



Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 26, 2024

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Buerman, Conquest, Hartman, Matson, Spencer and Lavey

Absent: None

Also Present: J. Durkin (Village Zoning Administrator), A. McCall (Village Clerk), and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum opened at 7:01 p.m. Joan Schram of Putnam Township, spoke about her displeasure with lengthy construction delays and blight regarding the Means Project at the former Pinckney Elementary site.

Village resident Holly Taylor-Stebbins recommended that village council consider having a booth at food truck Fridays. She then inquired as to the status of the repaving of Pearl Street where gravel trucks leaving the gravel pit have tore up the road. She also wondered about permitting for Terrorified Forest and wished that the new owners would have come to neighboring houses and introduced themselves.

Bridget Kane spoke of the speeders on Knollwood and Brentwood, and the lack of Police patrolling that area. She also presented a written letter from a neighbor, Tanya Smith, who is also concerned with regular speeders in that neighborhood, and the safety of her young family.

Josh Moran, who lives on Ashton also spoke about the numerous cars speeding through the neighborhood, and the lack of police presence.

Aaron Parker mentioned speeders on S. Howell, and how they often disregard school busses' flashing red lights. He further questions the apparent decline in police presence.

Bree Krau pointed out that the Lakeland Trail has many trash cans in the Hamburg Township portion, but none in the Putnam Township portion.

Jennifer Cooke, owner of EXALT Fitness, presented a letter signed by approximately 10 local business owners, outlining issues they have had working with village officials. These issues outlined in the letter include challenges with zoning approvals, the sign ordinance, difficult and lengthy project execution, and adverse interactions with village personnel. She also expressed the desire to correct these issues and change the negative perception among current and future business owners.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Matson to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Conquest with the addition of 2 agenda items: Ad-hoc Ordinance Committee and M-36 speed limit, Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lavey had recently met with EXALT owner Jennifer Cooke regarding tax abatement paperwork submission to the state. A recent meeting of the personnel committee discussed issues raised at the last council meeting regarding ZA. Clerk McCall and President

Lavey recently attended a SEMCOG tour of downtown Howell, including the courthouse interior. The annual Village financial audit is ongoing, as is the finalization of the cell tower agreement.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF SEWER CREDIT FOR 500 W. MAIN (PEOPLES CHURCH): After an estimated 250K gallon boiler leak at the church, which leached into the ground and did not enter the sewer system, a credit for the 250K gallon sewer portion of their utility bill was requested. Motion to approve sewer credit by Buerman, seconded by Bierman. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

AD-HOC ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: First meeting to take place on September 9, 2024. Outdoor Recreation regulations - Open Bar, and possible "Overlay District" will be discussed.

M-36 SPEED LIMIT: It was discussed that the speed limit east of downtown should be lowered from 40 to 35 miles per hour. Difficulty exiting businesses on that side of town was noted. Preparation of a resolution for MDOT was discussed, as well as better speed enforcement in that area.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum opened at 7:50 p.m.

Michael Szafranski (State Farm of Pinckney) inquired about nearby sidewalk repair to be taking place end of September.

Julie Amy (For Kids Sake) announced that she has a group of 23 village business owners who meet the second Friday of every month and encourages participation. She further urged council to separate the DDA from the Planning Commission, and is upset about being forced to have a playground.

Ed Stebbins wondered why Hells Survivors ever got a liquor license and supports a lower speed limit on Pearl St north of Main due to both paint ball/Terrorfied Forest traffic and gravel trucks speeding.

Public forum closed at 8:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approval date _____

President Linda Lavey _____

Village Clerk A. McCall _____