



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

**Monday, May 17, 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**

Clerk Gray called the roll. 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 Seth Gronewold, Police Lt. Chris Harris, and Village Clerk Stephen Gray.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / ITEMS**

There were no presentations.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes from Village Board Meeting of May 3, 2021.
- b. Approval of Warrant List, May 17, 2021 in the Amount of \$235,205.68
- c. Consent to the Appointment of Rich Eckert and Bill Grant to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Trustees Kubiak and Dulkoski inquired on certain items in the warrant list.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hall, to approve the consent agenda.

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

## 7. ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

- a. Approval of Ordinance 2021-O-06, Adopting and Approving an Amended Salary Schedule for FY22 and FY23 Pursuant the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Pingree Grove and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter #564, dated February 13, 2020.

Manager Cook discussed parameters of the proposed salary schedule negotiated as part of the union contract with the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP). Renegotiation of wages was required by the contract due to the public's rejection of the property tax referendum last year. He noted the schedule presented was approved and executed by the union.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dulkoski, to approve Ordinance 2021-O-06 Adopting the Amended Salary Schedule pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Pingree Grove and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter #564.

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

- b. Approval of Ordinance 2021-O-07, Amending the FY22 General Fund Budget Relating to the amended MAP contract for full time police officers.

Manager Cook requested permission to combine this item with discussion under item C on the agenda. He discussed alternative budget amendments presented for the Board's consideration, with one option providing for current staffing, while a second option provided for hiring an additional full-time police officer. Board discussion ensued noting a desire to proceed with hiring an additional officer.

Trustee Dulkoski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kubiak, to approve Ordinance 2021-O-07 amending the FY22 Budget for the amended Metropolitan Alliance of Police contract for the budgeted full-time police officers and authorizing the addition of one full-time police officer.

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

- c. Authorization to hire additional full-time police officer(s).

This item was discussed as part of item B on the agenda.

- d. Approval of Bids for Municipal Natural Gas Aggregation for the Pingree Grove WWTP and WTP.

Manager Cook discussed opportunities and risks available in considering a new supply contract for natural gas at the utility plants, noting current fluctuations in market price. President Wiedmeyer inquired on average price over the past five years. Director Doherty explained variances in market price and noted budgetary benefits of a fixed rate contract. Trustees discussed different options and reached consensus to pursue a 33-month contract with the low-bid supplier, Santanna Energy Services.

Trustee Pearson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dulkoski, to authorize and instruct Director Doherty to accept and execute a natural gas supply contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plan and Water Treatment Plant for a 33-month term with Santanna Energy Services.

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

- e. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Test Well No. 1 to Municipal Well & Pump.

Manager Cook updated the Board on status of the test well at the new water treatment plant and presented a change order to reduce the total cost of the project. Discussion ensued regarding engineering matters associated with the well and potential effects on design parameters of the treatment plant.

Trustee Kubiak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hirschbein, to approve change order number one for Test Well #1 to Municipal Well & Pump in a credited amount of \$22,199.

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

- f. Approval of Pay Application No. 5 for Test Well No. 1 to Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$58,732.25.

Manager Cook discussed the request to approve pay application five for the test well project, noting the project is well under budget.

Trustee Lemus made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dulkoski, to approve pay request number 5 for Test Well #1 to Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$58,732.25.

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

## **8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report.

## **9. STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **a. Manager**

Manager Cook reported the successful candidate for the Police Chief position accepted the offer and is tentatively set to start June 1. He noted interviews for the position of Finance Director are scheduled this week. Mr. Cook reported D.R. Horton filed an application to annex and develop ±286-acres of property with 1,007 residential units, noting certain changes to the plan since last presented in January. He stated the proposal is under review and said a review process with the Planning and Zoning Commission could begin in June. He updated the Board that per direction received at the last meeting, the Nardulli contract was terminated.

### **b. Police**

No Report.

### **c. Finance**

No Report

### **d. Public Works**

Director Doherty briefed the Board on the Public Works 2020 annual report, citing various statistics regarding the operation. Discussion ensued regarding recent vandalism and the Village's repeated clean-up effort. Director Doherty discussed the Village's voluntary water restrictions suggested through the summer months as a way to curtail demand on the system, describing the odd/even schedule. He noted some residents can be confused by the Village's irrigation system, which is required to run throughout the summer as part of the IEPA operating permit. Mr. Doherty recalled for the Board and public in attendance that the Village's irrigation system does not use potable water sourced from the drinking water system. He also clarified the Village makes watering exceptions for property owners establishing sod, which usually requires daily watering to survive and establish. Board discussion ensued on the benefits of water conservation and encouraged

residents to help do their part by participating in a voluntary program. It was suggested the Village could remind residents of the program through electronic communications.

e. Engineering

i. Engineers Report

Engineer Seth Gronewold reported final surface was installed on Thurnau Road. Trustee Kubiak added the roundabout project at Route 20 and Reinking Road appears to be gaining traction with possible federal funding.

f. Legal

No Report.

g. Planning

No Report.

h. Clerk

No Report.

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Board members discussed next steps in the process to review the proposed D.R. Horton development. President Wiedmeyer noted the proposed plans were made available on through the Village's website and feedback was coming in from the community. Manager Cook discussed roles of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Board in the process and discussed opportunities for the public to participate throughout the process. Discussion continued regarding positive and negative feedback received by Trustees concerning the project.

Trustee Kubiak discussed the concept of the Saint Patrick's Day parade presented to the Events Committee and identified reasons for concern in proceeding. Discussion ensued amongst the Board, noting there are many occasions certain residents may desire to celebrate. The role of the Events Commission was emphasized for village-wide initiatives and the consensus was not to proceed with a resident-sponsored parade. Manager Cook noted there is opportunity to refine Village procedures associated with requests to use public property, which could address the purpose and use proposed, insurance matters, safety and setup requirements, contact information for organizers, signage, need for police, and conflicts with other community events.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 pm Trustee Pearson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dulkoski, to adjourn.

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