

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2017**

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

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

Tanner Roe took his Official Oath of Office.

Public Comment:

Joe Distel: Joe thanked Jim Cassel for his assistance in educating Pewamo First Responders and Portland Ambulance regarding medical alert bracelets. He also thanked Pewamo DPW for resolving his water issues.

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Meeting Agenda. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Cassel. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk will be attending the Rural Task Force meeting on December 19, 2017 at 1:30 at the Ionia Road Commission. Other members of Council are also welcome to attend if interested.

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

- President Zenk noted the need for a correction in the second motion of the November minutes. Jarrod Hafner also needs to be added to the list of guests attending the November meeting.
 - Carl Hafner noted that Jarrod will not be using the park pavilion for golf, but has found that the barn used by Little League works better.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the information presented, with the corrections to the November meeting minutes. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **SAW Grant Update:** Council was given a copy of an email from Bruce Pindzia of Fleis & Vandenbrink, which provided a thorough update on the SAW Grant. Brief discussion followed.
 - It was noted that one of the next steps will be televising possible problem areas of the system.
 - Trustee Heckman questioned if Pewamo DPW could clean the system before televising. Mike stated that Bruce explained that cleaning and televising are done by the same contractor.
 - Bruce also reiterated to Mike Scollon that he expected no problems with the Village meeting their 10% grant match with in kind labor.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Carl asked Council if there were any questions regarding the reports emailed prior to the meeting.
- Two CD's are up for renewal. He will check rates at Independent and Union Banks.
- Consumer's Energy Tree Grant: Consumer's Energy will be awarding the full grant of \$2,500 to the Village for the trees planted this fall.
 - Consumer's also complimented the Village on their information submitted. Carl thanked the DPW for the before & after pictures taken for the grant and the planting and mulching of the trees.
 - Council thanked Carl for his work in obtaining the grant for the Village. We hope to apply again in 2018.
- **Audit Bids Returned:** Carl reviewed the three bid proposals received and summarized the information for Council's review. Brief discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Cassel to hire Gabridge & Company to conduct the Village audit for the next three years at an annual cost of \$6,400.00. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Meyers. Six votes in favor, none opposed.

MOTION APPROVED.

Recreation Report: Ice Skating Rink

- Mike informed Council that it would cost about \$1,000 to purchase materials for an ice skating rink to be placed on the old tennis courts.
 - DPW plans to build it a week before Christmas, weather permitting. Lighting will also be installed.
 - In the absence of any concerns with our liability insurance, Council supports

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Jegla to create an ice skating rink on the old tennis courts, barring any liability insurance issues. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MDOT Performance Resolution:** MDOT requires the Village to adopt a Performance Resolution for the Annual Construction Permit.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adopt a Performance Resolution for the Annual Construction Permit. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Planning Commission – Master Plan Progress:** Clerk will email Tony Schafer, Planning Commission Chair, to inquire on the status of the Village Master Plan update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Lyons Fire Contract:** President Zenk had given a copy of the proposed contract to Council for their review at the November meeting. After review, there was no need for further changes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adopt the revised Lyons Township Fire Contract. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Meyers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Customer Parking on S. State Street:** Tabled

BLIGHT CONCERNS: Mike Scollon updated Council on the actions taken with three pending blight concerns. Council supports actions to date and plans for future enforcement.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Dan Heckman: Dan presented Village with a check from Lyons Twp. to reimburse computer expenses paid by the Village for the Pewamo Fire Department in the amount of \$877.73.

- A \$150 check from the Hubbardston American Legion was also presented for the restoration of the Blue Star Memorial. Carl Hafner suggested that Dan contact the VFW Post in Fowler, as they may also contribute to this effort. The renovation of this site will be re-evaluated in the spring.

Joni Jegla: Joni informed all present that her brother, Don Heckman, is now managing the Oakwood Lounge.

Michael Yerge: Mike asked Mike Scollon about the placement of a light on the utility pole near for water tower. This will be done when lighting is installed for the ice skating rink.

- Mike Yerge also questioned future plans to proceed with restrooms and renovations to the voting area in the fire station. Council expects to decide this after information on the grant application is released in March.

Randy Zenk: Thank you to the Pewamo Fire Department for sponsoring Santa's visit to Pewamo again this year!

- At a recent meeting of the Ionia Commissioners Randy attended, additional "fly over" mapping was briefly discussed by the County. Mike Scollon believes this will be accessible on the Ionia County website.
- 2020 Census: Did the Village want to opt in on this? Clerk will check with Village of Lyons to learn of possible benefits.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. **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 January 8, 2018 meeting.