

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner No Guest

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- There is interest in creating an 8-bed assisted living care center at the former Union Bank site. A letter regarding the zoning of the site has been requested. Mike Scollon will research current zoning as it applies to the request.
- Speeding concerns on East Main. Council approves placing another 25 mph sign.
- Village of Clinton: The effort to challenge EGLE Lead and Copper Rules is still pending.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Ice skating rink is prepared and will be opened as soon as weather permits.
- Declan Scollon needs to complete 17 hours of community service before graduating, and Mike would like him to do this in the Village. Council approves.
- Two new water meters have been installed.
- Drinking Water Asset Management Application: Due to Covid, Mike will be meeting with Shawn Bates of Fleis & Vandenbrink over the phone regarding this.
- Salt Spreader: DPW is still working on this.
- Higham Street Storm Drain: Ryan's Municipal Services were brought in to camera this drain. Temporary repairs have been made. Mike informed Council that the block from Jefferson to Washington will need replacing.
- Lagoon Discharge: Began Monday, December 14th and will end Friday, December 18th.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Carl attended a State of Michigan webinar discussion of the economic situation in Michigan. He reported the first quarter of 2021 is expected to remain the same, with hopes that the economy will pick up after that.
- CD Renewal Union Bank: 4 month special, interest went from .024 to .021.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Countryside Apartment Parking Lot Update:** Countryside agreed to DPW doing a temporary repair at their expense. Countryside has been invoiced and payment received.
- **Miller Land Lease:** Council supports renewal of lease for five years at the same rate.
- **MDOT Right of Way Permit**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Clerk Wolniakowski applying for the MDOT Right of Way Permit. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **MML Renewal:** Council supports renewal of liability and property insurance with MML.
- **President Zenk Committee Update:** President Zenk presented the list of new committees. He informed committees of their roles, especially noting the importance of meeting with Mike Scollon for budget and project planning. He also reviewed committee pay structure.
- **Planning Committee:** Mike Scollon recommends the Planning Commission meet to review the Village Master Plan and Zoning Map, making any necessary corrections and changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SLC Meter:** President Zenk, Treasurer Hafner and Mike Scollon met to discuss the scenario for moving forward with the water meter replacement. Mike Scollon advised that the DPW can complete this project in a two-year period. Treasurer Hafner informed Council of the payment process he proposes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve proceeding with meter replacement as proposed. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, Trustee Yerge opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Storm Drain Easements:** Mulder Surveying is expected to begin this soon.
- **Sesquicentennial Park:** Jerry Nickle has been in communications with President Zenk regarding the pending sale of the park property to the Village. President Zenk informed Jerry that we cannot proceed without a clear title. Jerry Nickle and President Zenk agreed that Village use of the site will continue as is until further notice.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Mike Scollon: Mike asked if the Village has been in communication with our businesses during the Covid pandemic. President Zenk stated that communications received from ICEA are shared with our businesses in an effort to keep them informed of any grant/relief funds available.

Michael Yerge: The Village was in the process of creating an updated Emergency Management Plan prior to Covid. Mike Yerge will reach out to Ionia County to get their assistance in moving forward.

Randy Zenk: President Zenk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. **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 11, 2021 meeting of Council.