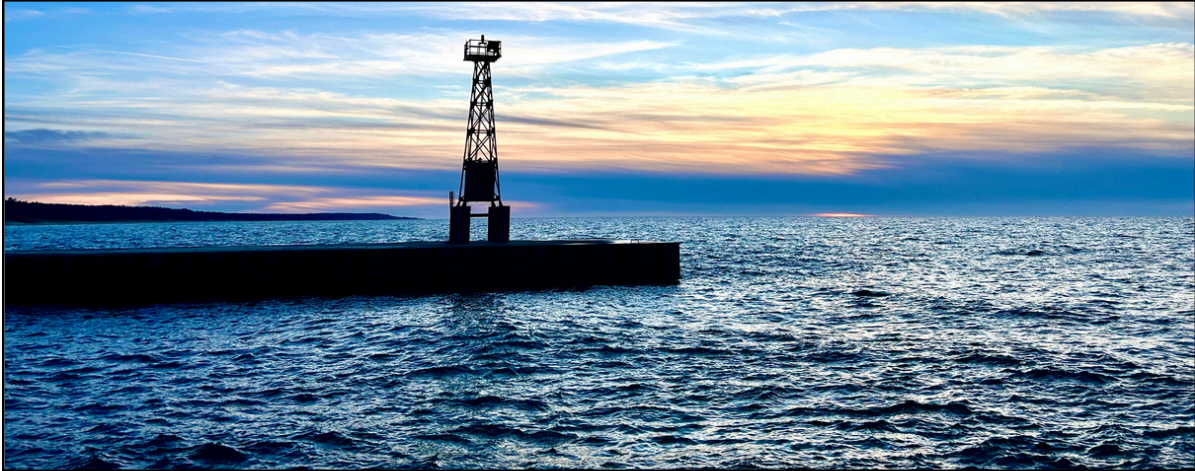


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Community Newsletter

May 30, 2025



The USACE Received \$2.2 Million for Pentwater

The United States Army Corps of Engineers recently was allocated \$2.2 million in their 2025 Work Plan for the the Pentwater Harbor.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Congressman John Moolenaar for his strong advocacy on behalf of Pentwater Harbor in Washington DC that helped secure this funding and brought to light the importance of recreational harbors. We would also like to thank Senator Jon Bumstead and Representative Curt VanderWall, for their continued support and leadership at the state level.

The Pentwater community also needs to be thanked for their unwavering dedication to the harbor. Your commitment, engagement, and persistent efforts to raise awareness about the importance of recreational harbors like ours have made a significant impact and helped bring national attention to our needs.

The USACE has long been a valued partner to the Village of Pentwater, and we look forward to continuing that partnership as we move forward with this project in the coming months. Together, and with this investment, we will work toward ensuring that Pentwater Harbor remains a vital and vibrant part of our community for generations to come."

The \$2.2 million is intended to be spent not only on dredging efforts but on maintenance and repairs as well as research and development to identify options for sand movement in the attenuators. Additionally, the dredging that the USACE wishes to complete is

called Advanced Maintenance Dredging. This type of dredging ultimately dredges a larger area in an attempt to lengthen the time between when full maintenance dredges are necessary in harbors. We believe this will be an important step forward for our harbor.



Where 2025 Dredging Efforts Stand:

The USACE plans to utilize this funding to dredge in 2026. This means that with the water levels as they are now, dredging will still be helpful for summer 2025. The Village is in the process of working with the USACE on securing a one year dredging permit. While we are close to finalizing this permit, we are also working up against the summer months and the availability of the contractor.

If we are able to dredge in 2025, Village council has requested that dredging take place prior to July so that boaters do not have to worry about navigating the channel during the busy summer season with dredging equipment in the path.

The good news - the water levels have risen more than previously expected which will help many boats this season!

Rachel Witherspoon



Construction Projects

The ongoing DWSRF construction project will see the reconstruction of Chester and Green Streets in early June. **Please limit traffic during paving.**

Meanwhile, construction has begun on Rutledge and will soon begin on Sands and Third Ave as well. With all of this action, some clarity on the connection process for those connecting to the new water system is needed:

- Cost: Property owners who connect to the system prior to April 24, 2026 will only have to pay the Village \$517 for the water meter. This meter will NOT be given directly to residents, only to the plumber who will be installing it.
- Property owners will be responsible for contracting with a company who can run a private service line from the water main into their house. If they use Hallack, Hallack will stub the line inside the house and owners will need to hire a plumber to hook up the meter to their plumbing system.
- Property owners will need to call the Village to set up the water account and arrange for the payment of the meter, prior to the meter being picked up by the plumber. The cost of the meter can be put onto the first water bill if preferred.

Please be assured that if your property is directly affected by this project, a letter will be placed on your door prior to any phase of construction beginning.

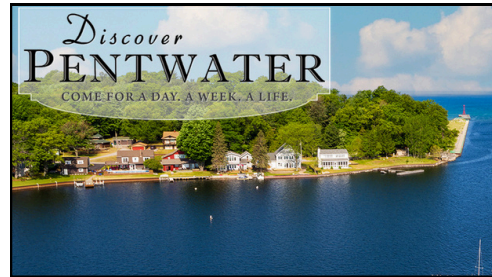


New DPS Supervisor

The Village recently hired a DPW Supervisor named Jeff Gier. He is joining us from Hillsdale where he worked as the Director of Water/Sewer.

You have likely already seen Jeff around town working with Tony, the construction crew, and getting the lay of the Village. In his first few days he has begun conducting interviews for staffing the DPW as well as establishing a to-do list.

There is a lot for him to accomplish and we are thrilled to have him! He is equally excited to be here and says "Go Blue!".



Strategic Plan

Our guidebook for accomplishing short term and medium range goals.

The Strategic Plan Process has recently kicked off and the Village is excited to embark on this journey with the community!

Please keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to provide public input during the planning process. A steering committee of different stakeholder groups is being put together and we look forward to learning from the different perspectives.