

**Village of Pinckney
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2010**

The President called the meeting to order in the Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney at 7:01 pm on August 9, 2010.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White and Foster
Absent: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

Foster opened/closed @ 7:02 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Pull out Police Report for format discussion.
#2 – Sue Parent unable to attend
Replace #2 – Brunner Rezone Discussion

AMENDED AGENDA:

Motion by White to accept the Amended Agenda; Seconded by MacDonald.
Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster
Nays: None
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by White to approve Consent Agenda as amended; Seconded by MacDonald.
Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster
Nays: None
Motion carried in Roll Call vote.

POLICE REPORT:

Asetline presented several reporting options. Council agreed that they like the format of "Event by Nature Report."
Motion by Stone to accept Police Report; Seconded by Mohrmann
Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster
Nays: None
Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Deadline for those wishing to run for Village Council is tomorrow. Packets due to Putnam Township Clerk by 4:00 pm
- Auditors in-house next week
- Putnam Township signed the Franchise Agreement for the properties on S. Howell/Patterson Lake Road that are serviced by the Village sewer system.
- Clerk sent letters to owners of 875, 901 and 907 S. Howell regarding deposits required per the sewer ordinance.
- Foster asked Putnam Township to consider levying tax for these properties for unpaid past due balances.
- Mill Street Punch list: Contractor completed majority of items; still discussing need to herbicide and re-seed

~ Foster and Scott Kaiser (OHM) will present at SEMCOG workshop on September 24, 2010 updating participants on Mill Street project.

AGENDA:

1. Pinckney Family Care – Water Meter:

Salowitz reviewed history of account and error found with decimal point assigned by computer for converting read to billable amount. Attorney discussed legal options including looking at it as a 6-year statute of limitations on contracts; release of claim with payment. More exploration is necessary. Foster to follow-up with Pinckney Family Care since no one was in attendance.

2. Dr Brunner's Zoning Request – Discussion Only:

Original request was to take zoning from ROB to SBD; Planner suggested going from ROB to CBD in correspondence with Master Plan. However, it was noted that on the Master Plan S. Howell is zoned Office. Question on whether the zoning is the same as CBD. Attorney indicated that at this point the Council can approve the Planning Commissions recommendation or deny with reason.

Foster indicated staff would look into the Office/CBD issue; talk to Dr. Brunner and/or Mark Martel and the item would be on the August 23, 2010 agenda for action.

3. Rolling Hills Condos of Pinckney – Irrigation Meter:

Salowitz shared research into the irrigation meters owned by the Association; originally installed by developer. Seems one meter was thought to have never been installed but in reality it was installed but had never been inspected and wired. The meter was counting all the gallons it pulled of water but that water use has never been billed. Also, no base rates had ever been charged. Salowitz presented a draft bill based on her research. Council requested that Salowitz send the bill to the Association and indicate to them that they have 30 days to appeal the charges.

4. Canine Program:

Asetline provided overview of program and funding requirements. Discussion ensued. Council asked Asetline's position on fundraising for the program. Asetline indicated that he "is not in the fundraising business."

Motion by Mohrmann to table any decisions on the Canine Program until the August 23, 2010 meeting; Seconded by Stone.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. Employee Health Insurance Plan:

Budget Committee is recommending that this be dealt with only for the portion of the 2010-11 fiscal year being January 1-June 30, 2011.

Budget Committee does not believe that the employees should be asked to cover the entire 10% increase. Currently the Village reimburses deductibles at 100%.

Budget Committee recommendation is to reduce deductible reimbursement to 50% and keep the same plan for the period of January 1 – June 30, 2011

Motion by Lavey to accept Budget Committee recommendation as presented;

Seconded by White.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried in Roll Call vote.

6. New Secretary:

The secretary position has been offered to and accepted by Mary Wilcox. Mary is currently a part-time officer in the Police Department.

7. Medical Marijuana Moratorium:

Planning Commission considered moratorium on Medical Marijuana in the Village. Currently no ordinance addresses this issue. Council reviewed two sample ordinances. One, very detailed, from Grand Rapids. One, very short and vague, from Livonia. Attorney indicated that another municipality adopted the Livonia version and is presently being sued. Additionally, the Justice Department has issued a memorandum that they will provide no federal enforcement in states with medical marijuana laws.

More research required. Council will revisit at August 23, 2010 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Opened and Closed at 8:56 pm.

Member of Press indicated that Green Oaks Township has recently adopted a Medical Marijuana Moratorium that seems to be very acceptable to both the politicians and the citizens.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Approval Date _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Salowitz
Village Clerk

Rebecca Foster
Village President