

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner **Absent:** Michael Yerge **Guest:** None

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 Heckman 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:

The Village received a thank you letter from Bruce Pindzia and Leah Bectel of Fleis & Vandenbrink for allowing them to attend the June meeting and present the DWRP Project Plan to Council.

PROTEC sent the yearly renewal invoice and update of activities to protect Michigan Public Rights-of-Way.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Weed Control of Lagoons Update:** We are still waiting for EGLE approval, which is delayed due to EGLE staffing. EGLE does not expect the delay to interfere with timely treatment.
- **Compost Ash Pile:** Still waiting for test results. Granger recommends Miller Trucking do the hauling to remove the ash pile. Mike will get another estimate before beginning.
- **Village Lawn Mower:** Mike informed Council mower will need replacing in 2022. Leasing options discussed.
- **Lift Station Totalizer:** Totalizer installation cost is expected to be about \$4,000 and should be completed prior to November 15th.
- **Beacon Meter Installation:** DPW has installed about ten percent of the new meters. Installation procedures includes gathering of service information as required by EGLE.
- **June 26th Storm Flooding:** Three days of heavy rain, which totaled approximately nine inches, resulted in several basements in the Village flooding. One basement in town also experienced back up of sanitary sewer. Mike called Robert Rose, Ionia County Drain Commissioner, and together they met with some residents on Yates Street and Louis Court. Robert Rose reported that the rain event was considered a three-to-five-hundred-year occurrence. Dutton Drain appears to be working properly, but was simply overwhelmed. As soon as the rain stopped, proper drainage did occur. However, Robert does plan to do a thorough investigation/inspection of Dutton Drain and other options that can avoid a flooding event like this in the future. Mike Scollon expects to hear from him in mid to late fall and will follow up with the residents.
- **Well 1 & 2:** Testing was done and everything looks good and is on schedule for expected maintenance.
- **Water Tower Inspection:** Inspector reported that our tower looks excellent. Mike explained to Council the necessity of overflowing the tower prior to flushing hydrants.
- **Community Center Booster Pump:** This is expected to improve the flushing capacity of toilets.
- **Street Work:** We still do not have a timeline for crack and chip seal work.
- **Consumers Energy Tree Grant:** DPW will proceed with this.
- **Zoning/Blight:** President Zenk informed Council that Zoning/Blight issues can be very time consuming for DPW & Clerk. New procedures may be necessary in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **CD Renewal:** CD renewed at .35%.
- **Village Audit:** The audit was completed on 7/8/21. It seemed to go well. Contract for future audits is up for renewal.

Recreation Report:

President Zenk informed Council of a broken play structure on the back ballfield. DPW proposes changing this from a spring mounting to a fixed mounting. Council supports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website Management: Council supports moving forward with new design.

Worker's Comp Trustee Election:

A **MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the election of all five candidates. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Consumers Energy Donation to Block Party: President Zenk informed Council that Consumer's Energy made a donation of \$200 to help cover the expenses of the Home Grown Talent Show for Block Party.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Blight Concerns: Some new concerns presented. Letters will be sent.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Jacob Wiggers: Will not be able to attend the August meeting.

Sandy Wolniakowski: Currently communicating with Tim Mroz of The Right Place for guidance on use of American Rescue Plan funds. Tim Mroz may be able to set up a meeting with Lyons Twp and the Villages within the township to help us all as we move forward.

Randy Zenk: Jerry Nickle has suggested that the parking spot in front of his building next to Kramer's be turned into Handicap Parking. It will still be posted as no parking from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Council supports this.

Randy also asked Council if they would like to return to the Village Office for the meetings. Discussion followed. Current plans are to return to the Village Office in November unless the situation changes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. **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 August 9, 2021 meeting of Council.