

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Steve Meyers, Jacob Wiggers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Rob Sterner Absent: Mike Scollon

Guests: Gerald Nickel, Emily Reese, Shelly Reese

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

Emily Reese was present to observe the meeting as a part of her involvement with Scouts BSA.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Two items added to New Business: MDOT Performance Resolution and Ordinance Review

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Meeting Agenda with additions to New Business.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Meyers. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Sesquicentennial Park Purchase Agreement: Gerald Nickel was present regarding the sale of his property which is currently being leased by the Village for the purpose of Sesquicentennial Park. President Zenk and Mr. Nickel reached a purchase agreement in the amount of \$7,500 pending Council's approval. All closing fees to be paid by the Village.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to purchase Parcel #34-083-018-000-080-00 on east Main Street from Gerald F. Nickel and Susan E. Nickel for the sum of \$7,500, with the Village of Pewamo paying all closing fees.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Gerald Nickel also asked Council about the possibility of creating a residential living space in the building located directly west of Sesquicentennial Park. Mike Scollon, Zoning Administrator, has reported that this would not comply with Village Zoning Ordinances. Conversation followed. Mr. Nickel will check with Ionia County Building Department before proceeding.

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

President Zenk has been in communication with Sgt. William Hoskins of Ionia County Emergency Management and has given his support for Village participation in the development of a countywide mitigation plan. This is pending grant funds awarded to Ionia County. There would be some Village time required in developing the plan, but there would not be any cost to the Village.

President Zenk had someone contact him regarding burning concerns. Mike Scollon addressed this in November.

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

Diversified Electric's bill for park restroom electrical repair in the amount of \$2,694 was added to payables.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve information presented with the addition to payables.

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

DPW Report: Mike Scollon was not present and had not left information for Council with Clerk or Rob Sterner.

President Zenk thanked DPW for completing leaf pick up.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Treasurer Hafner asked if there were questions regarding his Monthly Treasurer's Report. None presented.

Recreation Report: Trustee Roe asked about the installation of the ice rink.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MML Insurance Renewal:** Council approves renewal with an annual premium of \$8,575 and estimated dividend return of \$530.
- **Budget Review and Amendments:** Treasurer Hafner led Council in a brief review of line items on the budget recommended for amending.

MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to approve amendments to the budget as recommended by Treasurer Hafner.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Grant Application for Community Center Parking Lot:** Clerk informed Council that we may be able to receive some grant funding to improve the Community Center parking lot through Rural Development. Council approves the grant application process.
- **MDOT Performance Resolution:** Allows Clerk to apply for MDOT right of way construction permits.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to authorize Sandy Wolniakowski to apply for necessary MDOT permits on behalf of the Village of Pewamo. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed.

MOTION APPROVED.

- **Ordinance Review:** Language in Sewer Use Regulations may need editing. Tabled until further review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sesquicentennial Park Purchase:** Clerk to set up the completion of the legal sale process.

- **Adopt Policy for Naming Village Public Places:** Treasurer Hafner presented the final draft of the policy from the Village attorney.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to Adopt the Policy and Procedures for the Naming of Village Parks and Recreational Facilities. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **East Street Engineering Update:** F & V has agreed that fees for the engineering will be invoiced as the work progresses, but will not be payable until after April 1, 2020. Council supports proceeding, but Treasurer Hafner questioned if the billing would affect the audit of the current fiscal year. Clerk will check with the auditor for their recommendation before proceeding.

BLIGHT CONCERNS:

- Discussion was held regarding pending violations and new concerns. Clerk will present these concerns to Mike Scollon, Zoning Administrator.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Dan Heckman: Shared ongoing concerns about the speeding on State Street. Discussion followed. Randy Zenk also mentioned that vehicles are not stopping at the four corners. Michael Yerge said the speed and failure to stop has resulted in accidents as roads become wet and slippery. Treasurer Hafner will reach out to the Ionia County Sheriff and invite them to the next meeting.

Jacob Wiggers: Shares Dan's concerns about speeding and supports efforts to resolve excessive speeding.

Michael Yerge: The digital timer for the siren is installed and working as intended. It would need upgrading if ever we decided to link it with Ionia County Central Dispatch.

Randy Zenk: Merry Christmas to everyone!

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the January 13, 2020 meeting.