

Village of Pentwater

ON PENTWATER LAKE AND LAKE MICHIGAN
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SPECIAL Meeting COUNCIL MINUTES June 3, 2016

Call to Order - President Juanita Pierman called the regular meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 2:00 p.m. at Village Hall in the community room.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Present: Jared Griffis, Dan Hoekstra, Norm Shotwell, Bill Maxwell, Don Palmer, April Watkins and Juanita Pierman.

Absent: None

Staff present: Village Manager Rob Allard, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Moser, Village Attorney Brian Monton and Zoning Administrator Sara Bizon.

Approval of the Agenda - *Motion* by Shotwell, supported by Hoekstra to approve agenda amending agenda item 1 from Agreement by Resolution, to Agreement and Resolution. Voice vote. Aye: 7 Nay: 0 . Agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Marina Seawall Repair Grant Agreement and Resolution. Motion to approve the proposed marina sea wall resolution and grant agreement with the State of Michigan contract. Allard stated the grant needed approval so that the construction to repair the sea wall begins ASAP. The lowest bid for the repair was \$61,999 which does not include the engineering. The grant agreement is a 50% match of funds up to \$101,500, which was the cost as of the sea wall repair as estimated by engineers. Engineering fees are not included as part of the grant.

Motion by Palmer, second by Shotwell. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion approved.

Channel Dredging contract. The proposed M.C.M. Marine, Inc. contract to dredge 9 feet, dredge sand bar in the channel and at the mouth of the channel. Discussion followed as to the need and where the money would come from.

Dave Roseman said M.C.M. Marine, Inc. 9 feet below LWD (Low Water Data) which is about 12 feet of dredging. The current water level would cause boat damage to deep keelboats.

Hoekstra asked how to explain to constituents that in a situation of high water and reduced beach to have the Village spend money to dredge. Roseman replied depth is what matters; sand washes in regardless of high water. Griffis stated the channel was the highway from the west and must remain open.

Palmer was concerned about no bid process. Village Manager stated that bids could take up to 2 weeks, Tom Obrien of ACOE suggested the Village use MCM Marine because they were working near Pentwater, could do the work quickly and would charge less of a setup fee, the current set up fee being \$15,000.

Motion by Shotwell, supported by Griffis that the Village waive the bid policy due to time constraints. Voice/roll vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Palmer & Hoekstra. Motion approved.

Motion by Shotwell, supported by Griffis to accept the proposed M.C.M. Marine, Inc. bid amount of \$55,775 to dredge 9 feet below LWD (Low Water Data) in the channel and at the mouth of the channel. Roll call vote. Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Palmer & Maxwell. Motion Approved

Emergency Grant for Channel Dredging. A 50/50 funding grant by the Michigan DNR. The Village would commit to spending \$17,000 in order to dredge in the channel. The cost to dredge will be \$55,775 of which the Village could receive up to \$17,000 in grant money. The Village would owe the remaining amount of \$38,775.

Sources of funding were discussed. \$21,000 collected for dredging is in Community Foundation. Roseman stated he could likely obtain \$5,000 of the dredging money in the Community Foundation. The Lake improvement board set aside \$8,000 per year for five years, however it is unknown as to how much the Lake Board would approve. Township says claims their law firm states it would be illegal for the township to pay for any of the dredging.

Motion by Hoekstra, supported by Shotwell to approve the funding grant resolution and agreement with the State of Michigan. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion approved.

Retiree Healthcare Policy. Palmer stated he was opposed because the Village would no longer offer retiree healthcare benefits to an employee hired after April 1, 2015.

Motion by Maxwell, supported by Shotwell to accept the proposed Retiree Healthcare Policy. Roll call vote. Ayes: 6 Nays: 1-Palmer. Motion passed.

Adjournment - *Motion* by Palmer to adjourn. Voice vote. Aye: unanimous.
President Pierman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moser, Clerk/Treasurer

Date