

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Aaron Schneider, Joe Lambert, Neal Spitzley, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner Absent: Andrea Weber due to her new baby!

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

Swearing in of Village Clerk & Treasurer

President Zenk's Comments to Council: Tony Thelen of Surveying Solutions (SSI) contacted the Village regarding the survey of the park. SSI has located and marked existing corner post, with the exception of those behind the house located at 308 W. Lincoln. There is an option to save \$300 if the Village wishes to have SSI stop at this point of the survey. Council discussed and decided to complete the survey which will provide a legal document of park boundaries for future reference.

Review of Regular Council Minutes, Account Activity, Payables & Receivables: Brief discussion followed.

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Snow Removal, Water Main Breaks and Installation of Surveillance Cameras have been the majority of the duties performed this past month.
- DPW did work for the City of Ionia, cleaning their drain pipes at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This labor will be traded for their services to clean our catch basins.
- Street salt supplies are low, but should get us through this winter.
- Snow piled in the street following last week's storm will be relocated to the park.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- A CD at Independent Bank will be renewed.
- The Fraud Policy was reviewed. Brief discussion followed. Those present signed the policy, indicating their acceptance. A copy will be kept on file.

Recreation Report:

- Trustee Schneider contacted Wilbur-Ellis regarding the spraying of Village parks. They do not have the equipment to provide this service.
- Trustee Lambert spoke of his hope to do some refurbishing of the basketball courts near the water tower, possibly involving youth groups such as Boy Scouts. Discussion followed. Council is supportive of further research and noted the possible restoration of the Blue Star Mother's Tribute currently located at that site.

Committee Updates: President Zenk reminded committees to consider their projects/expenses for the upcoming fiscal year prior to the budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Review of Michigan Rural Water Rate Study**
 - Information obtained from the water rate study done by Brian Minor of Michigan Rural Water on 2/4/15 was presented. The Water Committee also shared information from their meeting held later that same day. Discussion Followed.
 - Council also considered the option to begin monthly billing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Review of Zoning Variance/Special Permit Fee Policy**
 - Council was provided a copy of the policy adopted at the January 2015 meeting.
- **Applications for Grants submitted to Consumer's Foundation and Meijer for park fencing.**
- **Senator Mike Nof has been contacted regarding a Special Tribute.**
- **Trailhead sidewalk application submitted to DNR**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

➤ **IONIA COUNTY OFF ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

- A draft of the above ordinance was provided to Council for their review.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Mike Scollon: Offered assistance to any committees meeting to prepare for budget planning.

Randy Zenk: Thanked Council for their open and candid discussion regarding information presented and advised discretion in sharing this information prior to any final decisions made by Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the March 9, 2015 meeting.