



**Village of Pinckney**  
**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Budget for FY 2026-2027**  
**June 15, 2026**

President Buerman called the meeting to order in Village Council Chambers at 220 S. Howell, Pinckney, at 6:30 p.m. on June 15, 2026.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also Present:** Moma (DPW Director), Garrison (Police Chief), McCall (Village Clerk), Dolan (Village Treasurer), Val Niemic (Putnam Twp Clerk), Jim Jensen (Putnam Twp Trustee and Putnam Liaison to the Village), and approximately 70 members of public, of which over 30 attended online via Teams.

**Absent:** Wagner, Conquest, Kane  
*(After Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Wagner arrives at 6:32pm.)*

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT at 6:31pm.** Linda VanBlaircum shared two stories where Pinckney Police arrived in minutes, saving her elderly mothers life. She also shared how the then Police Chief visited to check up on her afterwards. Adam Schingeck spoke in support of PPD but also the need for department spending cuts. Lisa Yee-Litzenberg spoke in support of the value of quick response times and urged council to keep its promise of letting the people decide. Patrick Dewey questioned the purchase of land for a public park, and further questioned the three separate department incomes for the current president, greatly increased DDA Budget, and 446K for Community Beautification. Mike Carney spoke in support of the PPD, and brought several past years of service records for previously owned police cars that he had worked on, questioning estimated repair costs. Ray Rau shared his ideas on eliminating more costs in the Zoning Department. Scott Smith Supports PPD but we must explore all of our options. Peter Sparks spoke in support of keeping the PPD. Val Niemic explained the average cost per village household for the Police Millage and shared statistics she had gathered. Marie Butler thanked everyone for the open and honest discussion and sharing with the community. Linda Lavey distributed her spreadsheet showing the cost of dissolving the PPD vs the cost of maintaining local Police, and the approximate cost per household for a hypothetical millage.

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

**FY 2026-2027 BUDGET** was discussed at length. Additional ideas were presented. Without coming to a formal agreement, budget talks shall resume at the June 22 Council Meeting.

Public Comment opened and closed at 8:42pm with no further comments.

With no further comments or concerns, meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approval date \_\_\_\_\_

Village President J. Buerman \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk A. McCall \_\_\_\_\_