

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2017**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Jim Cassel, Joe Lambert, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Steve Meyers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner Guest: Tina Conner Wellman

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

**Tina Conner Wellman**, Executive Director of Ionia Chamber of Commerce, had been invited by Trustee Jegla to educate Council on the benefits of our membership and opportunities for greater visibility. Clerk and Council to follow up.

**President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:** Keith Davarn proposal to purchase Village property was added to New Business.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lambert. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**President Zenk's Comments:** Randy was not able to attend Bill Wandell's retirement party. He thanked Dan Heckman for attending on his behalf and for informing Bill that a State of Michigan Special Tribute for his service is forthcoming. The tribute will be presented to Bill at a future date.

**Review of Council Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables:** Council reviewed information presented.

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- No Holiday Water Main Breaks: This was the first time in Mike's memory that DPW did not need to repair a water main break over the holidays.
- New Holland Tractor Repairs: Williams Farm Machinery will do approximately \$4,500 in necessary repairs.
- Blight Ordinance Enforcement: Mike and Sandy presented a proposed policy for Council's review, along with a copy of the current blight ordinance. Mike suggests Council amend or adopt this policy at the February meeting, with enforcement beginning in early spring. Council supports this recommendation.

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

- CD was renewed at Union Bank for .35%, with another up for renewal. Carl will negotiate best possible rates.
- Liquor Control Money/Ionia County Sheriff Department: Contract has been renewed for two hours per month.

**Recreation Report: Presented by Carl Hafner**

- Clerk contacted Pro Surfaces, the company who maintains our tennis courts. For \$500 they can paint the lines on the existing court to create two pickle ball courts. Carl recommends Council proceed with this.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve hiring Pro Surfaces to create pickle ball courts on the existing tennis courts. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- Trustee Lambert asked if it was possible to replace the hoops and nets on the water tower basketball courts. Mike Scollon said DPW will follow up on this. Council supports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Purchase/Sale Agreement for Fire Station:** President Zenk reviewed with Council information and conversations that transpired since the December bid opening.
  - Commercial Realtors and Auction Houses were contacted and offered advice regarding how the Village should proceed.
  - A counter offer was made by the Village and again by the high bidder.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to accept the offer of \$68,000 made by Rick Thelen of Thelen Real Estate Investments, LLC. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Cassel. Five votes in favor, none opposed, with Trustee Lambert abstaining. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Ordinance to Authorize Public Sale of Real Estate:** As advised by Ken Lane, it is necessary to adopt this following the sale of the fire station.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adopt Ordinance 2016-109 to Authorize Public Sale of Real Estate **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Budget Special Meeting:** February 6, 2017 at 6:30. Clerk to publish notice.
- **Keith Davarn Request to Purchase Village Property:** Council reviewed the drawing prepared by Keith for the proposal to purchase a portion of the new fire station property. Discussion followed. Due to the proximity to the driveway that the fire and rescue trucks will be using, Trustees Cassel and Yerge did not support the sale. Council agrees with their concerns and does not wish to pursue the sale of property. Clerk to contact Keith.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Planning Commission:** Addressing the need for a new member; Clerk to contact a possible candidate
- **School Sports-State Championship Signs:** Joe Lambert continues to work on this. Dan Heckman offered to assist if needed.
- **Mutual Date Lease Agreement:** Randy plans to follow up

**FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

- **Mike Yerge:** The fire department is proceeding with building improvements on the new site. The 7 x 7 window will be closed in with block. The required firewall will also be done in block wall. Asbestos removal is underway and will be completed this week.
- **Dan Heckman:** Concerns about Wowway service. Clerk to see if they have a contract with the Village.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. **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 13, 2017 meeting.