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# VILLAGE OF PEPIN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A TOURISM COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Village of Pepin Municipal Building  
Wednesday, January 12th, 2022, at 7:00pm

## MINUTES

- President Randy Kallstrom called the hearing to order at 7:00.
- Roll Call- Randy Kallstrom, Mike Michaud, Goran Pesic, Toni Raethke, Pat Sandstrom, Shannon Van Allen. Absent: Vicki Kosok. Also present: Anne Murray, Carrie Arens, Ron Schlosser, Mel Schoeder, Dan and Sue Fedie, Ruth Holdcraft, Dan Lerum, Rob Buntz, Debra Fisher, Jesse Van Alstine *Police Chief*, Drew Adams *Clerk*.
- Carrie Asked about the difference between the Tourism Commission and the Village Committees. Mike said that this would in essence be a new committee, but independent of the Village Board. The Commission will have the ability to manage these funds, and the Village cannot spend the funds or order them to do anything specifically. There will be one non-voting member of the Commission that is also a Village Board member.
- Ron wanted to know how the members will be selected. They will be nominated by the President of the Village Board and then approved by the Village Board.
- Rob and Dan L. were concerned over the creation of the Tourism Commission since there is already a Room Tax Committee in the Village.
- Mel expressed concern and frustration over declining revenue with Motels/Inns and encouraged everyone to find a way to work together so the Village can get the much-needed heads in beds.
- Much concern was expressed over citizens operating vacation rentals and not paying room tax to the Village.
- Motion by Randy to adjourn, second by Toni. Hearing adjourned at 8:19 PM

Drew Adams  
Clerk