

**Village of Pewamo  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2021**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner      **Guest:** None

**President Zenk began the meeting in the Community Center at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Roe to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:**

**Village of Clinton Appeal-Challenging Lead & Copper Rules:** Pewamo has been asked to provide \$2,500 to continue with this effort. Discussion followed. Council chooses to remain at our initial commitment of \$250.

**Webinar on American Rescue Plan:** President Zenk joined this webinar and informed Council that he does not expect this to be of any financial benefit to the Village.

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

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to approve the information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Water Reliability Study:** EGLE informed Mike that the requirements of the study are more than Michigan Rural Water can do. Mike recommends proceeding with Fleis & Vandebink for their quote of \$9,500.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve hiring Fleis & Vandebink to complete the Water Reliability Study at a price not to exceed \$9,500. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Fire Department Roof Leak:** Mike asked if Council had a roofer they preferred for this job. None recommended. Mike will research.
- **Lincoln Street:** At Treasurer Hafner's request, Mike researched cost for 2" asphalt overlay versus the planned chip sealing. Asphalt will be twice as expensive. Council supports proceeding with chip seal.
- **Stop Sign Replacement:** DPW replaced one stop sign and will replace others as deemed necessary.
- **Tennis Court Maintenance:** ProSurfaces will provide a quote for resurfacing in 2022. Prior to that, tree and landscape removal around the court is recommended. Mike Scollon spoke with Rick Davarn and Rick supports the removal of landscaping on his side of the fence along the court.
- **Blight Concerns:** Mike spoke with a resident regarding blight concerns on their property. They are working to resolve the issue. Mike also intends to follow up with other residents regarding their violations.
- **Village Spoil Dirt Pile at Compost:** The Village has approximately 1000 yards of spoil dirt from water main repairs and other miscellaneous work over the years. Someone in the Village would like to use some of the dirt to fill a ditch, after they receive permission from MDOT. Council supports Mike allowing residents to take the spoil dirt at his discretion, assuming there are no issues as to how it will be used.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** Mike is hoping to do this in April.
- **Park:** DPW will work on horse shoe pits, leaving two. Bathrooms are open. Volleyball nets will be put up. Stonedust has been ordered for the ball fields.
  - **Playground Equipment:** Mike informed Council that DPW will attempt to make repairs to the twenty-five year old play structure.
- **State Street Traffic Lines:** Should be done when Ionia County completes chip seal work, probably the fall.

**Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner**

- **CD Renewal:** Carl continues to manage CD's for the best possible interest rate. Last renewals were at .024%.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Radar Speed Signs:** Council discussed options available and costs to install radar speed signs.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to approve purchasing one speed radar sign. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- **Good Vibes Adult Foster Care:** Owners have been in communication with both President Zenk and Mike Scollon regarding their desire to close their private driveway at the end of Leona Drive to public traffic. Access to the ATM will be from M-21 only. Mike Scollon informed Council that it is not a public street, and they are free to do so. However, if they wish to reinstate the driveway in the future, it will need to be reconsidered by Planning Commission. DPW plans to work change the street signage following the closure.
- **Fixed Asset Management Policy:** Treasurer Hafner proposes a revision to the current policy, increasing the minimum from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The Village auditor supports this change.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve amending the Fixed Asset Management Policy from \$2,500 to \$5,000 minimum. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Downtown Parking:** Council received some complaints in regards to downtown parking. It is believed the issue has been resolved. Discussion followed. Mike Scollon will speak with the party involved and report back.
- **Consumer's Energy:** Clerk shared communication received regarding summer peak rates.
- **5 Year Plan:** President Zenk reminded Council of Dan Heckman's wish to revisit the five-year Village plan. Clerk will email the master plan to Council for their review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Compost Ash:** Treasurer Hafner informed Council that the budget will allow for the removal of the pile. F & V will be notified to schedule testing and removal for early to mid-July.

**BLIGHT CONCERNS:** Various issues of concerns within the Village were discussed. Mike Scollon and Clerk will follow up.

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Michael Yerge:** Toxic gas sensors are in need of repair at the fire station. The department tried to address, but has been unsuccessful. Mike Scollon said DPW will follow up. Council recommends checking with Lyons Twp. regarding who is responsible for this expense.

**Sandy Wolniakowski:** Village has been asked to advertise in an Ionia County two-year publication. Council supports spending \$125 for a quarter page ad.

**Carl Hafner:** Thanked Council for the flowers sent to him following his recent surgery.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the May 10, 2021 meeting of Council.