



Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: McCall (Village Clerk), D. Moma (DPW Director), PPD Chief Garrison, and approximately twelve members of the public.

Absent: n/a

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:01pm. Tom Chambers, Putnam Township Supervisor, announced an upcoming Spring Cleanup Junk Drive with Unadilla Township and Putnam Township (which includes the village) both participating. Chambers asked Council if they would pay an additional amount of 1/3 towards the cleanup cost. Raymond Rau distributed documents to council, and spoke against having a Village Manager also acting as Zoning Administrator and Village President. Public commenting closed at 7:10pm.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Bierman, Second by Kane. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- DDA has Upcoming Awards Banquet at the DIO
- DDA will be selling their lot on Main Street
- Planning Commission have received final site plans for Grants Place and Mugg & Bopps
- Two new businesses opening in Village in next couple months: The Mushroom Conservatory and Taqueria Los Dos Potrillos
- 7 snow removal citations have recently been written.

DPW REPORT: Department is focusing on maintenance and snow removal.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Garrison reports that the new officer is on schedule to complete the academy February 20.

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP REPORT: Jim Jensen was not in attendance.

POLICE STAFF VACATION CLARIFICATION: A motion to accept with changes by Coppersmith, and a second by Bierman, council unanimously voted in a roll call vote to approve.

DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE: After discussion, a motion by Hochertz, seconded by Coppersmith, council unanimously voted in a roll call vote to approve.

RESIDENTIAL LAWN PARKING/REAR YARD VEHICLE STORAGE: Ordinance 180. Motion to approve as written by Self, seconded by Coppersmith. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

UPDATE TO EMPLOYEE CREDIT CARD POLICY: Motion to approve changes by Self, second by Bierman. Motion passed in a unanimous roll call vote.

MOVING COMMUNITY GARDEN TO THE GRASSY AREA BEHIND VILLAGE HALL: After review of the presentation by Greg Strine, Mike Szafranski, and Martina Fenech, motion to move forward by Hochertz, seconded by Bierman. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

DPW DIRECTOR AS ACT 51 COORDINATOR: Motion by Coppersmith, seconded by Bierman, council unanimously voted in a roll call vote to approve.

CHIEF OF POLICE AS SPECIAL EVENTS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR: motion by Hochertz, seconded by Self, council unanimously voted in a roll call vote to approve.

CHANGING VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS TO MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8AM TO 5PM: Motion to approve by Bierman, second by Conquest. Motion passes in a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 8:27 Julie Amy spoke in support of the character of the current Village President. Public forum closed at 8:33pm.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____