

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Andrea Weber, Joe Lambert, Neal Spitzley, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner Guest: Jim Cassel

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

Public Comment: None

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk informed Council that ACD.Net had plans for re-routing the fiber optic off South State to Jefferson to Yates to Lincoln and then back to North State. They will obtain necessary permits from Consumer's Energy.

President Zenk also informed Council that he and Michael Yerge and Jim Cassel had attended the Lyons Twp. meeting seeking support for the fire department's possible move. Charles Babcock was not in attendance. Mention was made of the agreement between the Township and the Village. Randy received a copy of the agreement, which was intended to be reviewed every three years. As the Village has no knowledge of any such review, it is recommended that this agreement be re-visited by both the Township and Village in the near future.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- CL Trucking and Les Miller have been contacted for quotes for the West Jefferson Sewer extension to serve a new build and also for repair work to the lagoons. Mike has requested a project date of early June. He will try to have the bids prior to the Budget Meeting.
- Consumer's Energy continues to research the best solution for the lighted Christmas decorations.
- Dump Truck: Repair to the radiator was done. Mike informed Council that the dump truck should last another ten years, normal repair work is expected.
- Wilbur-Ellis Meter: Meter representative is coming out to inspect the meter to insure it is working properly.
- Park Restroom Doors: Gross Machine Shop is doing the work.
- Trustee Heckman asked about the crack sealing done in the fall. Mike said it is holding up as well as expected.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Carl reviewed his prepared Treasurer's Report with Council.
- General Funds were transferred from a CD to the Money Market in preparation for the fire department building.

Recreation Committee: Joe Lambert reported that there was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Wellhead Protection Grant Opportunity:** Michigan Rural Water Association has offered to assist in updating our Wellhead Protection Program and apply for 50/50 grant funds on the Village's behalf. The initial cost is expected to be from \$5,400 to \$7,250 depending on the level of Village involvement. Mike Scollon explained to Council the pros and cons of Wellhead Protection.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Lambert to approve updating the Village Wellhead Protection Program with the assistance and grant funds obtained by MRWA. Cost not to exceed \$7,250, with DPW & Clerk involvement to the level they feel comfortable. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Trailhead Sidewalk Expenses:** Local Streets initially covered the cost of the sidewalk for non-motorized Act 51 compliance. Because the 2015 project resulted in significant non-motorized expenses, Council supports General Fund assuming the expense of the Trailhead sidewalk with a transfer to Local Street in the amount of \$1,785.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve increasing meeting pay from \$40 to \$50 for the Planning Commission Chairperson due to additional responsibilities that position requires. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Spitzley. Five in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Special Budget Workshop: February 22, 2016 at 7:30 in the Village Office. Clerk to publish.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Department Site Update:** Michael Yerge reported that Devereaux Sawmill has agreed to sell their property located at 137 Main Street to the Village of Pewamo for \$40,000. Discussion followed. Council believes this is the best available option in addressing the building/space needs of the Fire Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the purchase from Devereaux Sawmill with details to be worked out later. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Spitzley. Four in favor, none opposed, Michael Yerge abstained from the vote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Water Meter Policy:** The latest draft was reviewed briefly, with some changes recommended. Water Committee will meet to review in more detail and present to Council at the next meeting.
- **MML Education Class for Zoning & Planning:** Council supports this for both Zoning & Planning Commission. Clerk will contact MML with a target date for the end of March.
- **West Jefferson Street Sewer Extension:** Dan Heckman shared information from the Sewer Committee meeting with Mike Scollon. Waiting for estimates from the contractors.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Neal Spitzley: Questioned the status of the Little Free Library Book Program. Clerk reported that it is still in the works.

Carl Hafner: Mike Scollon had asked Carl about purchasing flags through the VFW. Council supports ordering 12 Tough Tex flags at \$26 each.

Dan Heckman: Requested support to clean up the Blue Star Mother's Monument. Council approves.

Sandy Wolniakowski: Requested permission to obtain information on the future of the tanks at Foster Oil on Main Street. It is not believed that these are owned or operated by Foster Oil.

Andrea Weber: Informed Council that their house has been sold and the March meeting will be her last meeting.

Rob Sterner: Requested clarification on the removal of growth from the tennis court fencing. Rick Davarn will be meeting with DPW to address this.

Randy Zenk: Thanked the fire department for their continued efforts.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve appointing Jim Cassel to serve as Village Trustee, filling the position left vacant by Aaron Schneider's departure. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Weber. Five in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the March 14, 2016 meeting.