

Application deadline:
Appointment date:

Village of Pinckney Council and Committee Candidate Form

Thank you for your interest in serving the Village of Pinckney. In order to select the best-qualified candidate to fill vacancies, we have developed the attached form. Please fill out this form and return it to Village Hall, 220 S. Howell St., by the above application deadline. All applicants must be residents of the Village of Pinckney.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm, in the lower level of Village Hall. Trustees are also required to serve on sub-committees, which meet on an as-needed basis. Count on a minimum of 10 hours each month for this position; pay is \$100 per month, but you must attend at least one Council meeting each month in order to be paid.

Once you have applied to fill a Trustee vacancy, you will be expected to attend the Council meeting on the above appointment date to address Council for a few minutes. Appointments take place immediately, with the new Trustee being sworn in and taking his or her seat that evening.

PLANNING COMMISSION, ZBA, AND OTHER COMMITTEES

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. Pay is \$50 per month. Zoning Board of Appeals meets on an as-needed basis and members are paid \$30 per meeting. All other committees meet on an as-needed basis and are not paid.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Qualifications for office (from the General Village Law Act, as amended through July 1998):

1. A person shall not be elected to an office unless he or she is an elector of the village.
2. A person in default to the village is not eligible for any office in the village. All votes in an election for, or an appointment of, a person in default to the village are void. As used in this subsection, "in default" means delinquent in payment of property taxes or a debt owed to the village if 1 of the following applies:
 - a. The taxes remain unpaid after the last day of February in the year following the year in which they are levied, unless the taxes are the subject of an appeal.
 - b. Another debt owed to the village remains unpaid 90 days after the due date, unless the debt is the subject of an administrative appeal or a contested court case.

3. Not more than 30 days after receiving notice of her or election or appointment, an officer of the village shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of the state and file the oath with the clerk. An officer who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall be considered to have declined the office.

From the Handbook for General Law Village Officials published by the Michigan Municipal League in July 2000:

“The mix of elected officials and administrative staff having a common purpose, but each having a different role and a different perspective, makes governing a village a complicated process. When you add in that personalities may also conflict, it is clear that a hefty dose of goodwill and teamwork is needed for a general law village to function efficiently.

Most village officials are dedicated to making their villages a better place to live. They devote a lot of time to learning about their roles and keeping abreast of the changes that will affect their villages. They make decisions based on what is good for the community and use their intelligence, common sense, energy and good will in performing the duties of public office.”

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I would like to be considered for a position on:

Village Council

Planning Commission

Zoning Board of Appeals

Other:

Occupation:

Community involvement (past and present):

Why are you interested in this position?