

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
January 22, 2024**

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2024.

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.

Jennifer Cooke, who lives at 8250 Granite Ct. in Dexter, owns Exalt Fitness as well as the building next to Aunt Betty's (140 W. Main St.) and has come to give an update on what's going on with that property. Lately, her time and funds have been spent working on a 10,000-square-foot building in Fowlerville, which should be done in February. Switching gears to working on the building in Pinckney, she has found that prices are higher than when she purchased the building. In looking for creative ways of funding that space, Jennifer has been talking with the MEDC, who asked about getting a tax abatement. She would like the Village to explore that option.

Kassondra Lambert, who lives just North of Pinckney High School on Dexter-Pinckney Road, wanted to share her personal story and how it relates to the Village. She's had students cut across her lawn since she moved in. Seven years ago, she approached the Township and the Village about putting in sidewalks. Now her son is in a wheelchair. She's been fighting for three years for a safe bus stop and a safe walking path for her son along Dexter-Pinckney Road. She has gone to the Township, the Village, the Livingston County Road Commission as well as the school district. She would like to work with us on getting our high school pathway complete.

Public Forum closed at 7:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Lavey added Agenda Item No. 4, "IT Committee Recommendation." The other items will be numbered accordingly, 5, 6 and 7.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Bierman.

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

Nays: None
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

So far this year, we've had several meetings of the IT Committee, and we'll hear from them picking a new IT company.

We've had several meetings of the Personnel Committee looking at resumes and applications. We had an interview today and we have another tomorrow. Kind of waiting for Bev to return for the accountant interviews.

President Lavey attended the Livingston Watershed Advisory Group meeting. They talk about watersheds. They are going for a grant and are asking for letters, but nothing was asked of us at this time.

President Lavey watched the Township Board meeting electronically. Pat Carney's wife, Judy, has passed. The Rosary will be Thursday night at Bell-Borek and the mass is Friday morning.

President Lavey attended the meeting of the EDCLC Board last Tuesday and got a free tour of the Chamber building, which is the old hospital in Brighton. There have been some personnel changes, but it was mostly catch-up and what they hope to accomplish in 2024. President Lavey will send the quarterly report from SPARK out.

We had a meeting with Chris Bonk, who is no longer part of The Means Project but said he will continue with his project at the old St. Mary's.

We also had a meeting with The Means Project to make sure they know what they need to move forward.

On Friday, President Lavey and Jesse met with representatives from MDOT and SEMCOG regarding the pathway to the high school. Jesse will be reworking the design to make it less expensive. A Design Adjustment Request is coming soon. MDOT has ideas on how to make the project less difficult. The next meeting will be with the County and Jesse to see what the County will let us have.

Next week, President Lavey will be going to the Livingston County Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day Breakfast. Should see John Calvert there, who used to be on our Planning Commission and now works with the Mike Levine Foundation, to see if they have any pocket change.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

DPW Director Moma says it's status quo - winter is here and they've been plowing. Moma also answered questions about residents who aren't clearing off their sidewalks.

Police Chief Garrison mentioned that Sgt. Trenkle had written a couple of tickets for people not clearing off their sidewalks. They expect to continue to do so with the weather forecast this week.

The new car should be ready on Friday. The sale of the 2019 Charger fell through, but they have another interested party.

C.J. Stoehr is off the clock now. He'll be starting with Hamburg in a few days. Looking at applications and background checks for sworn officer positions and reserve officer positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There have been Personnel and IT Committee meetings held since the last Council meeting. Minutes are in the packet.

AGENDA:

1) PATSY DIBLE / ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The founder of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Patsy Dible, introduced herself and said she wanted the Village to know she is coming back again strong. The parade will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. Discussion was had about the banner and getting it hung across M-36. Patsy would also like to bring back the bed race, which would take place before the parade, at noon.

2) AMERICAN TOWER AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE EASEMENT

Village Attorney Stoker explained that we need to pass two Resolutions. The first gives President Lavey the authority to sign the Easement Agreement and all necessary documents required for granting such easements. The second resolution is similar in nature but produced in the format preferred by American Tower. Once these Resolutions are signed, the Option Agreement can be signed essentially saying the Village will not sell the tower to anyone else.

Motion by Matson to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Grant of Perpetual Easement to American Tower Asset Sub, LLC and the Execution of Documents for Such Easement; seconded by Spencer.

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

Nays: Lavey

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve the Resolution and Consent Affidavit; seconded by Spencer.

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

Nays: Lavey

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

3) FAMILY LEAVE POLICY

Discussion was had on recommendations made by the Personnel Committee regarding a maternity/paternal leave policy. It had recently come to their attention that the Village's current disability policy is twenty years old. Future plans involve shopping around for a new plan.

Motion by Kinczkowski to allow for twelve weeks of paid maternity leave and three weeks of paid paternal leave, which is for a non-birth-giving person; seconded by Spencer.

Yeas: Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Spencer and Lavey

Nays: Bierman and Matson
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

4) IT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The IT Committee met at 6 tonight. It was down to two companies and today the recommendation is to go with Brightline. Still have to clarify the contract with Brightline and have Dave Stoker go through it. They'll be starting as soon as feasible because the contract with Vector Tech is over March 1. Included in the contract will be the need to be lien compliant within a certain timeline. The contract should be available for the next Council meeting.

Motion by Bierman to accept the recommendation of the IT Committee; seconded by Conquest.

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

Nays: Spencer

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

5) CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 / N. HOWELL STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Motion by Buerman to accept Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$3,060.60 as presented; seconded by Bierman.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

6) PAY ESTIMATE NO. 4 / N. HOWELL RECONSTRUCTION

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve the payment of \$7,031.60; seconded by Matson.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

7) WOLVERINE INVOICES

Motion by Matson to approve the payment of all invoices as presented; seconded by Bierman.

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

Nays: Spencer

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was opened at 8:25 p.m.

Patsy Dible requested that President Lavey, as someone who's always been supportive and was raised in Pinckney, honor us and be Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. Lavey responded that it would be an honor and she will accept.

Discussion was had among Council members on the tax abatement issue.

Public forum was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approval Date

Jill Chapman
Village Clerk

Linda E. Lavey
Village President