

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Aaron Schneider, Joe Lambert, Andrea Weber, Neal Spitzley, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner

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

President called for review of the Meeting Agenda as presented: Carl Hafner requested the Village Tree Policy be added to New Business:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the meeting agenda with the addition to New Business.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President's Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk asked if emailing meeting information continued to be acceptable and received Council support.
- President Zenk also informed Council that Carl Fox, a lifetime resident and servant to the Village, had passed away. Flowers were sent to the family on behalf of the Village.

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

Carl Hafner questioned whether the storm drain work on Lincoln Street should be paid in part by the street fund. Mike Scollon said the invoice should be 50% Storm Drains and 50% Local Street. Clerk to make adjusting entry.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Spitzley to approve the information as presented, along with the posting correction.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Schneider. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Higham Street cul-de-sac sewer lead repair has been completed. A 2 x 2 plank was found in the pipe. DPW will remove asphalt on the south side of the cul-de-sac to repair/replace asphalt.
- Crack Sealing: We continue to be on the contractors list of jobs.
- West Lincoln Street Asphalt Repair: This will be done at the same time of Higham Street cul-de-sac repair.
- Signs have been ordered for the compost site and an improved gate will be installed to separate the DPW area from the area open to Village residents.
- The NO PARKING sign will be placed on the north side of the fire station and the sign currently on the post will be lowered. Painting will also be done on the street indicating that there is no parking.
- Mike Scollon had Clare Koenigskecht inspect the roof on the building south of the fire station. Clare believes the roof is in good condition, with the exception of the west 8' and estimates repair at \$5,000. Clare's opinion was also favorable on the condition of the north wall of the building.
 - Clerk will confirm sale price and get a key, so that an estimate can be compiled of what it will take to make the site more suitable for the fire department's needs. A proposal will then be prepared to present to Lyons Twp.
 - President Zenk, along with representatives from Council/Fire Department will plan to attend the Lyon's Twp. September meeting to present the proposal.
- The Blight Ordinance is in effect, and a letter will be sent regarding a vehicle in violation.
- Water Project: Mike informed Council of planned projects for the week and expected water service interruptions. These plans may change as the project unfolds. Clerk will post updates on Facebook as they become available.
- The part-time/temporary summer help is no longer available, however, Mike said that DPW operations will not be affected.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- \$18,000 has been set aside for Bond Debt Reduction from the Water Fund and will continue to be done on a quarterly basis.
- CD's and other funds continue to be managed in preparation for project costs.

Recreation Report: Presented by Aaron Schneider- Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Zenk shared information regarding grants available if the Village had been affected by the EF1 Tornado that affected Ionia County. The Village has no need for these grants.
- **Sidewalk Ordinance:** Following Bill Thelen's request for a possible sidewalk variance for purchasers of lots in his subdivision, President Zenk reviewed the current ordinance and shared his concerns with Council. Discussion followed. Sidewalk Committee to review and report back to Council.
- **Consumer's Energy-Street Light Agreement:** Mike Scollon had previously reviewed the document and Street Light Map. A motion is needed to support his review before returning the agreement to Consumer's.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Street Light Agreement with Consumer's Energy.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Weber. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Advanced Eye Care:** A request for donations to support eye care for those who are financially challenged was received from Advanced Eye Care. Council declines.
- **ORV Ordinance:** Requests have been made that the Village consider adopting an Off Road Vehicle/Golf Cart Ordinance. Discussion followed. Street Committee to review and report back to Council.
- **Village Tree Policy:** The Village currently has a policy in place regarding the replacement of trees we remove from the Village right-of-way. Carl Hafner presented this policy to Council for their review. Discussion followed. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Water Customers –no meters:** Mike Scollon is still working on getting quotes.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Neal Spitzley:

Neal shared an experience he and his family had up north with "The Little Free Library Book" program. Neal's wife, Amber, had obtained a book regarding this program for Council's consideration. Discussion followed and Council is supportive as this has the possibility of benefiting both Village residents and Trail Users. Clerk to pursue.

Mike Scollon:

Mike informed Council of the continued traffic on the CIS Trail/Pewamo Trailhead. All of which have been very positive.

Sandy Wolniakowski:

Shared with Council a notice received regarding SCAMS misrepresenting Consumer's Energy. These can be via phone, email or door-to-door. Information regarding this will also be shared on the Village Facebook page.

Aaron Schneider:

Aaron informed Council that he will need to resign his position due to a necessary move his family will be making from the Village. This will be effective following the September meeting. Aaron expressed his enjoyment of the time he spent as a Trustee, and Council thanked him for his service and contribution to the Village.

Randy Zenk:

Brock Droste continues to express his desire to have the street sign moved from his yard so that he does not need to mow around it. Discussion followed. Council upheld their original decision to deny this request as this would require the street sign be placed on top of the STOP sign on the south side of the street, and this is not a normal Village practice.

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

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the September 14, 2015 meeting.