

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner **Absent:** Steve Meyers **Guests:** Joe Distel

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

Public Comment: Joe Distel questioned the Closed Session held at the February meeting. Closed session was held as advised by the Village attorney. Joe shared information regarding marijuana ordinances. He also reminded Council that he had asked to be on the Water Committee. President Zenk informed him that Council was aware of his desire, but decided there was no need to have additional members beyond those currently serving. Joe expressed complaints about the format/content of Meeting Minutes. Joe also expressed his desire to see the large oak tree on Jefferson removed. Mike Scollon stated that there was no sign of disease in the tree and it is not scheduled for removal.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda: Review of Ordinance #4 was added to New Business.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition to New Business.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge 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

- **Water Main Break** on 3/8/19 near 131 W. Jefferson. This area of water main is in bad shape.
- **MRWA Conference:** Mike will be attending from 3/19 to 3/22.
- **Hydrant Flushing Schedule:** Last Wednesday & Thursday of the month starting in April.
- **Dredging by Ionia County Drain Commission:** Expected dredging of the Rual drain sometime in March. :
- **Road Salt:** Village will need to purchase more salt through the MIDeal program. Mike recommends 80 tons.
- **Cold Patching:** DPW plans to begin cold patching of streets as soon as weather allows.
- **Street Grant:** Mike Scollon and Sandy completed the application for a matching funds grant to chip coat and fog seal W. Lincoln, W. Jefferson and S. Higham Streets. Total cost of the projects is \$ 29,420.
- **Water Main Replacement Projects:** Mike recommends beginning with East Street and then Washington to State Street.
 - **East Street may provide grant opportunities.** Mike suggests engineering this project, which also includes adding storm sewer. This will create a shovel ready project in the case of grants and will provide useful information. Mike can ask Fleis & Vandenbrink for estimated cost to engineer. Council supports.
 - **Replacing water main in conjunction with street replacement may not be an option.** Village water main will not last as long as Village streets.
- **Fire/Rescue Improvements:** Mike Scollon did a final inspection and found a few odds and ends which needed completing. Milestone Construction agrees with these findings and expects the work to be done by March 15th.
- **Fire/Rescue Consumer's Energy Rebate:** Mike and Sandy submitted information for a possible rebate and are waiting to hear back from Consumer's.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Presentation of Monthly Treasurer's Report**
- **State of Michigan Act 51 Funds:** State overpaid Pewamo and others and will correct in future disbursements.
- **Fire/Rescue Debt Service:** First interest payment made
- **CD Renewal:** Carl continues to renew CD's at best possible rates.

New Business:

- **Review/Amend Budget for 2018/19 Fiscal Year:** Carl advised Council of final amendments to the budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve amendments to the 2018/19 Fiscal year budget as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Review/Adopt Budget for 2019/20 Fiscal Year:** Council was asked if there were questions or concerns regarding the proposed budget. Trustee Heckman questioned if the purchase of a new pick up would impact the budget. Treasurer Hafner informed Council that there were sufficient funds in the Equipment Replacement fund.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adopt the budget for the 2019/20 Fiscal year budget as presented.

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

➤ **Approve wages for 2019/20 Fiscal Year**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Jegla to approve wages for the 2019/20 fiscal year as presented by the Wage Committee. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Set Water/Sewer Rates for 2019/20 Fiscal Year:** Dan Heckman reviewed the difference in costs between a 2% and 3% increase. Discussion followed regarding the capital improvements that will be required for the water system in the future and the relating expenses.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to increase water and sewer rates for the 2019/20 fiscal year by 3%, with 1% of the increase being set aside in the Water Capital Improvement fund. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- Carl Hafner will investigate other options to build the Capital Improvement fund.
- Michigan Rural Water will be brought in late 2019 or early 2020 for a rate study of both water and sewer.
- **All Village Meeting:** Maple Rapids will be hosting on Monday, March 25. This is not a mandatory or a paid meeting. Members of Council who are interested in attending are encouraged to do so.
- **Portland Ambulance Communication:** President Zenk informed Council of Portland's ongoing research into bracelets that can be downloaded with information to aid in emergency response.
- **MSHDA communication:** Mike Scollon and Randy shared their understanding of a MSHDA program regarding the placement of MOD home prototypes. Pewamo is not in a position to participate at this time.
- **Community Center Update:** Clerk shared information regarding rental rates and policies. Tabled until April.
- **Put Your Town on the Map Grant Application:** This is a Consumer's Energy Grant that President Zenk suggested Pewamo submit an application for funds to help cover Community Center expenses.
- **Review of Ordinance #4:** Suggested limit of 5 chickens and prohibit roosters. Tabled until April.

Old Business:

- **Renewal Energy Ordinance**-Carl reviewed progress to date and shared proposed sites to allow renewable energy. Discussion followed. Tabled until April.
- **Marijuana Ordinance:** Tabled until April.
- **Purchase of Pick Up:** Mike has three prices and plans to follow up in the next fiscal year.
- **Master Plan Progress**-Adjacent communities had time to review and respond. Clerk will see when the deadline allows us to pursue.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Michael Yerge: Hydrant extension by water tower questioned. DPW plans to complete. Also discussed doors and locks at Fire/Rescue; Mike Scollon will follow up.

Mike Scollon: Necessary tree trimming and removal will take place in April.

Tanner Roe: Tanner's wife, Stephanie, informed him that there are clauses, which do not allow for sale, between banks. This may be why Union Bank will not be selling their Pewamo branch to another financial institution.

Randy Zenk: Thanked Council for their participation in a good meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 9:10. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, one absent, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the April 8, 2019 meeting.