

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021**

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: President Zenk added a closed session during Wage Committee presentation.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition of Closed Session for Wage Committee's presentation. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed.

MOTION APPROVED.

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

President Zenk thanked the committees for meeting for budget and project planning. President Zenk proposed that committees with dual members, having more than one meeting on the same night, only be paid for one committee meeting. There were no objections to this.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Snow Removal:** Snow removal is going well and salt spreader is working great.
- **Water Meter Replacement:** Eight residential meters have been replaced with Beacon meters. There are two endpoints to replace on the newest Badger meters. Replacement will continue when we receive the next order of 90 meters, which are all targeted for installation this year. If possible, DPW may replace all meters in 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **CD Renewal:** CD was renewed at Union Bank for twelve months with an interest rate of .45%.
- **Repaying Major/Local Loans from Sewer:** Carl discussed loan repayment options. To be revisited at budget.
- **Transfer from Major to Local Street Fund:** Carl informed Council of the this year's budgeted transfer of \$15,000 from Major to Local Street as allowed by Act 51.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from Major to Local Streets.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Martin to enter into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

CLOSED SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to leave Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Sanitary Sewer and Water: Mike Scollon, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin & Dale Winsor President Zenk also attended. Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with the following recommendations for 2021/22 Budget:

- Water Meter Replacement
- Water Main Break Repairs
- Lift Station Meter
- Discussion of other water projects for future planning.
- Mike Scollon recommends another rate study for both Water & Sewer. This will be helpful information for the committee. Clerk to contact Michigan Rural Water.

Parks and Recreation: Mike Scollon, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin & Dale Winsor President Zenk also attended.

Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with the following recommendations for 2021/22 Budget:

- Annual expenses for wood chips, crusher dust for ball fields and weed control
- Horseshoe pits need replacing. Committee suggest replacing four and removing the others due to lack of use.
- Repair of clock in Sesquicentennial Park.
- Replacement of weather curtain in park pavilions.
- Other maintenance projects were discussed for future planning.
- Committee is also researching possible community building/fund raising events.

Streets, Sidewalks & Storm Drains: Mike Scollon, Dan Heckman & Tanner Roe

Minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed, with the following recommendations for 2021/22 Budget:

- Annual expenses for sidewalk maintenance
- Storm drain repair on Higham Street is a priority. Mike also recommends installing a basin on the east side of Higham between Jefferson and Washington streets to allow for drainage.
- Storm drain installation on west Jefferson Street should be done as the budget allows.
- Chip sealing of Lincoln Street from Spaulding to State, along with chip sealing of Main from State to east Village limits is planned for this budget year in Major Streets. Chip seal on these streets is recommended for the entire width of the street.
- Crack sealing should also be budgeted for both Major and Local Streets in the amount of \$2,500 each.
- Painting of lines on State Street is scheduled for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Meter Replacement Fee Increase:** In lieu of other rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year, an increase from \$1 per month to \$2 per month was proposed. This addition will cover monthly fees on new meters.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to raise the monthly Meter Replacement Fee from \$1 to \$2 effective 4/1/21.

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

BLIGHT CONCERNS: No new concerns presented.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Mike Scollon: Mike reminded Council that in the past half of storm drain work could be expensed to streets.

Jane Martin: Jane questioned ordinances regarding snowmobiles traveling on Village streets. Mike Scollon will check into this.

Mike Yerge: Mike Yerge asked about a water shut off valve in his yard, which a snowmobile nearly hit. Mike Scollon said he had intended to cut it down before now, but will protect with an orange cone until it can be done.

Mike Yerge also thanked the DPW for keeping the fire station parking lot plowed.

Randy Zenk: Thank you again to our committees for their efforts!

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. **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 March 8, 2021 meeting of Council.