

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Steve Meyers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner Absent: Jane Martin

Guests: Dale Winsor, Pat Distel

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

Public Comment: Pat Distel was present regarding a smell in the water at her residence. Pat thanked Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner and Randy Zenk for their extensive efforts to help her.

Mike Scollon informed Council of the situation and that every resource has been explored to eliminate the possibility of odor, including the installation of an experimental system inside the house. This was done at the Village's expense. Distels recently replaced the water service from the main to the house. Pat said the odor is still present, but was not present after running water outside for several hours. Mike Scollon contacted an independent water specialist and will give Pat the contact information. President Zenk explained that the Village has complied with all State of Michigan EGLE testing requirements of our water system. EGLE has not had any concerns regarding the quality of our water. We have gone above and beyond trying to help the Distels, however, further actions to resolve the situation will be the responsibility of the home owner, per Village ordinance and policy.

Mike Scollon asked that Pat advise him of the water specialist findings.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- The Village received a letter from Phil Gensterblum of Portland Ambulance announcing his retirement.

Review of Council Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables: **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to approve information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Mike shared the latest information for chip seal of State Street. We received a price from an independent contractor who is also working with Muir Village. Mike is waiting for information from Ionia County on prices.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve proceeding with chip sealing of State Street at the best price, not exceeding a total cost of \$50,000. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- CD interest rates are down to .24 percent.
- Village audit was held on July 8th and everything seemed to go well.

Recreation Report:

- Pickle Ball courts are in high use and ball games are being played in the park.

NEW BUSINESS: (Not previously addressed in the meeting)

- **Burial Policy for Pewamo Cemetery:** Dan Heckman explained that the cemetery was surveyed by himself, Jane and Shelby Martin, Sandy Wolniakowski and Anna Thelen to compare the plots mapped and marked as occupied with the existing plots/headstones. It is his recommendation that new burial plots NOT be sold due to the inconsistency of the map with the actual cemetery. Carl Hafner presented Policy 7-13-2020, which will provide conditions for burial to only those persons who can prove ownership of an existing lot.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the adoption of Policy 7-13-2020. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Rural Development Grants Awarded:** The Village of Pewamo has been awarded \$72,500 for the purpose of creating a parking lot at 137 E. Main Street.
- **Fire Station WOW:** Clerk presented pricing for internet service from WOW. Currently the service is received at no charge from Mutual Data due to their equipment on the water tower. Clerk will see if Mutual Data can resolve problems before any further action is taken.

- **Pewamo Block Party Cancelled Due to Covid 19:** President Zenk stated Block Party was good income for our downtown businesses and encourages all to support them.
- **Consumer's Energy Tree Grant:** The Village will not apply in 2020, but will revisit in 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Survey of Lot Y Located west of the DPW Garage:** Carl Hafner reported that the site has been stake surveyed and confusion over the title has been eliminated, with the Village now having clear ownership. Mike Scollon reported that this site is earmarked for a backup well.

Blight Concerns:

Concerns were discussed regarding a property with ordinance violations. Mike Scollon will talk to the property owner before further action is taken. There were also concerns shared about barking dogs.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 8:26. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. 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 August 10, 2020 meeting of Council.