kane. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 179: Motion to rescind as number 179 by Self, supported by Wagner. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 187. Motion by Self, supported by Bierman. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 180: Motion to rescind as number 180 by Self, supported by Bierman. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 188. Motion by Coppersmith, supported by Wagner. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Ordinance 181: Motion to rescind as number 181 by Wagner, supported by Bierman. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance

number 189. Motion by Wagner, supported by Self. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

- Ordinance 182: Motion to rescind as number 179 by Self, supported by Wagner. Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Replace with Ordinance number 190. Motion by Self, supported by Wagner. Voting went as follows: Yays: Wagner, Self, Kane, Coppersmith and Buerman. Nay: Bierman. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 9:49 p.m. Ray Rau had questions about the validity of the DDA. Julie Amy spoke in strong support of the DDA. Julia Sindlinger spoke in support of Police mental health and the need for breaks. Elizabeth Vedder-Smith had questions where republishing costs will come from. Ryan Hershey wondered why, out of all the departments, Police got the most budget scrutiny. Hailey Garrison spoke in strong support of the Pinckney Police. Andrew Teifel says we will end up losing our Police force with the proposed schedule changes and urged the village to treat its Police Chief better. Public Forum closed at 10:14pm.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____