



Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

President Lavey called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Matson

Also Present: J. Durkin (Village Zoning Administrator), D. Moma (DPW Director), J. Garrison (Chief of Police), A. McCall (Village Clerk), W. Chapman (Village PD reserve officer) and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum opened at 7:01 p.m. Bree Kraut requested that her appointment to Planning Commission be moved to agenda item #1 as she had a conflicting meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Hartman to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Buerman with the addition of 1 agenda item: Business Owners Letter to the Village, Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lavey discussed the wetland survey for the walking path to the High School, and the recent renewal of The Means' marijuana licenses.

POLICE REPORT: Garrison reported that the recently damaged police cruiser was almost finished being repaired.

DPW REPORT: Moma reported that drilling has begun on Well #3

APPOINTMENT OF BREE KRAUT TO PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion Buerman, seconded by Bierman. Motion carries.

RECOGNITION OF BILL CHAPMAN, FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PINCKNEY POLICE AS A RESERVE OFFICER: Garrison presented a plaque, shadowbox, and other gifts as he outlined Officer Chapman's many years of service.

PUBLIC HEARING: (EXALT FITNESS) COOKE COACHING, L.L.C. TAX ABATEMENT: Lavey opened public hearing at 7:18 p.m., with no one stepping forward to speak, closed to the public at 7:19 p.m.

After council discussion, motion to approve Resolution 24-17 Cooke Coaching LLC Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application by Buerman, second by Spencer. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to approve Tax Abatement Agreement between The Village of Pinckney and Cooke Coaching LLC by Buerman, second by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: After discussion, motion to approve HRWC membership renewal by Spencer, second by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

REVIEW OF LETTER FROM VILLAGE BUSINESS OWNERS TO THE COUNCIL: Bierman and Spencer both expressed a desire to make working with village Zoning and Planning more hospitable. Spencer discussed issues at the old fire hall site and is interested in improving perception and encouraging growth.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum opened at 8:14 p.m.

Jennifer Cooke (EXALT Fitness) announced upcoming public event hosted by Pinckney Business Owners. "Village Voters Meet the Candidates" to be held September 13 at Hell Survivors at 5:30pm.

Julie Amy (For Kids Sake) states that she has had issues with village officials for several years and has been in contact with a college student who she is helping write a thesis on why people don't do business in Pinckney. She went on to express her ongoing anger with an ordinance requiring her to have a playground for her daycare, and harshly criticized village leadership and policies.

Bree Kraut (Planning Commissioner) stated that she had heard similar stories and agrees with the letter from business owners to the council.

Robert Coppersmith spoke out about the zoning difficulties with the former Read's Lumber property.

Mike Carney (attending remotely via Teams) states that as the owner of the old fire hall, has had at least six purchase offers fall through after the potential buyers contacted the village.

Public forum closed at 8:38 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approval date _____

President Linda Lavey _____

Village Clerk A. McCall _____