

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 2024**

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey
Also Present: A. Avigne (Interim Clerk), J. Durkin (Zoning Administrator), J. Garrison (Police Chief), D. Moma (DPW Director) and D. Stoker (Village Attorney)
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum opened at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Szafranski, at 120 Livingston noted to the council that printed Agendas were not provided at the meeting. The Interim Clerk had copies and handed them out.

Public Forum closed at 7:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Lavey removed item #3 February financials and #4 Bills payable from the consent agenda.

Motion by Matson 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:

There is a book sale at the library this weekend.

St Patrick's Day festivities are this weekend (March 16th). Council members are welcome to join in and walk in the parade. President Lavey will be Grand Marshal at the parade.

Cemetery cleanup will be March 23rd from 9am to noon.

President Lavey stated that if agenda item #3 passes she is ready to go to the title company tomorrow with a check for the purchase of a new Village Park.

President Lavey is meeting with the DNR on March 12 to discuss agenda item #5 LWCF grant.

We have hired a new accountant. Pam will be at the next meeting to meet everyone.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

DPW Director Moma says business as usual at the DPW. Waiting for information on sidewalks repairs on North Howell St.

Police Chief Garrison has hired a new part-time officer.

Chief is going to Schoolcraft Police Academy to meet new recruits that have not been spoken for by other organizations. Chief is looking to hire a few more officers.

Officer Prater responded to a call about suspicious people in masks that were at the Pinckney Chrysler dealership at 5:30am. Prater stopped a Chevy vehicle just as other cars took off from the dealership. Hamburg, Brighton, and MSP, along with a Brighton K9 officer assisted in the case. Several cars were recovered. Arrests were made.

First Amendment Auditors were videotaping businesses in the Village. Village police were called to manage the harassment that was caused by this group.

St. Patrick's parade and the 5k run is coming up this weekend. Road closing permits have been submitted to MDOT for the events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee meeting have taken place since the last council meeting.

AGENDA:

1) Chelsea State Bank – removal of past President and Clerk from the account:

The past president (Rebecca Foster), retiring treasurer (Bev Harris) and previous clerk (Jill Chapman) are listed on the Chelsea State Bank account and need to be removed. President Lavey and Pam Stewart need to be added to the account.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve bank updates as presented; seconded by Matson.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

2) 103 E Main fire suppression line agreement

This item was requested by Mr. Ostland. He would like to add a fire suppression line to a potential apartment building at 103 E. Main. The line was installed while work was being done on North Howell Street. Mr. Ostland asked to defer the payment of \$36, 607.80 connection fee until the line is active. It was agreed upon that the connection fee would either be paid when it is connected on or within 5 years, whichever comes first. The cost will be based on current connection rate at time of activation. There will be a series of inspections and fees for connections. Mr. Ostland is concerned that if the apartment building is not approved, then he would

have spent money on the system that he would never actually need. It was proposed to strike the language stating that capital connection fee due upon connection of the fire suppression line or by October 12, 2028, and the 5-year clause. Connection and inspection fees will be due when the line is connected and in use.

Motion by Buerman to approve the agreement as amended to strike the October 12, 2028 date and the 5 year clause; seconded by Spencer.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

3) ACO Property Purchase and Naming Discussion

President Lavey is prepared to sign paperwork and make the payment to purchase property (Tax ID 4714-23-304-009). This property will be used as a community park. The group discussed playground equipment as well as what to name the park. Suggestions and comments were made about naming the park.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve the purchase; seconded by Matson.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

4) Recreation Passport Grant Support

President Lavey has been working on a recreation passport grant application for the development of the new park (adjacent to 461 N. Dexter). The grant would cover parking lots, shade structure, swing sets and other playground equipment. If the Village is awarded the grant, the Village will have a financial obligation in the amount of \$50,000.00 (25%) in matching funds, total project cost of \$200,000.00.

Motion by Buerman to approve the resolution grant support; seconded by Bierman.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

5) LWCF Grant Support

President Lavey is meeting with the DNR on March 12th to discuss the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The grant funds would be used for the Multimodal Pathway Project. The Village would have a financial obligation to match \$50,000.00. Linda is waiting on new plans for the project. Applications are due April 1st.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve applying for the grant; seconded by Buerman.
Yeas: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey
Nays: None
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

6) DDA Changes Discussion

D. Stoker explained the DDA and Planning Commission were combined in 2016 due to lack of participation. Stoker explained there are multiple ways to set up the DDA and Planning Council. Stoker prepared an ordinance to add 2 Ad Hoc members to the Planning Commission. Ad Hoc members do not have to be residents of the Village. They can participate in meetings but cannot make motions or vote.

Motion by Buerman to approve adding 2 Ad Hoc member positions; seconded by Spencer.
Yeas: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Kinczkowski, Matson, Spencer and Lavey
Nays: None
Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was opened at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Ostland had a question about the sidewalk handicap ramp near 103 E. Main. He would like to put snow melt in the area so that there would be no need to shovel ice or snow from the sidewalk.

Public forum was closed at 8:13 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Approval Date

April Avigne
Interim Village Clerk

Linda E. Lavey
Village President