

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2017**

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

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

**President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:**

- Trustee Heckman asked to have 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks added to New Business and Westphalia Broadband Inc. added to Old Business.

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

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

- President Zenk complimented the Oakwood Lounge on improvements to the front of their building.
- President Zenk attended the August Ionia County Economic Alliance meeting on behalf of the Village and noted that there will be follow up by himself and Sandy Wolniakowski with our local businesses regarding how ICEA can assist in addressing their business needs and concerns.

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

- Westphalia Milling and Carl Hafner invoices to be added to the list of payables.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Cassel to approve the information presented, with the additions to payables. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- A tree near the corner of Jefferson and State streets is splitting and should be removed. Mike will get quotes.
- Ditching on W. Jefferson has been completed.
- Fire Department Sewer & Water Services have been installed.
- Electrical work at the fire department to wire the siren, generator and air compressor needs to be completed. Mike will receive quotes, with the goal of completing the work by August 31, 2017.
- Discussion was held regarding developed lots on North State Street. A letter will be sent to the property owners encouraging them to market the lots for future sale and further development.

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

- 10% of the property taxes have been collected.
- In compliance with State of Michigan requirements, a resolution is needed for the Major and Local Streets Deficit Elimination Plan. Carl presented updated information, following the 3/31/17 audit.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to adopt the Major and Local Streets Deficit Elimination Plan as presented by Treasurer Hafner and Clerk Wolniakowski. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Recreation Report: Presented by Joe Lambert**

- The Village had been contacted by the P-W area Flag Football League requesting use of the Pewamo Park this fall. Council supports them using the soccer field area in the park. It is understood that all markings of the field will be done by the league.
- Tennis Courts: Reference was made to an email sent by Larry Klein volunteering to do some cleaning and repairing of our tennis courts. Council would like to confirm with the contractor who resurfaced the court in 2013 that he approves the work to be done before accepting Larry's offer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Requesting Bids for Village Audit:** Abraham & Gaffney is restructuring their audit department. Treasurer Hafner and Clerk Wolniakowski recommend seeking bids for future audits. Council supports.
- **Wellhead Protection Plan:** The new Wellhead Protection Plan has been submitted to the State of Michigan. This was done with MRWA's assistance and will result in a partial reimbursement due to grant funds.
- **Lyon's Twp. Fire Contract:** Future review of the contract is pending.
- **Plants East of Tennis Courts:** Rick Davarn has been maintaining this landscaped area for several years. Rick has requested \$400 to replace dead trees, half in the fall and half next spring. Council supports this, with the requirement that nothing planted will encroach upon the existing fencing.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to approve the \$400 for new plants. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Village of Pewamo is now a member of MISS DIG:** Due to mandatory requirements, Mike Scollon and Clerk Wolniakowski have completed the membership process.

- **Census Data:** The US Census Bureau requested information for the 2020 census. The Village will not be completing the request due to the fact that Village information will already be included in information provided to the Census Bureau by Ionia County.
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks:** Trustee Heckman has received some comments of concern regarding the letting off of fireworks around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The fireworks were thought to be excessive for within the Village limits. It is suggested that we include some information in the Spring Newsletter on the Village ordinance regarding fireworks, and that we remind those using fireworks to be conscience of their neighbors when doing so.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Pewamo Cemetery:** Following the quote from Gravestone Services, Mike Scollon reached out to Lowell Granite for their input. Steve Yenchar met with Mike to review the site. Mike Scollon is confident of Steve's approach to repair the damaged stones and foundations. Steve has also volunteered to assist in cleaning of the stones following repair. Carl Hafner has obtained pictures of the stones taken by Wayne Summers and has a copy of the cemetery map for reference. The cost to do the work is estimated at \$5,000, with half of the work being done in the fall and the other half next spring.
  - Brief discussion was held regarding the possibility resuming burials.
  - It is suggested that a local newspaper be contacted to highlight this restoration project.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to approve the \$5,000 cemetery restoration. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Mutual Data Lease Agreement:** We have not received the signed contract or any payments for the lease. President Zenk will reach out to Barry Buchholz to follow up.
- **Addressing Traffic Concerns:** Council would like to thank the Ionia County Sheriff Department for their presence at the July meeting. We would also like to request that they continue addressing speeding issues during their 2 1/2 hours of patrol in the Village, especially with schools starting soon.
- **Westphalia Broadband, Inc.:** Dan Heckman continues his communications with WBI in regards to servicing the Village of Pewamo. Currently WBI told Dan the front end cost is too high, but they will consider it in the future. Dan will reach out again next year.

**BLIGHT CONCERNS:** Mike updated Council on the issues he is monitoring. Council supports these actions.

**FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Jim Cassel:** In regards to the Fire Department electrical work, Jim informed Council that Ben McCrumb has offered to talk to contractors regarding the specs if needed.

**Joe Lambert:** Requested clarification on the blight ordinance as it pertains to parked vehicles.

**Carl Hafner:** Carl is working with Consumer's Energy on another tree grant. Mike Scollon has designated and taken pictures of the planting sites for 25 new trees in the Village right of way. Assuming the grant goes through, planting is scheduled for this fall. Trees will be staked for one year and as recommended by the nursery, tree watering bags have been purchased.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, and will be presented for approval at the September 11, 2017 meeting.