

**VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, May 19th, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Buerman at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bierman, Buerman, Kane, Self, Conquest, Hochertz, Coppersmith

Also Present: D. Moma (DPW Director)

Present remotely:

Absent: Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Buerman led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC FORUM:

President Buerman opened the public forum at 7:03p.m. Hearing no comment, the hearing was closed at 7:04p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Self, supported by Bierman.

To approve the Consent agenda as presented

1. Agenda Approval
2. Minutes Approval – Minutes from the May 12th were not ready and pulled from the agenda!
3. May Financials
4. Correspondence

VOTE: Yeas: Buerman, Conquest, Hochertz, Coppersmith, Kain, Self, Bierman

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Buerman reported that on May 15th our internet and systems went down for a ½ day, by 1:00pm we were up and running. We have the Memorial Day Parade this weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Reports

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amend the Investment Policy to include the Or Cash Account.

- a. Discussion and review of the Village of Pinckney Investment Policy, review the resolution to approve the change to the Village of Pinckney Investment Policy.

Motion by Conquest, supported by Kane.

To approve adding: Or Cash Account

VOTE: Yeas: Self, Kane, Hochertz, Conquest, Coppersmith, Bierman, Buerman
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Review Property Tax Millage Rate for Summer 2025 Tax Levey

◆ Overview of the Millage Review

- A review of the **2025 Property Tax Millage Rate** was held during the last council meeting.
- The **public hearing** is scheduled for **June 9th**, and **notices were posted and mailed** in accordance with statutory requirements.

◆ Headlee Reduction Impact (2025)

- Due to the **Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction**, our **operating millage** decreased slightly:
 - **Operating millage**: From **8.0587** to **8.0006**
 - **Highway millage**: From **3.9928** to **3.9675**
- This is a routine Headlee rollback intended to limit increases in property tax revenues resulting from rising property values.
- Councilmembers Coppersmith and Kain raised concerns regarding the accuracy of the budget figures and questioned the underlying math. **In response**, President Buerman committed to urgently reviewing the numbers with the Treasurer and Accountant **to verify their accuracy and provide a clear breakdown showing** how the final figures were calculated. **Ensuring transparency and accuracy in the budget remains a top priority, and a follow-up will be provided as soon as possible.**

◆ Option to Restore Millage Rates

- **Councilmember Buerman** raised the question of whether the council wanted to **consider restoring the millage rates** to last year's levels (a process often referred to as a "Headlee override").
- **No formal discussion or decision** was made on this during the review meeting.

◆ Tax Base Growth

- The **village's taxable value increased** from **\$104 million to \$107 million** for 2025.
- This growth in the tax base is projected to bring in **approximately \$40,000 in additional revenue** without any rate increase.

◆ **Key Considerations for the Council and Public**

- Do we need to **restore the millage to prior levels**, or can we **operate within the rolled-back rate** given the \$40K increase in projected revenue?
- Are there **specific projects, capital needs, or service improvements** that justify maximizing the millage rate?
- How do we **balance tax relief** for residents against the village's **financial responsibilities and future planning**?

◆ **Summary for June 9 Public Hearing**

- Residents will have an opportunity to speak on the proposed **2025 Summer Tax Millage Rate**.
- The council will vote on whether to:
 - **Accept the reduced rate** per Headlee;
 - **Propose a Headlee override** to restore the previous year's rate.

3. Purchase Vac Truck

a. **DPW Sewer Cleaner Purchase**

After extensive discussion, the Village Council agreed to approve the purchase of a Vac Truck for the Department of Public Works (DPW) at a cost not to exceed **\$290,000.00**. The funds for this purchase will be withdrawn from one of the Village's investment accounts, with the intent to **replenish the account over the next three years**.

- b. Council expressed a clear preference **not to finance the purchase through borrowing**, and instead utilize existing resources. DPW Director Dustin has been setting aside funds for the past three years in anticipation of purchasing a **used Vac Truck**.
- c. It was noted that the new Vac Truck is expected to **pay for itself within five years** by eliminating the need to **contract out vacuum truck services**, resulting in long-term cost savings for the Village.

Motion by Kane and Seconded by Bierman

VOTE: Yeas: Bierman, Conquest, Hochertz, Kane, Coppersmith, Self, Buerman
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED