

**VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2008**

The Village president called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at the Village Hall, 220 S. Howell St.

Roll Call

Present: Lavey, MacDonald, Pais, Stone, and Foster

Absent: Mohrmann, White

Public Forum

Republican candidate Cindy Denby introduced herself, briefly described her credentials, and invited all to visit her website cindydenby.com. Mike Porath had an inquiry about who owns or controls the old depot building. President Foster informed him that the township has control over it through the agreement with the state and Lakelands Trails.

Approval of Agenda

President Foster amended the agenda with additions of #9 CMI Grant for N. Mill, #10 PLP recycling center concept, #11 Medicare premium insurance change
Motion by Stone, support by MacDonald to approve agenda as amended.
Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Lavey requested the DDA October 8 payables be removed from the Consent Agenda for brief review.

Motion by Stone seconded by Pais to approve consent agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in roll call vote.

Discussion of DDA payables regarding crosswalk sealing and sidewalk replacement on the Square. Motion by MacDonald supported by Stone to approve DDA payables.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

President's Report

The recent Homecoming Parade raised a couple of issues, including who should be responsible for post-parade clean-up. Art in the Park, for example, has scout groups take care of litter. The village should have some policy. Per Chief Denis Aseltine, the last quarter of the parade didn't finish the established route, leaving traffic blocked waiting for them while they never showed. The village should stress all marchers need to finish the route. Otherwise, the parade went well. International Flooring had the lowest bid for

replacing the carpet on the village hall's main floor, and this work should be done sometime in early November.

AGENDA

Business

1) Clerk Appointment -

The top two candidates for the post both declined the position in rapid succession on Monday, October 13. The Personnel Committee will have to meet again to review the other applications, including the several received after the deadline, to select another few candidates for interviews. The meeting will probably be October 15th, if committee members are available.

2) Staff Bonus for Clerk Coverage -

President Foster suggests that the Council should recognize the amount of additional work being done by office staff, particularly Jane and Judi, in the form of some bonus. Since the clerk position has not yet been filled, it was suggested that the question wait until the full extent of the extra work can be determined. Motion by Stone, seconded by Lavey to defer this discussion until the October 27th meeting, with hopes there will be a new clerk by then. Motion passed unanimously.

3) ZBA/PC Appointments -

Council received the resignation of Beth Corwin from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This resignation leaves two vacancies on the ZBA. There are two applications for the open spots. There is also a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and an application for that place. Motion by Lavey, seconded by Stone to appoint Pat Dewey to the ZBA, to a term ending in December 2011. Passed unanimously. Motion by MacDonald, supported by Pais, to appoint Jeff Buerman to the ZBA, to a term ending in December 2009. Passed unanimously. Motion by Stone, seconded by MacDonald, to appoint Rich Helfer to the Planning Commission, to a term ending in 2008. Passed unanimously.

4) Septic/Sewer Update -

The president continues to research background and consult with the attorneys and the county health department on the three properties in the Knollwood/South Howell area that are on septic instead of sewer. Two of the properties appear to have prior legal documentation forgiving the requirement to hook up to the sewer. Any further discussion or action will be deferred until all the necessary information can be tracked down.

5) Softener Update –

Thirteen properties in the village have been identified as non-compliant. Three of these are vacant and belong to banks. Two have rendered affidavits stating there is no softener on the premises. Two have inspections pending. Staff is still working on the remaining properties, but good progress is being made.

6) Salt Storage –

The county is potentially interested in storing road salt at Patterson Lake Products. Village would get a portion of its road salt at no charge in exchange. The space would need to be expanded to fit the county's needs. Mr. Chuck Vedder would like to lease the now-vacant salt shed at the DPW building for his commercial use. Per President Foster, the village attorney says as long as he has proof of insurance and will follow DEQ regulations for maintaining and cleaning up the site, it should be allowable. Council members are not opposed at this time, but would need to see a formal, written proposal from Mr. Vedder first.

7) Adoption of New Technical Standards –

Per DPW Director Dave Marshall, the new technical standards manual is a big improvement over the existing one and should serve the needs of the village. He still has to finish reviewing the final draft, but he recommends approval. Motion by Stone, supported by MacDonald, to adopt the new Technical Standards as presented. Unanimous approval.

8) DDA Signs -

A resolution supporting DDA Signs and allowing that MDOT has jurisdiction over signage on M-36 was presented, as required by MDOT before any of the DDA's informational signs can be posted. Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Stone, to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Pais, Stone, Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried in a roll call vote.

9) CMI Grant for North Mill -

The village's engineering firm OHM has identified a possible grant that may pay as much as 75% of the North Mill reconstruction project. OHM's fee to write the grant would be \$5,000.00. Motion by Stone, supported by MacDonald, to hire OHM to complete the grant application, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Pais, Stone, Foster
Nays: None.

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

10) PLP Recycling Center Concept

Western Washtenaw Recycling is expanding their program into the area, and contacted Putnam Twp for a site location, and Supervisor Rau thought PLP would be the ideal location. While Council expressed general agreement to the idea, many details would have to be worked out, including fencing, lighting, and site maintenance, all at Township expense.

11) Medicare premium

A family member of an insured employee has had a change in medical status and has enrolled in Medicare. This caused an unanticipated increase in premium.

Motion Lavey, supported by Pais, that the Village cover this increase at this time.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Pais, Foster

Nays: Stone

Healthcare coverage policies will likely be revisited again soon, as there continue to be changes.

Public Forum opened at 8:47 PM.

Mr. Ed Fuson, 503 W. Hamburg, expressed anger at the water softener policies adopted, and that police were sent to his house to deliver a letter about his non-compliance. Says the council policies on this are unconstitutional, and KGB tactics are being used. In addition, he says President Foster has accused him of abusing his wife, and he finds that unacceptable.

Mr. Mike Porath had a question about who initiated the recycling at PLP project, and about a letter received from John Colone about a clerk applicant, with which he disagrees.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Approval Date _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Village Clerk

Rebecca Foster
Village President