

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Andrea Weber, Aaron Schneider, Joe Lambert, Neal Spitzley, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner

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

Review of Regular & Special Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables & Receivables: Brief discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Spitzley. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Consumer's Energy is in town to replace gas main prior to the Village's 2015 projects and will be here for approximately two months. DPW is working with Consumer's as needed to avoid any interruption with Village water and sewer systems.
- Mike & Rob will not be attending the MRWA Conference this year. Mike feels it's important that they are available for the various projects being done in the Village by outside sources.
- DPW has purchased and will install a new grader blade on the Village Dump Truck. The blade is 22 years old. The new blade should be transferable when we replace our current truck.
- A meeting was held with RS Technical, our current water system professionals, and Prein & Newhof to review the bid specs prepared by Prein & Newhof. Project specs were changed, following the advice of RS Technical. These changes will improve the project.
- Prein & Newhof have instructed the Village to remove trees on State Street prior to April 1st. Mike has gotten a bid and plans to get two more.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to allow Mike Scollon to proceed with the tree removal, hiring the contractor with the lowest bid, not to exceed \$3,000. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Treasurer Hafner reminded Council that there is a tree replacement policy. This will be visited upon completion of the 2015 projects.
- The #1 Lift Station #2 Pump needed to be rebuilt due to obstructions. The work was done by JK Inc. for just under \$4,600.
- An estimate has been received for the sidewalk connecting the Trailhead to the trail. Local Street funds will be used to fulfill the Village's non-motorized requirement. Clerk will get two more estimates before a contractor is chosen.
- Mike Scollon is also fulfilling the duties of Zoning Administrator and discussed those violating the unlicensed cars, dangerous buildings and the rubbish ordinances. Discussion followed and letters will be sent to those in violation.
 - There was also discussion about a discharge of water from a window on the second level of Wood's Deli. A letter will be sent to Wood's Deli asking them to correct this situation.
- There was also discussion regarding the grease containers left behind the Oakwood. Clerk will check into this.
- Mike Scollon presented information regarding an alternative material that might be used for the water main replacement project at a savings to the Village. Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- A new account has been established at Union Bank for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds for Water Improvement Projects.

- Carl will be pulling funds from both Sewer and Major Road CD's and putting them into the Money Market for the project.
- Carl continues to monitor the status of the General Checking fund, and will transfer funds from the Money Market into the pooled checking to cover expenses paid by Water for project engineering.

Recreation Report: Presented by Aaron Schneider

- Aaron shared the three estimates received for the park fence replacement. DeWitt Fence was the lower of the three quotes. Discussion followed.
 - Aaron will contact DeWitt Fence for some clarification. In the event that the scope of their estimate is comparable, they will be awarded the job, with completion in early spring or as soon as the ground is dry enough.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to award DeWitt Fence the job, barring any project discrepancies, at their quoted price of \$3.990. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Spitzley. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Current Fiscal Year Budget & Proposed Budget for 2015/16

- Council reviewed the budget figures prepared and adjusted at the February 23rd Special Meeting. These figures do not include the complete costs related to the upcoming project as the project scope is yet to be determined. Those figures will be added to an amended budget at a later date. Discussion Followed.
- Treasurer Hafner offered his recommendation that the transfer from Major to Local Streets not be made for the 2014/15 fiscal year due to the fact that Major Street will have many expenses in the upcoming fiscal year. For that same reason, a transfer was not budgeted in the 2015/16 year. Council supports this recommendation.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to have the current year's budget amended to actual following the last payroll and payment of bills in March 2015. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Schneider. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Spitzley to adopt the proposed budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year with the understanding that it does not include the complete costs related to the upcoming project and will be amended at a later date. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Schneider. Six votes in favor, none opposed.

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- **Oakwood Lounge:** Bruce Devereaux presented a possible scenario regarding the donation of the Oakwood Lounge to the Village from the Devereaux family. If the Council is open to this, he will pursue this possibility further and seek legal/tax advice. Discussion followed. Council feels they need more research before answering. Clerk will contact Bruce and this will be revisited as needed.

Old Business: None

Final Round Table Discussion:

Randy Zenk:

- Shared communications from WOW Cable.
- Sandy Wolniakowski & Randy Zenk will be representing the Village at the Ionia County Expo on Saturday, March 14th.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the April 13, 2015 meeting.