

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021**

Present: Randy Zenk, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon
Absent: Dan Heckman **No Guest**

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

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

President Zenk prepared an updated list of committees, adding the Wage Committee, and explained the expanded duties of the Wage Committee. Brief discussion followed regarding how/when all committees should proceed to be prepared for the 2021/22 Budget planning.

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

Clerk added two payables to the list.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve information presented with the two additions. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Village Street Work:** Mike presented a proposed four-year plan for Village street maintenance along with cost estimates. Mike recommends chip sealing due to performance/cost effectiveness. Discussion followed. Street Committee will work with Mike Scollon using his recommendations.
- **Brush Pile at Compost:** Mike is researching requirements and costs to remove thirty years of ash accumulation.
- **Ice Rink:** Will remain open as long as weather permits.
- **Protecting Meters/Pipes:** Community needs to be reminded of the danger freezing weather presents to meters/pipes. Broken meters/pipes cause flooding. This will be posted on Facebook.
- **Salt Spreader:** Complete and ready for use, with the exception some painting.
- **Special Use Permit:** Village Planner was very helpful in making sure procedures required for a Special Use Permit were understood and completed correctly.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **General Fund Balance:** General Fund Balance is low now due to funds receivable from USDA Rural Development for the parking lot. All paperwork has been filed and funds should be received soon.
- **Street Work Funding:** Carl will research funding options of future work based on Mike Scollon's proposal.
 - The cost to chip seal State Street was \$9,000 less than expected, those funds may be transferred to pay on the loan Major Streets has with Sewer. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.
 - Major Streets transfer to Local Streets this fiscal year will also be visited in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Special Use Permit: Good Vibes Adult Assisted Living/Foster Care Facility**
 - Planning Commission met on January 7, 2021 with future owners/operators, Andy and Marci Thelen. Meeting minutes presented to Council.
 - Property owners within 300' of the facility were notified and invited to attend the meeting. There was good neighborhood representation and great discussion.
 - Planning Commission approved the Special Use Permit with the following conditions added:
 - Change of Usage: Must come before the board if the facility changes its usage.
 - Natural Barriers: Must be maintained.
 - Delivery Traffic: Will use the M-21 entrance to the facility
 - Trustee Yerge recommended that construction traffic use the M-21 entrance. Clerk will notify Thelens.
- **Planning Commission Appointment:** A new member is needed to replace Preston Weber following his move from the Village. Kerri Smith, who was in attendance at the 1/7/21 meeting, voiced interest in filling this role.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to appoint Kerri Smith to the Planning Commission. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Planning Commission Chairman Tony Schafer will contact Kerri Smith regarding the appointment.

- **Ionia County Sheriff Contract:** Treasurer Hafner explained that money received from Liquor Control must be used for law enforcement. Funds received this year allow for two hours per month of additional patrol at a rate of \$40.37 with a total of \$968.88.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Village contract with Ionia County Sheriff Department to provide 24.0 hours of Sheriff patrol within the Pewamo Village limits, consisting of 2 hours per month for a period of 12 months at a rate of \$40.37 per hour. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Storm Drain Easements:** Mulder Surveying is working to complete this.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: No new concerns presented.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Randy Zenk: Gerald Nickel asked Randy to share that he has storage space in Pewamo available to rent for \$45 - \$85 per month.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the February 8, 2021 meeting of Council.