

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Joe Lambert, Jim Cassel, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, & Rob Sterner Absent: Steve Meyers **Guests:** Bob Cusak & Mary Jane Walter

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

President Zenk invited Bob Cusak to present to Council. Bob was sent a letter regarding the mowing of grass at his State Street property. The mowing has been completed and he will continue to do so. Bob wished to inform Council that the lot has been surveyed and is for sale. A copy of the survey was left with the Village office.

President Zenk invited Mary Jane Walter to present to Council. Mary Jane has conducted extensive research on Pewamo and has compiled several binders with her findings. She wishes to donate these to the Village for their archives. The binders will be available for viewing by appointment, but will not be allowed to leave the Village office. Council thanked Mary Jane for her hard work and generous donation.

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk shared an invitation with Council from Ionia Chamber of Commerce to attend a Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Soaring Above Ionia Teen Center.
- Information was shared and presented on the Ionia County Technology Action Plan. President Zenk contributed information to this study on behalf of the Village. Pewamo is well represented in the overall findings.
- The Right Place will be holding a Future Cities Workshop. Randy will attend on behalf of the Village.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman 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

- DPW has completed Lagoon Discharge, extensive work in the parks, filling of pot holes, and new basketball rims were installed at the water tower courts.
- Work was also done in the Pewamo Cemetery. Mike suggests Council make a serious effort to repair and preserve this cemetery in the very near future. Clerk will get estimates.
- Council asked DPW to check on the following: hole by the pole near Trail Side Apartments and manhole cover nearby, manhole cover near Trailhead.
- Trustee Yerge inquired about the pole and siren relocation to the new fire department. Mike Scollon has not received notification, but will follow up.
- Trustee Cassel inquired about the fence removal on Higham Street. President Zenk informed him that Council had been informed prior to the removal that the fence was dangerous and an eyesore. Replacement of the fence will be a topic for later discussion.
- Trustee Heckman asked if the ditch on West Jefferson Street could be reworked to allow better drainage. Mike Scollon said he will address as the grade allows.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Abraham & Gaffney have offered to attend a Village meeting to present the audit findings. Council will decide if they feel this is necessary after the audit is returned for their review.
- A payment was made to the USDA for both interest and principal.
 - The Village currently has allocated funds for these payments and has a sufficient balance. Both Carl & Sandy recommend decreasing the quarterly set asides from \$18,000 to \$15,000. Council supports.
- A CD was renewed at Independent Bank at a rate of 1.03%.
- The Investment Policy and Investment Authority Policy were both presented to Council for updating and approval. No significant changes have been made.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Investment Policy and Investment Authority Policy.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Recreation Report: Presented by Joe Lambert

- Trustee Lambert thanked DPW for installing the new rims at the water tower court.
- Joe commented on the incredible turn out for the Little League Tournament. Mike Scollon questioned if there would ever be a need to bring in porta johns. Joe will check with Corey Smith.

- Mike Scollon asked if Council would still like to eliminate one of the volleyball courts in the park. Council approves eliminating the west court.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Summary of Planning Commission Survey Results:** To be reviewed later
- **MISS Dig:** Village has applied to be an official member
- **MML Appraisal:** MML offers members a free property appraisal and Pewamo is scheduled to receive theirs in the near future.
- **ISO Rating:** Fire department will communicate as necessary to apply for a new ISO Rating
- **Clinton County Recycling:** The Village has been notified of an upcoming meeting. We currently do not participate in this program and Council has not changed their position on funding recycling.
- **Radar Signs:** Following concerns shared by Trustee Heckman at the May meeting, President Zenk obtained prices on speed radar signage. The signage is costly and enforcement difficult. Council will wait for data from the speed trailer placed by the Ionia County Sheriff Department before deciding how to proceed.
 - Ionia County Sheriff Department will be invited to attend a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Visibility Concerns at NW corner of Lincoln & State:** Village offered to remove bush and install a split rail fence. Property owner does not wish to have the bush removed. Village will trim as necessary.
- **Mutual Date Lease Agreement:**
 - A five year lease agreement was presented to Council for their approval, which includes the hotspot and two free internet services for the Village (DPW & Fire Station)
 - Mutual Data has installed the wireless access point in Trailhead. Information for the hotspot will be posted at the Trailhead and on the Village website.
 - President Zenk presented a Wireless Internet Disclaimer and Terms of Use policy to Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Wireless Internet Disclaimer and Terms of Use Policy.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Bill Wandell Special Tribute Presentation:** Presentation will occur at the Block Party.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: Letters have been sent and some violations resolved.

- **Main Street:** Pictures will be taken and a letter sent to clarify Village expectations. If violations are not corrected or reoccur, fines will result.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Mike Scollon: A resident has requested a zoning permit for a carport, but there are concerns about the side yard setback. They will attend Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 13th, before proceeding.

Dan Heckman: Questioning how the fiber optic that passes through the Village benefits us and will try to research.

Randy Zenk: The Village Public Cable Channel has not been working. Randy has ordered a new piece of equipment and will repair as soon as possible.

- July Council Meeting: Carl & Sandy will not be able to attend. Joni Jegla has agreed to take minutes.
- Landscaping at new fire department looks great!

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the July 10, 2017 meeting.