

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2016**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Jim Cassel was present as the new Fire Chief for the Pewamo Fire Department. Jim is replacing Bill Wandell as Chief, although Bill will remain with the department to aid in the transition. Jim asked if Council had any questions or concerns and reported to Council that he will be the new contact person. Council thanked him for coming, but had no concerns at this time.

**President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:** No representatives were present from ACD.Net, so they can be removed from the agenda.

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** President Zenk shared conversations and emails he had with Doreen of ACD.Net regarding the fiber optic they plan to run through Pewamo. A request to run temporary lines above ground on State Street was made. Council is opposed to temporary routing and wants to see a plan before installation begins.

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

Brief discussion was held as the information was reviewed.

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

**DPW Report: Mike Scollon was not present due to a family commitment. President Zenk reviewed Mike's written report with Council.**

- Discussion was held regarding the recommended chip sealing and the cost to do so. Carl suggests that the budget is reviewed closely prior to determining the scope of the chip sealing project.
- Two water meters had stopped working following the project and were not recording usage. One of the two required replacement and one had been improperly installed by the contractors. The issues have been addressed.

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

- Treasurer's Report was reviewed, discussing CD renewals, funds and invoices still expected from the project.
- Carl presented estimates for updating the codification of Village Ordinances, which will be divided between General, Water & Sewer funds.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to approve the updating of Ordinance Codification at a cost not to exceed \$1800. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Budget Amendments:** Carl and Sandy met to review the current year budget. Questions were presented to Abraham & Gaffney for proper handling of loans from Sewer to Street Funds. Suggested amendments to the budget were presented to Council.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the amendments to the 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget as recommended by the Treasurer and Clerk. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five in favor, none opposed.

- Further review of the 2015/16 Budget will be done when Council meets for the 2016/17 Budget.

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

- Council asked about the repair of park restroom doors. DPW plans to address this before spring.

**Committee Updates:**

- Council reviewed items expected to be addressed by Planning Commission at their February meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MML Training Opportunity:** Clerk contacted MML regarding education/training opportunities for Zoning and Planning as discussed at the December meeting. MML offers a three hour course, costing approximately \$1500. Council wishes to proceed. Fowler & Westphalia will be invited to join.
- **Billing for Street Repair Related to Dumpster:** Williams Asphalt repaired asphalt damage done by garbage truck service to a private dumpster. Council agrees not bill the resident for this repair. It is expected that the pending Dumpster Ordinance will address any future issues.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Fire Department Site Updates:** Michael Yerge updated Council on research done and information obtained since the last meeting.
  - Estimates received were shared and Michael expects to have more estimates in the near future.
  - Bob Logan, Ionia County Building Inspector, met with Michael to review the site. Fire protection and ventilation systems will not be necessary if a wall is added to the interior.
  - Neal Spitzley offered his assistance in obtaining an engineer.
  - Council supports Michael Yerge meeting with Bruce Devereaux regarding the sale price.
  - President Zenk will talk with Charles Babcock, Lyons Twp. Supervisor, regarding their level of financial support for building repairs.
- **Water Meter Policy: To be addressed by the Sewer/Water Committee at their 1/20/16 meeting.**
- **Sewer Extension: To be addressed by the Sewer/Water Committee at their 1/20/16 meeting.**
- **Christmas Decoration Wiring: Mike Scollon to meet with Consumer's engineer on 1/14/16.**

## **FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Joe Lambert:** Shared concerns with his mail box and the timing of receiving mail.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. **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 February 8, 2016 meeting.