

Village President's Report

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October 27th, 2025

Development & Construction Projects

- Essence Micro Cannabis Store – Coordinating with developers and staff to schedule a pre-construction meeting in preparation for construction start.
 - Groundbreaking should take place by December.
- Lakeland Knoll – Working on scheduling a construction meeting to move their project forward. - Wants Groundbreaking by April 2025.
- Mugg & Boops (New Gas Station) – Assisting with site plan reviews and coordination.
 - Finalizing the Site plan review should start Final site review in November.
- Ashton Street Land Split – Facilitating the review and approvals process.
 - Planning Commission Approved.
 - On the Village Council Agenda for October 27th
- 425 Dexter – Assisting property owners with their building permit process. Working to resolve delays with the County so they can proceed with a roof replacement.
- 609 E. Main Street Land Use Permit for Pole Barn 9 9 2025
 - Changing building to metal building, unable to get anyone to build the Pole Barn this year.
- Old Fire Station was approved for Special Land Use permit for Marihuana Retailer location.
- Essence Vacant property – Applied for A Special Land Use permit for a Marihuana Retailer location.

Grants, Projects & Partnerships

- Pinckney Community Youth Development Initiative Grant – Finalized the grant and contract signing. The foundation is now able to provide receipts, and the Village can begin reimbursing them from the \$40,000 grant.
- Bless & Fish, DDA & Chamber – Collaborating on establishing a Social District for next year.
 - Working with Village Leaders and Attorney – in the planning stages.
- Pinckney Business Group – Hosting monthly meetings with the local business community to support growth and keep businesses moving forward.
 - October 23rd meeting at the library
- Depot Project – Partnering with Anayna Moricz and Jo Self on the GoFundMe initiative to raise funds and support the redevelopment of the Depot site.
 - Jo & Anayna are working though some logistics on how to set up donations and meet the requirements of the state and our auditors.

Village Policies & Ordinances

- Special Events & Street Closures – Drafting a new policy to help the Village recoup costs when closing streets for events, which often requires significant DPW involvement.
- Village Code Updates – Currently working on five code ordinance updates; three citations have been issued to date.
- Cannabis Committee – Chairing the committee with Nick, Justin, and Rob to ensure careful oversight of cannabis-related issues. The committee is also updating the scoring process, and a retail license will be available soon.
 - New updated Rubric Scoring – going Infront of Council on Oct 27th.
 - New updated Marihuana License application
 - New updated Ordinance No. 152 – these spells out a more defined process
- Residential Rental Dwelling Units Ordinance – Updating the ordinance to strengthen tenant protections and clarify landlord responsibilities.
 - Presented to Planning commission on Oct 6th.
 - More work is needed to present it to the Village Council
 - On agenda for PC Nov 3rd.
- Parking Ordinances – Reviewing and updating ordinances addressing no parking on grass and restrictions on selling personal cars or RVs on residential property.
 - Presented to Planning Commission on Oct 6th.
 - More work is needed before it goes to Village Council
 - ON agenda for PC Nov 3rd

Infrastructure

- Water & Sewer – Working with Rob, Justin, Kim, and Dustin to gather accurate information for Council before making any adjustments to utility rates.
 - We have delayed this work until the Audit is completed, next meeting in November.
- CPI water & sewer meeting to start the first of the year.

Staffing & Administration

- Personnel Committee – Working closely with the committee on the hiring process for a new Office Manager, thanks to Jo, Keri, Stacy, Andrea, and Maris.
- New Treasure – Maris Metz is leaving to work in Dexter Township.
 - Thanks to our personnel Committee we have hired a new Treasurer that will start on October 27th after swearing in with the Village Council
- Audit Preparation – Supporting Maris and Kim as they begin the Village's audit on October 6th.
 - Should be finishing up with the Audit by November 1st.
- Purchase Policy – Collaborating with Keri and Rob on updating the Village's purchase policy to ensure accountability and transparency.
 - This was approved by Council on September 22nd.
- We continue the important work of **digitizing Village records** and moving files from our physical cabinets to secure online storage.

- This has been a long and detailed process, but a necessary one — many of these files date back to the **1970s** and previously existed **without any digital backup**. One fire or disaster could have meant the loss of decades of Village history and vital information.
- A heartfelt **thank you to our staff**, especially **Tracy**, for the tremendous effort and dedication in making this project possible. Your attention to detail and commitment to preserving our community's history are deeply appreciated.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks Committee – Actively working with Justin, Stacy, and Millessa to improve and strengthen the Village's Park system.
 - Lody Bond Park – park has been updated; painting is plan for May of 2025
 - Parlay Park – Hoping this work will start by spring.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

- Events Coordinator – Successfully hired a new Events Coordinator. Finalizing the title and responsibilities. This position will also support meeting coordination with Mike and myself, ensuring coverage when either of us cannot attend.
 - JO Self was appointed by the DDA on September 12th meeting.
- Helping with Wreath Across America for donations.
- Working on new location for community Garden
- Planning a recognition Banquet in January
 - Jo Self and Jeff Buerman are coronating this event
- Light up the park – wanting to put lights on the buildings on main
- Women's summit – Hosted by the DDA & Jo Self
 - November 11th, 2025
- Pinckney Owners Group Meeting – Oct 23rd at the Library 6-8pm

Meetings & Representation

- Planning Commission – Attending all Planning Commission meetings each month to stay directly involved in development and zoning decisions.
- DDA – Attending all meetings each month to stay directly involved in how we find ways to support our local community and Business
- Pinckney, Putnam, Hamburg, Hell Chamber of commerce, attending there monthly meetings
- Community Engagement – Ongoing collaboration with Village committees, businesses, and residents to keep projects and initiatives moving forward.
- Putnam Township Meetings – Attending monthly Township meetings to stay directly involved.

Closing Note

The Village of Pinckney continues to make meaningful progress on a number of important initiatives — from critical infrastructure planning and ordinance modernization to community partnerships and business development. These efforts reflect our shared commitment to maintaining Pinckney’s small-town character while building a more sustainable and vibrant future.

I’m encouraged by the dedication of our staff, council, and community partners who continue to collaborate, innovate, and find solutions even as we face ongoing fiscal and operational challenges. Together, we are laying the foundation for long-term growth, stronger services, and a more resilient Village.

I look forward to continuing this important work alongside all of you as we strengthen Pinckney’s future — one project, one partnership, and one success at a time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Buerman
Village President
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