

**Village of Pewamo  
Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2021**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner      **Guest:** Bruce Pindzia, Fleis & Vandenbrink

**President Zenk began the meeting in the Community Center at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Drinking Water Revolving Fund Opportunities:** Bruce Pindzia of Fleis & Vandenbrink presented a proposal to assist the Village of Pewamo in applying to EGLE for funds for the replacement of the 1950's water main by completing the Project Plan required to apply. Following his presentation, Bruce answered Council's questions.

**Water Reliability Study:** Bruce also informed Council that the Village is required to complete an updated Water Reliability Study and presented the proposal for F&V to do this.

President Zenk thanked Bruce Pindzia for attending the meeting.

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:**

President Zenk informed Council that he attended the Portland Ambulance Annual Meeting. He gave Council a brief update on department operations, and informed them that there would not be a change in fees for the 2021-22 billing period. Portland Emergency Care Plan forms will be sent to residents in the Pewamo Spring Newsletter.

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

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Water Reliability Study:** The \$9,500 proposal from F&V is well worth the money, however, Mike has been in communications with Michigan Rural Water; and they believe they can work with the Village to complete the Water Reliability Study at no cost. Mike is meeting with them to get further information and confirm this.
- **Water Meters:** The next supply of water meters is in and DPW will begin installation.
- **Wastewater Sampling:** Prein & Newhof labs can do the sampling for the Village and their fees are similar to Ionia Labs. Mike plans to use their labs during discharge this spring.
- **Fire Department Roof:** Ice back up caused some leaking. Mike believes they have eliminated the problem for now, but recommends having a professional roof inspection and repair.
- **Fire Department Eavestrough:** Icing caused the eavestrough on the east side to fall off. The company who did the installation will reinstall at no cost if the Village pays for materials at an estimated cost of \$400. Mike Scollon will work closely with them to take extra precautions to avoid the problem reoccurring. Council also supports adding heated tape to the eavestrough during installation.
- **Storm Drains Higham & Jefferson Streets:** Mike received a budgetary number for this work in the amount of \$66,000.
  - Treasurer Hafner will apply for Category B funding for Chip Seal and Storm Drain on Higham & Jefferson Streets. Council Supports
- **Lincoln Street State to Spaulding:** Mike is getting pricing for 2" asphalt overlay to compare to chip seal cost.

**Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner**

- **CD Renewal:** CD was renewed at Union Bank and two CD's combined and renewed at Independent Bank.

**New Business:**

Prior to the meeting Council were given copies of proposed budget amendments and figures for 2021/22 for their review.

- **2021 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments:** Treasurer Hafner presented a report with detailed information pertaining to budget amendments.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the amendments presented for the 20/21 Fiscal Year Budget. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **2021/22 Budget Review and Adoption:** President Zenk called for questions/comments on the information presented. Brief Discussion followed.

**Fleis & Vandenbrink Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Plan Proposal:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the proposal presented by Fleis & Vandenbrink to move forward with the completion of a Project Plan for the purpose of applying for EGLE Drinking Water Revolving Funds to replace the remaining 1950's water main in the Village. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Water Reliability Study:** Council approves Mike Scollon working with Michigan Rural Water to complete this study.

**2021/22 Budget Review and Adoption Continued:**

- \$15,000 added to Contracted Services in the Water Fund
- \$250 added to both Major and Local Streets for stop sign replacement.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to adopt the proposed 21/22 Fiscal Year Budget with additions. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**BLIGHT CONCERNS: Concerns regarding a reoccurring blight situation. Clerk will send a letter.**

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Dan Heckman:** In the past, DPW and Council compiled a 5-year project outlook. Dan suggests that we do this again to assist in future planning of projects within the Village. Dan also shared concerns about speeding in the Village. Clerk will contact the Ionia Sheriff.

**Randy Zenk:** Also has concerns regarding the speed at which people are driving in the Village.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:48. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the April 12, 2021 meeting of Council.