



**MINUTES FOR VILLAGE OF PINGREE GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Municipal Center, 555 Reinking Rd., Pingree Grove, IL 60140**

**Monday, February 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wiedmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The roll was called. Answering present were President Wiedmeyer and Trustees: Hall, Pearson, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, and Lemus. Also present were Village Manager Jeff Cook, Police Chief Shawn Beane, Finance Director Karen Plaza, Public Works Director Pat Doherty, Village Attorney Michael Smoron, Village Engineer Mick Gronewold, Police Lt. Chris Harris, Police Sgt. Jeff Pokorney, and Village Clerk Shelly Jureczek.

President Wiedmeyer offered condolences on behalf of the Village Board and staff to the local family who tragically lost their teenage son after being struck by a vehicle while skateboarding during the last Board meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / ITEMS

Chief Beane introduced the Village's newest part-time officer, Eric Huber. Lieutenant Harris swore in Officer Huber as a Village of Pingree Grove Police Officer.

- a. 2021-P-01, a Proclamation Declaring the Week of February 21-27, 2021 to be National Engineers Week in Pingree Grove, Illinois

President Wiedmeyer read aloud the proclamation in recognition of National Engineers Week.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- a. the Minutes from Village Board Meeting of January 18, 2021; and
- b. the Warrant List for February 1, 2021 in the amount of \$475,044.62.

A Roll Call vote determined Trustees: Kubiak, Hall, Pearson, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, and Lemus, answered aye. Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

7. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

There were no items for separate action.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

There was no President’s report.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Manager

Manager Cook indicated the Village has received 12 applications for the Customer Service Supervisor/Village Clerk position. During Executive Session, this will be discussed further. DR Horton is continuing to work on the second point of access issue discussed at the last meeting. Staff is currently reviewing options regarding the annual Kane County grant application for Riverboat Funds. Awards from the previous year were generally in the range of \$10,000-\$20,000. One idea is addressing the Boardroom audio technology needs.

b. Police

Chief Beane had nothing further to report.

c. Finance

i. Budget

Director Plaza indicated work on the budget is in process. As of the end of January, expenses are tracking very close to budget. Revenue on variable type revenues is also tracking close to budget. At this time expenses are currently down but are expected to be close to budget by the end of the fiscal year. Staff has done a very good job keeping expenses under control. Once the full allotment of Coronavirus funds has been received, a budget amendment will be brought, possibly as early as the next meeting.

Director Plaza will be attending a seminar offered by the Village’s audit firm on the new streaming services tax that the state recently passed to take up the slack of the dwindling cable franchise funds. Attorney Smoron is looking at the legalities involved with the tax. Non-home rule municipalities can take advantage of this new tax without referendum.

d. Public Works

Director Doherty reported that “bug activity” at the wastewater treatment plant is low due to cold weather, which requires additional pressing. His crew will temporarily split shifts to take care of it. Additionally, the public works crew will be clearing fire hydrants tomorrow on the main roads.

e. Engineering

Engineer Gronewold had no report.

f. Legal

Attorney Smoron had no report.

g. Planning

There was no planning report.

h. Clerk

Clerk Jureczek highlighted some of the advantages of the Village’s new online payment processor, Point & Pay.

Clerk Jureczek confirmed that the next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16th, due to the holiday.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hall asked if there was any update on catch and release for the Village ponds. Manager Cook stated he had a conversation with the original resident who brought this matter to the Board’s attention and different options were discussed. Village police and staff will seek educational training from Illinois Department of Natural Resources, when it becomes available. Trustee Hall has witnessed some overfishing himself and is looking for a method of discouragement for this activity. Board and staff discussion ensued. Attorney Smoron discussed possible concepts to address use of ponds if the Board’s desires to pursue formal action. Attorney Smoron indicated he would follow up with Manager Cook and Director Doherty in the coming week to determine how to proceed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:42 p.m. Trustee Hirschbein made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dulkoski, to convene an Executive Session of the Village Board for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village or legal counsel for the Village pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). A Roll Call vote determined

Trustees: Hirschbein, Dulkoski, Pearson, Kubiak, Lemus, and Hall, answered aye. Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

At 8:04 p.m. Trustee Dulkoski made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Trustee Lemus A Roll Call vote determined Trustees: Dulkoski, Lemus, Kubiak, Hirschbein, Hall, and Pearson, answered aye. Roll Call vote passed 6-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kubiak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Pearson. Roll Call vote determined Trustees: Kubiak, Pearson, Hirschbein, Dulkoski, Lemus, and Hall answered aye. Roll Call vote passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.