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**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 16, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Boettcher called the regular meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:30 pm.*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.*

**3. ROLL CALL:**

*Present: Boetefuer, Bleshenski, Wiess, Lesniak, Chant, Mayor Boettcher*

*Absent: Johnson*

*Also present:*

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Amy Bromberg, City Treasurer*

*Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal*

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:**

*None.*

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Lesniak to approve the agenda. All yeas, motion carried.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Wiess, seconded by Lesniak to correct the minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting. The corrections were on Section #9 Presentation and Section #10 Public Comment. The changes for Section #9 were "Before the motion was taken, the City Manager informed two council members, Robin Wiess and Becky Lesniak, that they could not vote on the motion due to a conflict of interest. The city's attorney wrote his opinion based on*

the information given by the City Manager that these 2 councils members were on the DDA board, as well as the Friends and City Council, which was not the case. The City Manager said the decision was based on the opinion of the City's legal counsel, Richard Sheppard from Smith and Brooker, P.C., in a letter dated May 19, 2025. Therefore, the 2 council members should not have been told they should not have voted. It was a misunderstanding, and no conflict of interest was an issue. They should have been allowed to vote as they voted the month before. The change in Section #10 Public Comment was "Craig Barnt stated the DDA captures its monies from the commercial properties in the city and not from residential homeowners." With these additional corrections, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Wiess to approve the corrected minutes. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the monthly bills in total of \$80,962.66. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.

#### **8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Treasurer Bromberg presented year end budget amendments and asked for approval. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the amendments as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

She also asked for approval to move \$8,000.00 from the Water account to a CD at 6% for 8 months being offered by United Financial Credit Union. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Lesniak to approve the CD. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

She explained to the council about the taxation rate in the city and why the mills are higher than other cities in the county. She stated the reasons for the additional millage were due to the illegal dissolution of the Police Department in 2021. She indicated as a result of the disbandment of the department, police equipment was given to Bay County and when the department was reinstated, all of these things needed to be replaced and that is why the need for the millage. She stated the new millage is for Public Safety which includes both fire and police services. She told the council the police department is now equipped with the things they need and the goal are not to rely on millage in the future.

Mayor Boettcher commended the DDA for monies well spent on the services of Pro Scape Landscaping. The city looks wonderful. She did inform everyone that the DDA decided to hire Pinconning Township for financial services against the recommendation of the city's attorney.

City Council Member Bleshenski commented on the results of the Planning Commission meeting. They approved the site plans for Brightspeed and Manager Lakin stated a community workshop for the draft copy of the new Master Plan will be July 23 at 12:00pm.

**PRESENTATION:**

None.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Duane Gromalski, Al Thompson, Chris Kuehne all supported the great job Pro Scape did in the DDA district.

Brian Saha spoke regarding DDA monies and how they are funded. He also stated Bay Future is doing a feasibility study county wide to see if they can find out how to market the empty business storefronts.

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

***A. Blight/Camper issues and ideas***

Last month this subject was tabled so the city council and the manager can seek more information regarding how to handle these issues. City Manager Lakin asked for directions on how to proceed. Lakin sent an email to the members early in the month requesting some ideas for some definitive questions. No one responded, so the manager and the council discussed some new thoughts and ideas for how Lakin is to proceed. She indicated she will bring a draft of the new ordinance for discussion next month.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

***A. Approval of the site plans for Bright Speed on Mercer and Van Etten streets***

The Planning Commission met in May and reviewed the site plans for Brightspeed and their upcoming project. The project is on Van Etten and Mercer streets and the Planning Commission is recommending the council approve the plans they reviewed. A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the site plans. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

***B. Approval to upgrade the dugouts at the baseball/softball fields at Doc Leitchfield Park sponsored by PYLO and funded by DDA***

PYLO presented a request for \$10,000.00 from the DDA for a project update to the dugouts at the fields of Doc Leitchfield Park. The DDA approved the funding, and they are now asking the

city for approval to construct the project. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Chant to approve of the construction as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**C. Approval of AYSO to use soccer fields beginning August 23, 2025**

This is an annual request from AYSO to use the soccer fields at Doc Letchfield Park from August 23-October 18, 2025. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to approve the request. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**D. Approval of Amendment to Ordinance #408- Blight Ordinance**

This is the second amendment to this ordinance. Campers, and unlicensed/ inoperable vehicles were removed, and a larger fine was imposed as a violation. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to approve this amendment to Ordinance #408. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**E. Approval of Ordinance #413- Inoperable and Unlicensed Vehicles**

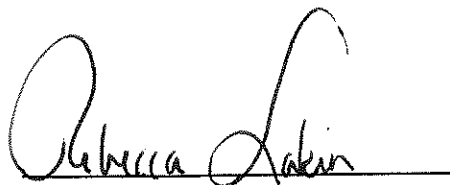
At last month's meeting, the City Council decided to initiate a new ordinance regarding inoperable and unlicensed vehicles. After speaking with several communities and their ideas, this ordinance addresses all the concerns and enforcements. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Chant to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**F. Approval of Resolution #2025-08- A resolution approving Assessment Roll for 2025**

