



Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bierman, Conquest, Hochertz, Kane, Self, Coppersmith and Buerman
Also Present: Metz (Village Treasurer), McCall (Village Clerk), Garrison (Village Chief of Police), Moma (Village DPW Director) and 5 members of the public (Jim Jensen).

PUBLIC FORUM: Public forum opened at 7:01 p.m. Holly Stebbins is opposed to the suggested water rate increase. Public forum closed at 7:06

CONSENT AGENDA with addition of one item (Treasurer's Report): Motion to approve by Bierman, Second by Self. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Metz went over the most recent budget report with council, and encouraged council to contact her with any questions.

VILLAGE MANAGER/PRESIDENT/ZONING REPORT: Discussions have begun on a Village Social District, as well as possibly imposing a fee during events that require PPD to close local roads. There are many good things happening in the village.

VILLAGE POLICE REPORT: Chief has a candidate for full time officer, who will be attending the academy. He also addressed the recent concerns over speeding on village roads.

DPW NEWS: Hydrant flushing continues. Moma noted that hydrant flushing may cause nearby residences to have a temporary clouding or discoloration of tap water. He encouraged the running of water until it runs clear. Further, procedure for the bidding processes for road work was discussed.

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP UPDATES: Jensen shared that the sound system installation is now completed in the gazebo in the park. The township is working on acquiring additional trash bins to be installed on the Lakeland Trail. He also discussed looking into the status of Pinckney Pub and their liquor license.

WOLVERINE INVOICES: Motion to pay Wolverine invoices as presented by Bierman, second by Coppersmith. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE: After discussion by council, and minor changes, motion to approve new Chicken Ordinance by Coppersmith, second by Hochertz. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

PURCHASING POLICY CHANGES: After discussion by council, a new Policy Committee was formed to look further into the purchasing policy, including the bidding process. Therefore, council voted to table this until after the committee had reviewed it. Motion to table by Bierman, seconded by Coppersmith. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE: Council felt that not enough residents were aware of the intention to raise the water and sewer rates, and asked to table this until more information and statistics could be provided. Motion to table by Bierman, seconded by Hochertz. Motion carries in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 8:21 p.m. Holly Stebbins complimented council on how professionally they handle their meetings, and agreed with the council's decision to pause to educate residents on the need before suggesting utility rate hikes. Linda Lavey disagrees with the way it was proposed to raise utility rates, and suggested council follow Woodhill's plan from several years ago. Ray Rau says after the Zoning Administor was fired in December, he has not seen a Zoning report since. Public Forum closed at 8:30 p.m.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____