

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 2023**

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey
Also Present: J. Chapman (Clerk), J. Durkin (Zoning Administrator), J. Garrison (Police Chief - REMOTE), D. Moma (DPW Director) and D. Stoker (Village Attorney)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum opened at 7:01 p.m.
No one wished to speak.
Public Forum closed at 7:01 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Kinczkowski to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Buerman.

Yeas: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey
Nays: None
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A Village resident contacted President Lavey requesting a litter clean-up for next weekend or the following weekend. DPW will provide vests and will see if they have grabbers. The area covered will be S. Howell St. Everyone's invited!

The current plan for the sidewalk to the high school will have to be re-engineered. The Village has been unable to come up with the match amount required. Lavey has been researching multi-modal pathways and will be meeting with the road commission and engineer soon.

Dave Stoker needs numbers to provide more information about the special assessment. This information should be coming from our engineer on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Council will have one more budget meeting in two weeks.

The Clerk and Zoning Administrator have started planting flowers downtown. Ann Jarema will be working on the rain garden and the barrels, hopefully before Memorial Day.

The word is getting out about our EV charging stations. People are starting to use them. We'll have an unveiling before the Council meeting June 12.

An escrow payment was sent to the title company for the Pittsfield Products property. We're currently waiting on the environmental testing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committees have met since the last Council meeting.

AGENDA:

1) TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON S. HOWELL

Chief Garrison explained his decision for the traffic control order. He was asked about the current speed limits and, as he investigated the issue, found they are not consistent. Garrison felt it makes sense to keep the speed limit at 25 mph since there is additional housing density along with school bus stops and added traffic from Wellbridge.

Motion by Spencer to adopt Traffic Control Order Number 23-02 as presented; seconded by Buerman.

Yeas: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Spencer

Nays: Matson and Lavey

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

2) CELL TOWER

The different options the Village has for the American Tower lease were discussed. The last time the matter was discussed, American Tower had lost a client, but they have since picked up an additional client, so the monthly revenue has increased. The current lease has a few months left but either party can leave with sixty days' notice. Agreements in the Council packet were samples only. Discussion was had over whether it would be best to continue the lease, long term, or take the buy-out for a permanent easement for a significant amount of money. It was decided that Council needs more information before they can decide. Stoker will get in touch with American Tower and see what options they'll allow.

3) CONSUMERS ENERGY FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Consumers Energy sent us their traditional form of Ordinance. Stoker put it in the Village format and added some language that Consumers had approved elsewhere.

Motion by Kinczkowski to accept the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance as modified by Dave Stoker; seconded by Buerman.

Yeas: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey

Nays: None

Absent: Matson

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

4) GRANT OPPORTUNITY

President Lavey described a grant opportunity she recently became aware of. Its purpose is to benefit downtown areas, and she felt the Village could use it for the new park. A match is involved. Thoughts included moving playground equipment from the old elementary school to fireman's park, adding parking spaces and adding handicap accessible picnic tables. There is \$100 million available. MEDC must supply a letter as part of the point system used to award the grants. Discussion was had as to the many ways the

money could be used by the Village. A Parks Committee meeting will be held soon to discuss this in further detail.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was opened at 8:20 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Public forum was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approval Date

Jill Chapman
Village Clerk

Linda E. Lavey
Village President