

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2015**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Andrea Weber, Michael Yerge, Aaron Schneider, Joe Lambert, Neal Spitzley, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon

Guests: Mary Lou Smith, Brian Smith, Becky Yerge, Patrick Smith, Sandy Vergeson, Dave Kramer, Bill Thelen

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

**Presentation of State of Michigan Declaration of Special Tribute:**

President Randy Zenk presented the family of Mike Smith with a State of Michigan Declaration of Special Tribute from Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Judy Emmons and State Representative Mike Callton in honor of his twenty-two years of service to the Village of Pewamo as Trustee. Mike had served as Village Trustee from 1992 until the time of his sudden passing in October of 2014. Council congratulated Mary Lou and her children. Also present were Mike's sister, Sandy Vergeson and former Village presidents Dave Kramer and Bill Thelen. Mary Lou thanked Council, and pictures were taken for press releases.

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** President Zenk informed Council of recent changes to the MDOT State Street project cost distribution. Because the scope of the project had increased dramatically, engineering fees were disproportionate to the amount of funds granted to the project. With the guidance of Prein & Newhof and MDOT, adjustments were made to the application to create an acceptable balance.

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

President Zenk thanked Treasurer Carl Hafner for his extensive research to obtain, record and file all deeds and easements for the Village.

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- Mike received a request for a Zoning Permit. Before presenting the information, Mike suggested that Council address charges for a Zoning Variance or Special Permit.
  - Council reviewed information received from the villages of Fowler and Westphalia and discussion followed.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to set a fee of \$500 for Zoning Variances or Special Permit request.

Additional fees which may be incurred, i.e. attorney fees, publications, etc. may also be charged to the applicant.

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

A copy of this policy will be sent to the Village attorney for his review.

- The Zoning Permit request for a temporary building was reviewed briefly. Mike Scollon advised Council that this does not meet Zoning requirements. Council is in agreement.
- Surveillance Cameras for Village Parks-DPW installed some of the cameras, with completion expected by spring.
- Ford Scraper Truck: Blade requires four new hinges. Estimated cost \$400 to \$500. DPW will repair.
- North Street Water Main Break: Near the NW corner of State and North on January 9, 2015.
  - Replacement of this section of water main will not be added to the USDA Loan for the 2015 project due to the delays it will cause in the closing of the loan application.
- Ben McCrumb did locate the abandoned well on his Jefferson Street property. DPW has surveyed the well and plans to properly abandon it when weather permits. Council approves.
- Lift Station #1 –A sizable branch damaged the pump, and it will need to be rebuilt.
- Higham Street Sewer Lead Repair – Will wait until spring.
  - Carl Hafner asked about contractors for emergency repairs. Mike reported that T. H. Miller is available.

**Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner**

- Loan from Sewer to General has been paid back.
- Carl continues to monitor the status of CD's and other funds as they relate to the 2015 project.

**Recreation Report: Presented by Dan Heckman**

- Dan will continue to work with the Clerk regarding possible sources of funds for park fencing.
- As Dan is no longer on the Recreation Committee, he offered his assistance to its members for budgeting and any other questions they might have. The new committee will decide its Chairperson.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Carol Simon's term as the Village's representative on the Lyons Twp. District Library Board is complete, however she has agreed to serve another term and must be reappointed by Council.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to appoint Carol Simon as the Village of Pewamo's representative to the Lyons Twp. District Library Board for another term. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Schneider. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Council will hold a Special Meeting on February 23, 2015 at 7:00 to address the budget.
- Surveying Solutions, Inc. submitted a bid for the surveying of the ball park. Discussion was held.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to accept the Not-to-Exceed quote of \$1,100 from Surveying Solutions, Inc. **MOTION SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Spitzley. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- Pewamo Road: A meeting was held on January 12, 2015 which included members of the Ionia County Road Commission, Lyons Twp. and the Village of Pewamo regarding the status of Pewamo Road.
  - Lack of funds for road maintenance and repair continues to be a serious problem. While no solutions were found, it was a good meeting and Paul Spitzley from the Ionia County Road Commission promises his continued efforts, as did those representing Lyons Twp.

**OLD BUSINESS: (Not previously addressed in this meeting)**

- Tina Conner Wellman from the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce visited Pewamo today. The Village membership will be \$230 annually. Sandy Wolniakowski requested permission to represent the Village at the Ionia EXPO on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Council approves.
- Asphaltting of the alley behind the Main Street businesses was discussed with Prein & Newhof and Todd MacLean of Rural Development. It will be included in the proposal as an option for the 2015 project.

**Final Round Table Discussion:**

**Sandy Wolniakowski:** Bill Wandell informed us that he has been approached with the option to use a vacant house in the Village for training and a controlled burn. Discussion followed. Council is not opposed to the house being used for training but is not supportive of a complete burn. Clerk will inform Bill Wandell.

Bill also informed us that Jerry Miller will be retiring after forty-nine years of service on the Pewamo Fire Department.

**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, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the February 9, 2015 meeting.