



Village of Pinckney Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 26, 2026

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: McCall (Village Clerk), PPD Chief Garrison, and approximately ten members of the public, including Val Niemiec (Putnam Twp Clerk), Pat Carney (Putnam Twp Treasurer), Jim Jensen (Putnam Twp Trustee and Putnam Liaison to the Village), and Curt Ruf, Putnam Twp Fire Chief.

Absent: Conquest, Hochertz

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:06pm. Val Niemiec stated that Putnam Township officials were present and in support of the village. Public commenting closed at 7:07pm.

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

PRESIDENT'S/VILLAGE MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Grant's Place has applied for a land split
- Pinckney Chrysler will be remodeling soon
- Mugg & Bopps final site plan was approved by Planning Commission
- Village residents/business owners have been doing a good job clearing snow
- DDA will have 2 seats opening soon
- Cemetery Clean Up will be held on March 21, 2026
- 54 homes in the village sold last year

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP REPORT: Jim Jensen reporting:

- The township is welcoming new Zoning Administrator, Ashley Cepeda
- Township Board of Review will take place in March
- April 11 is the Annual Spring Clean Up day at the Township
- Township is looking at hiring for a new caretaker position

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP FIRE ANNUAL REPORT 2025: Fire Chief Curt Ruf presented to council.

REVIEW OF POLICE MILLAGE PROPOSAL: Discussion of upcoming Police Millage Ballot Proposal.

SIGN POLICE CONTRACT: President Buerman officially signed the Police Labor Contract.

SPECIAL EVENT POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULE: Council considered Special Event fee schedule, and determined they would begin enforcing the fee schedule for the 2027 Event season, in the interest of fairness to all who already submitted applications for the 2026 season. Motion to approve fee schedule for the 2027 season by Self, second by Bierman. Coppersmith, Kane, Self and Bierman vote Yes, President Buerman votes No. Motion carries.

RECAST LEADERS COHORT PRESENTATION: Presented by Jo Self, who worked very hard to make this happen.

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S REQUEST TO COUNCIL TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$300 TOWARDS CLEANUP DAY: It was pointed out that Village of Pinckney residents are already Putnam Township Taxpayers, and asking for an additional amount is double dipping. Motion to approve payment by Bierman, seconded by Coppersmith, council unanimously voted NO in a roll call vote. Motion does not pass.

PUBLIC FORUM opened at 8:10 p.m. Putnam Township Clerk Val Niemiec suggested collaboration on the Police Millage numbers with Village President. Public forum closed at 8:11 p.m.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approval date_____

Village President J. Buerman_____

Village Clerk A. McCall_____