

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Tanner Roe, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon & Rob Sterner Absent: Jim Cassel, Steve Meyers

Guest: Jane Scollon, Declan Scollon, Dick Hoekstra/Ionia Sentinel Standard

President Zenk began the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

Tennis Courts, Love My Fire Department, and Recreation Vehicle Ordinance were added to New Business

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Meeting Agenda with the additions. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk recognized Mike Scollon's 30 year anniversary as DPW Supervisor for the Village of Pewamo.
- President Zenk listed many milestones reached in the Village under Mike's direction, as well as recognizing the daily duties in the operation and maintenance of the Village and its infrastructure.
- Mike was presented with Dan Arens' original sketch done in preparation for the Sesquicentennial Park Mural.
- Mike Scollon stated that he and Rob Sterner both know there's no better Village to work for.

Tour of Fire Station: All present proceeded to the Fire Station for a tour guided by Michael Yerge to highlight progress being made and work remaining at the new site.

Review of Council Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Michigan Rural Water Conference:** Mike shared highlights of information presented.
 - LED street lighting may be worth revisiting. Overall LED has improved and there may be credits available through Consumer's Energy to apply to the upgrade.
 - SAW Grant: Good feedback stressed the importance of knowing the condition of your infrastructure.
- **5 Year Plan:** DPW has been working on their proposed 5 year plan.
 - Infrastructure and equipment maintenance requirements and timelines were presented to Council.
 - This information will be part of a complete 5 year plan that the Village will create for budgeting purposes.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **MDOT Funds:** An additional \$5,506.30 was received for Village Streets and divided between Major & Local.
- **Fixed Asset Management Policy:** Presented to Council for review. Discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Fixed Asset Management Policy as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Capital Improvement List:** Carl intends to complete this prior to the Village audit.
- **Recreational Vehicle Parking/Storing Ordinance:** Draft given to Council for further review in May.

Recreation Report: No New Business

Committee Updates: President Zenk thanked DPW for starting the 5 Year Plan and invited other committees to consider their additions to the plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kramer's Local Government Approval: Although this is not required, Liquor Control recommended that we approve the resolution for their files.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge for Local Government Approval for TBT, Inc. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- Council would like a letter sent to Tasha Bissell thanking her for her efforts and investment in continuing the legacy of Kramer's Bar & Grill. It is also suggested that we contact the local paper regarding this.

Update on Zoning/Master Plan: Waiting for John Enos' direction. To be revisited in May.

Solar Energy: Zoning Ordinances may be helpful for future regulation. To be revisited at a later date.

Illegal Methamphetamine Production Post Remediation Approval: Ionia County Health Department notified the Village of a certified environmental hygienist report, clearing condemnation with respect to methamphetamine residual contamination at 457 Jefferson Street.

Michael Yerge Trustee Service: Due to construction of a new home, Mike Yerge will reside outside of the Village for a temporary period of time. MML advises it is possible for him to continue his tenure as Trustee if he does not change his Voter Registration.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Michael Yerge's continued tenure as Village Trustee, during his temporary relocation outside of the Village for a period of up to one year. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

St. Joseph Festival: St. Joseph's Parish will be using the Village picnic tables, as they have in the past, for their annual festival at no charge. All labor to relocate the picnic tables is done by parish volunteers.

Patronicity Grant: Clerk and Treasurer are researching possible grant funding for the future Community Center.

Tennis Courts: Pro-Surfaces provided an estimate to repair cracks and clean the tennis courts in the amount of \$2,295.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the tennis court repair and cleaning. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

"Love My Fire/Rescue Department": Union Bank will set up an option on the Village website to receive donations for the ongoing repair and improvement of the new fire/rescue station. This will cost \$2 per month and 10 cents per donation.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Hickman to approve the online donation tab for a one year trial. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

ICEA Support: Council will revisit this prior to paying the next invoice.

Truck Traffic on Main Street: Ionia County Sheriff Department has done a very good job patrolling this for possible violations. The Village will continue to monitor.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: Working with residents to eliminate a couple ordinance violations.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Sandy Wolniakowski:

Provided Council with first draft of Village Spring Newsletter. Council provided input for additions.

Informed Council that volunteers will be working on the CIS Trail on April 21st.

Tanner Roe: Had problems receiving the free curbside cart from Granger. Clerk will contact Granger and make necessary changes to the newsletter.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Four votes in favor, none opposed two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the May 14, 2018 meeting.