

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Jim Cassel, Tanner Roe, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon & Rob Absent: Steve Meyers, Joni Jegla Guest: Brendan Cassel

President Zenk began the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Brendan Cassel was present to request Council support for his Eagle Scout project. Brendan proposes the construction of three handicap accessible picnic tables for the Village. Two will be placed at Blossom Time Park and one at the Village Trailhead. This will be done at no cost to the Village. Discussion and input from Council followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to support Brendan Cassel building three picnic tables for Village parks. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Cassel to approve the Meeting Agenda. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council: Thanked Council for rescheduling the meeting to 7:30.

Review of Council Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables: Clerk added Blue Water Fuel to the list of payables in the amount of \$346.55

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the information presented, with the addition. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **North State Street Drainage:** February rain and thawing snow caused issues with flooding on north State Street. Mike Scollon informed Council that the SAW Grant Study will determine problem areas, along with solutions.
- **Crack Sealing:** Mike presented the Ionia County Road Commission contract for the proposed crack sealing work. \$10,000 has been budgeted for this project. Mike believes the budgeted amount will be sufficient if he works closely with the contractors. Village will request that the work is not done without Mike's supervision, or on the weekend. We will also request that it be done after St. Joseph's Festival, if possible.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the contract with Ionia County Road Commission. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Water & Sewer Rate Study:** Michigan Rural Water conducted rate studies for the Village systems. Due to the findings of the studies, it is recommended that the Village implement a 2% increase in both water and sewer rates.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve a 2% increase in water and sewer rates. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Amend 2017/18 Budget:** Carl presented information to Council with proposed budget amendments.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adopt 2017/18 proposed budget amendments. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Wage Committee Recommendation:** Wage committee has reviewed DPW wages and benefits and recommend a 3% wage increase in the hourly rate for both Mike Scollon and Rob Sterner.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve a 3% increase in the hourly wages for Mike Scollon & Rob Sterner. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Cassel. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Approve & Adopt 2018/19 Budget:** Carl asked Council if there were questions or concerns on the proposed 2018/19 budget presented at the February meeting. Discussion followed.

- Trustee Yerge proposed changing the Fire Department Capital Outlay budgeted figure to \$2,500. Without the change, the General Fund would be budgeted to a deficit. The Village also hopes that grant funds applied for the department improvements might be awarded. Council supports Trustee Yerge's suggestion and the change was noted.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adopt 2018/19 Budget. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Program:** The Village was contacted regarding our opting in or out of this program. President Zenk has been in communication with Village attorney, Ken Lane, regarding this. . President Zenk gave detailed information about the pros and cons to opting in or out. Discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adopt A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE OF PEWAMO **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **ICEA Support:** To be revisited at the April meeting.
- **Rezoning of M-21 Corridor:** Planning Commission had offered a recommendation that the M-21 Corridor from State Street to the east Village limits be rezoned. Discussion with the property owner and Village Planner offered additional insight regarding how this rezoning would affect future single family dwellings on the north side of M-21. Based on the new information Council proposes the rezoning of the south side only.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to proceed with the rezoning of the south side of M-21 from State Street to the East Village limits to Light Industrial. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Clerk will contact Tony Schafer, Planning Commission Chair, and John Enos, Village Planner.

- **Truck Traffic on East Main Street:** Semi traffic on East Main Street continues to be a problem. This is not the designated truck route and semi traffic will have an adverse affect on the condition of the street.
 - Ionia County Sheriff has been notified and will be monitoring the traffic.
 - Ionia County Road Commission has been asked to provide increased signage, which they do not believe to be necessary or an answer to the problem. Ionia County Road Commission suggested notifying the Michigan State Police.
 - Trustee Heckman stated that he will try to determine the times of day that the violations occur.
 - Clerk will reach out to Michigan State Police.
- **Pure Green Services for 2018:** Council approves the same service for 2018 as done in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Liability for Block Party & Car Show:** Clarification was given on March 12, 2018 by Diane Jones, our MML representative, that as long as there not beer/liquor tents and as long as these events are not advertised as events provided alcoholic beverages, there is no need for additional insurance.
 - If anyone sells alcoholic beverages in the public, they will need to list the Village as a co-insured on their liquor liability policy.
- **RESA Little Free Libraries:** The posting regarding public participation was made on the Village Facebook page and to date there is no interest.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: Discussion was held regarding complaints received on the condition of a property in the Village. Clerk and DPW will follow up.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the April 9, 2018 meeting.