

Village of Pentwater

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Village Council Special Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hodges called the special meeting of the Pentwater Village Council to order at 6:00 PM in the Pentwater Community Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Ressel-Hodan and Hodges.

Absent: None

Also, present: Brown, Village Manager; Listerman Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on the agenda)

Mark Brenner 5166 W. Lakeview Drive - I think we all look forward to the special delights and tradition of summer life in Pentwater. But 2019 will probably be most remembered for the high water over Longbridge Road and the discovery of our crumbling historic government center. I think we're all very proud of how our Pentwater officials and staff sprang into action with innovative strategies to mitigate the immediate inconveniences of our community being spit in half and multiplied our collective political leverage in support of a long-term fix. Likewise, it has been reassuring to experience the cooperative initiative to involve the whole community in dealing with the unexpected million-dollar expense of our nostalgic downtown government offices. I thank you for designing and implementing a public discussion which has been free from rancor and has allowed us to express our varied options about how we should move forward. Since we're talking about the structural problems of a historic building, quite naturally the discussion has focused on its location, its historical significance, its role in the downtown village and the investment required to move forward. All valuable insights and discussion. Tonight, as you make important decisions about the future, I challenge you to give equal attention to the added value of all of us in the Village and the Township working together--every hour--of every day. We are one very small community with needs that transcend political boundaries. Our voice in influencing the Oceana Road Commission, the County Board of Commissioners and all the state and federal resources and funding that flows through the County board and commissions needs to be a loud and persuasive as possible. One of the key messages we're getting through the Pentwater Vision process is that more collaboration and joint action about local community organizations is desirable—among all local governmental units—imperative. When we tally the opinions about collaboration through the September Resident Survey, I expect the majority will favor increasing joint local government action plans and results. Thank you for this open dialog. Please make working together an even higher priority.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hodges requested an approval of the agenda.

Motion by Ressel-Hodan, second by Nugent to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice vote. AYES: 8; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Facility Assessment

a. Decide to Stay or Leave Community Hall - 327 S Hancock

Motion by Ressel-Hodan, second by Palmer to leave the community hall and pursue other options taking into consideration all public comments in moving forward if possible.

Roll call vote. AYES: Angell-Powell, Burdick, Griffis, Nugent, Palmer, and Ressel-Hodan and Hodges. NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

b. Policy for Safety of Building Evacuation

Motion by Palmer, second by Griffis to ask Building & Grounds committee to formulate a Policy for safety to evacuate the building and also within that policy to have our Village Manager or Village President make the determination for evacuation.

Voice vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

c. Brownfield Process

The Council directed Village Manager Chris Brown to discuss the process of developing the Brownfield Authority and receive a cost estimate from the Village Attorney to bring back to the council.

d. Decide whether to stay as Joint Tenants with the Township

Motion by Nugent, second by Ressel-Hodan to continue to be joint tenants with Pentwater Township within the Village limits.

Voice vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

e. Assign committee of two people for Joint Planning with the Township

Motion by Palmer, second by Nugent to appoint from the Building & Grounds Committee Ressel-Hodan and Griffis to work on a joint planning committee with the township representatives for future locations.

Voice vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

2. Hancock Street Trees

Motion by Angell-Powell second by Ressel-Hodan to approve the Downtown Development Authority plan for the Hancock Street tree replacement in the amount of \$50,000. The DDA will spend \$25,000 from their fund balance and take a loan from the Village General Fund and reimburse the Village at \$5,000 a year for five years.

Roll call vote. AYES: Angell-Powell, Griffis, Nugent, Ressel-Hodan and Hodges
NAYS: Burdick and Palmer; ABSENT: 0 Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (not on the agenda)

None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Palmer, second by Nugent to approve going in to Closed Session for review of an attorney opinion with the Village Manager and Village Clerk in attendance.

Voice call vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

Open Session: 7:06 P.M.

Motion by Palmer, second by Nugent to approve closing the session.

Voice call vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

Adjourn closed session: 7:30 P.M.

Open the Special Council Meeting: 7:30 P.M.

Motion by Palmer, second by Ressel-Hodan to direct our Village Manager to proceed with attorney/client communication per the letter presented to the council.

Voice call vote. AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodges asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Palmer, second by Griffis to adjourn.

Voice vote: AYES: 7; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM
Clerk/Treasurer

Date