

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 2024**

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:41 p.m. on April 8, 2024 (delayed due to ZBA Meeting immediately prior).

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum opened at 7:41 p.m.

Dan Cooke of Exalt Fitness discussed their request for tax abatement and application for funding to MEDC.

April Avigne read a statement on being dismissed from the interim clerk position.

Kelly McCloskey, 4240 Hidden Lake Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, spoke up about April Avigne being a good worker, disagrees with her dismissal.

Public Forum closed at 7:49 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Lavey added item #7 RTP proposal support resolution.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Matson

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Plans for the Spring Clean-up with the Township have changed, as Unadilla Township wants to join. The dumpsters will now be at Township Hall instead of the DPW yard, and the cost of the dumpsters will be split three ways instead of two.

Memorial Day weekend there will be a dedication ceremony for the historical marker plaque purchased by the Sons of the American Revolution. Details to follow.

We have received a few naming suggestions for the park at the ACO property, still collecting.

The Library asks that everyone take a survey. The link is on the flyer in the packet, on our Facebook page, and will be on the website.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

DPW Director Moma says they are getting geared up for summer, making decent progress with the new well, will be getting bids.

Police Chief Garrison reported his new part time hire is picking up the full-time position instead, will be taking the swing shift for a while for training; he has a couple of part-time prospects; there may be new charges coming related to the dealership break-in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IT Committee meeting minutes in the packet and relate to agenda item.

AGENDA:

1) IT Upgrades Proposal:

The proposal from Brightline was considered. Buerman suggested that the electronics in Council Chambers need an update, too. Kinczkowski and Garrison stated the new company has been responsive and is LEIN compliant.

Motion by Buerman to approve the proposal as presented; seconded by Spencer.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Matson

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

2) PD Proposal to the Township

Chief Garrison discussed details of his proposal to provide police services to the Township and provided some examples of the need for it. He calculated a price and added 10%/year. Garrison will present it to the Township Board at their April 17 meeting.

Motion by Buerman to approve Chief Garrison's proposal to the Township; seconded by Kinczkowski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Matson

Motion carried.

3) Utility rates

Rates did not go up as planned with the March billing. The accountant suggests that the rate hike be moved to coincide with the fiscal year.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve the plan to change the rates with the fiscal year at the beginning of July; seconded by Bierman.

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

4) Set hearing for sidewalk roll

Moma has identified a number of properties around the Village with sidewalk flags that should be replaced. The Village pays half, and the property owner pays half. A public hearing is needed before the work can be done or the charges made. Letters will go out to the properties. Moma would like to start the work as soon as possible. The suggested date for the hearing is May 13th.

5) Set Budget Committee Meetings

Reminder to Council that meetings of the Budget Committee (Committee of the Whole) will be scheduled before the next few Council meetings, mark your calendars.

6) Staffing Notes

Lavey informed Council that the Village will be advertising for the Clerk position. She also asked if Council would approve a temporary office position to cover the anticipated 12-week maternity leave. Buerman expressed dissatisfaction with the hiring and firing activities.

Motion by Buerman to approve a temp office position for 12 weeks; seconded by Spencer.

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

7) RTP Proposal Support

DNR representation has offered that the Village can send a proposal for funding for the Multimodal Pathway Project. The Village would have a financial obligation to match \$50,000.00.

Motion by Kinczkowski to approve making a proposal to support the walkway project; seconded by Bierman.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum opened at 8:37 p.m.

Rick Beaudin spoke, mentioning that the PPHH Chamber has a committee forming to work on getting a sound system installed around the Square. Funding options were noted. He also commented on plans for Art in the Park and Food Truck Fridays.

Closed at 8:46 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approval Date

Village Clerk

Linda E. Lavey
Village President