

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Joe Lambert, Jim Cassel, Mike Scollon, & Rob Sterner
Absent: Steve Meyers, Carl Hafner & Sandy Wolniakowski **Guests:** Sgt. Jack Pieters-Ionia County Sheriff Department

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

President Zenk invited Sgt. Jack Pieters to present to Council.

- Sgt. Pieters provided the traffic report data collected in Pewamo from 6/8 to 6/13/17.
 - 7701 of the 9038 cars were above the speed limit, with a high speed of 48 mph and an average speed of 33 mph.
 - The highest traffic count was between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.
 - Sgt. Pieters offered the following suggestions to control speed:
 - Request more patrol time during the highest traffic times
 - More use of speed trailers
 - Get control over traffic
 - Do a speed study-need to contact the State of Michigan
 - Maybe increase speed limit-Village has discussed this possibility in the past, but will need to talk to the Village attorney.

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

- Trustee Cassel asked to have ISO added to New Business.

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk attended the Future Cities Workshop in Grand Rapids and reported that it was well attended and very informative. He shared some highlights with Council and will leave information with the Village in case anyone is interested.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Mike updated Council on Zoning and Ordinance Violations:
 - 488 E. Main is continuing efforts. DPW helped her take a tree out. It is expected that all violations will be corrected by July 14th.
 - 216 W. Lincoln has had no visible progress and has been fined.
 - 134 W. Lincoln has also been fined.
 - 232 Main Street contacted Mike and has done a lot of work to correct the violation. Mike will continue to monitor the situation.
- Catch Basins- Repaired and holes plugged.
- Siren Relocation: Mike spoke with Portland, and they plan to do the work this week if weather does not become an issue.
- Tennis Court Repair: Larry Klein asked if Council would be open to him doing some maintenance and repair on the tennis courts. He has 15 years of experience taking care of his own courts. Mike will talk with Larry and get some further clarification and report back to Council at the next meeting.
- Volleyball Courts: No work has been done yet to eliminate the second court.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner is on vacation. Council reviewed the report Carl had emailed prior to his vacation.

- A CD was renewed for 18 months at 1.09% .
- Other Village financial activities were briefly highlighted & reviewed.

Recreation Report: Presented by Joe Lambert

- Water tower tennis courts are being used.
- Baseball diamonds have been very busy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MML Trustee Election:** Information on 5 candidates seeking election for a 4 year term was sent to the Village, along with the ballot. President Zenk will approve election of all 5 candidates on behalf of Village Council.

- **WMRPC seeking projects for CEDS & EDA within a 5 year plan:**
 - Projects are graded and prioritized for the monies. President Zenk reported that we really don't have any projects that qualify.
 - Mike Scollon asked about an industrial park. The Village would need to acquire land and this might be a good idea for grants.
 - Mike also reported that Goose Creek Concrete showed interest in Schafer Petroleum property.
- **ISO:** Jim Cassel contacted them. ISO come through and evaluate coverage once every five years. 2013 was the last time ISO updated Pewamo. We are rated a 6. 7 is the average for a rural department.. Larger cities can be 2, 3 or 4. Portland is a 5.
 - Jim thinks we should not push it, as we are better than most rural areas.
 - Kudos to our fire department for being a 6.
 - Mike Scollon said that DEQ is asking for a copy of report if we can get it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Pewamo Cemetery:** We received an estimate from Gravestone Services to repair and clean the stones.
 - 100 stones cleaned and repaired \$5,400.00 & 200 stones cleaned and repaired \$10,800.00
 - There are no discounts to do less than 100 stones, 50% down payment is required; and there is an 18 month algae warranty.
 - Village would need permission slips signed by owners.
 - We need to talk to attorney if we want to proceed to make sure we aren't held liable.
 - Trustee Yerge suggested getting another estimate.
 - There was a question regarding if the epoxy used will hold.
- **Speed Concerns:**
 - Trustee Heckman stating that he feels it's important to pursue this as too many are going too fast.
 - We need to have patrol during high traffic times and look into doing a speed study.
 - It was also suggested that we find out what percentage of speeders was northbound and what percentage was southbound.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: No new concerns

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Dan Heckman: Will call Dave Fox of Westphalia Telephone regarding possible future plans to serve the Pewamo area.

- Oakwood Lounge: What's the status?

Mike Yerge: Would like to proceed with running water to the new fire station. Mike Scollon will join Mike Yerge to inspect the site following the meeting.

Jim Cassel: Asked who is removing the chimney inside the fire station. Mike Scollon said DPW will do the work.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Cassel to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Joni Jegla, and will be presented for approval at the August 14, 2017 meeting.