This is an annual resolution approving the tax roll for the new budget year. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Chant to approve this resolution as presented. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:36 pm. All yeas, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Lakin", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 21, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Boettcher called the regular meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:30 pm.*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.*

**3. ROLL CALL:**

*A motion was made by Wiess, seconded by Lesniak to excuse the absence of council member Johnson due to vacation. All yeas, motion carried.*

*Present: Boetefuer, Bleshenski, Wiess, Lesniak, Chant, Mayor Boettcher*

*Also present:*

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Jessica View, City Clerk*

*Craig Barnt, Editor of Pinconning Journal*

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENT:**

*Mayor Boettcher was overjoyed with the success of the Block Party on Saturday and thanked city hall staff, council and all the volunteers for the dunk tank.*

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Bleshenski, to approve the agenda. All yeas, motion carried.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting. Roll call taken: Boetefuer, Bleshenski, Mayor Boettcher, Chant **yea** Wiess and Lesniak nay. **Motion failed.***

## **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

*A motion was made by Bleshenski, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the monthly bills in total of \$161,048.35. Roll call: All yeas, motion carried.*

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Treasurer Bromberg was not present, and City Manager Lakin indicated she left budget sheets regarding where the funds would be amended for the potential new A/C unit.*

*Mayor Boettcher commented the DDA meeting for the month was business as usual.*

*City Manager Lakin indicated the Planning Commission and Wade -Trim Engineering will be hosting a community workshop regarding the new Master Plan on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 12:00pm.*

## **PRESENTATION:**

*None.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Chris Kuehne, Barbara Bennett, Becky Coyer and Frank Madejcki spoke in public comment.*

## **11. OLD BUSINESS:**

### ***A. Blight/Camper issues and ideas***

*Last month this subject was tabled so the city council and the manager can seek more information regarding how to handle these issues. A draft copy of an ordinance was presented and the council discussed changes, amendments and additions to the copy. Additional comments and ideas will be given to Lakin throughout the coming month and a review of a new draft with these corrections will be presented at the August meeting.*

## **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

### ***A. Approval of the use of Doc Leitchfield Park for October 11-12 for the Pumpkin Festival hosted by the Pinconning Linwood Area Chamber of Commerce***

*This is a request from the Pinconning Linwood Chamber of Commerce to use Doc Leitchfield Park for October 11-12 for the Pumpkin Festival. This will coincide with the city's Trunk or Treat/Spooky Trail event. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the request as presented. All yeas, motion carried.*

**B. Approval of the Pinconning High School Annual Homecoming Parade October 3 starting at 5:30pm.**

*This is an annual request from the Pinconning Student Council to facilitate the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 3, beginning at 5:30pm. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Boetefuer to approve the request as presented. All yeas, motion carried.*

**C. Approval of new A/C unit**

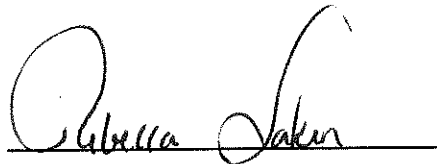
*City Hall has been without air conditioning since the end of June. The city council received 2 quotes for a new unit. The council requested a few more quotes for comparison. A motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Chant to table this agenda item until the new quotes can be gathered and a special meeting will be announced when information has been received. Roll Call: All yeas, motion carried.*

**D. Reminder regarding the city ordinance relating to chickens in the city**

*There were several complaints regarding hearing chickens in the city. The city does have an ordinance that forbids domestic livestock within city limits. There are copies of the ordinance at city hall if anyone would like to review them.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Lesniak, seconded by Bleshenski to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm. All yeas, motion carried.*

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Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

**PINCONNING CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**JULY 30, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Boettcher called the special meeting of the Pinconning City Council to order at 5:03 pm.*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Boettcher.*

**3. ROLL CALL:**

*A motion was made by Wiess, seconded by Lesniak to excuse Council Member Johnson. All yeas, motion carried.*

*Present: Boetefuer, Chant, Wiess, Bleshenski, Lesniak, Mayor Boettcher*

*Also present:*

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*

*Jessica View, City Clerk*

*Craig Barnt, Pinconning Journal*

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*A motion was made by Chant, seconded by Boetefuer to accept the agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

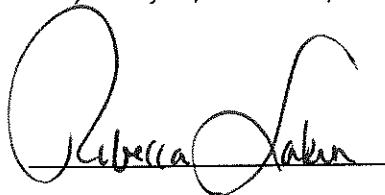
*None*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new A/C unit for City Hall. Upon review of the 4 quotes presented a motion was made by Chant, seconded by Bleshenski to accept the bid from O'Hare Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$22,048.00. Roll call taken: All yeas, motion carried.*

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

*With nothing further to address, a motion was made by Boetefuer, seconded by Wiess to adjourn the special meeting at 5:15pm. All yeas, motion carried.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Lakin", written over a horizontal line.

*Rebecca Lakin, City Manager*