

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015**

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

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council**

- President Zenk thanked all who attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Fred Meijer CIS Trail on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, as well as those who represented Pewamo at the ceremony in St. Johns.
- On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> the compost area was on fire. Originally this was thought to be arson, but is now believed to be started by hot coals or combustion of the compost.

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

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

**DPW Report: Rob Sterner reviewed Mike Scollon's prepared report with Council.**

- Nick Hoppes will be completing 40 hours of community service in the Village this week.
- Cemetery will be mowed before Memorial Day.
- Payment for tree removal will be made when the job is complete. Two logs have been sold to Devereaux Sawmill for a total of \$50.
- We have been advised that the water project will start on June 15 or 22.
- Lagoon discharge starts this week Wednesday (5/13/15) and will continue through the end of next week (5/23/15).
- Carl Hafner questioned Rob about the timing of the repair of the water main break site in front of Mike Klein's residence. DPW will be doing this as soon as conditions allow.

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

- CD #3 was renewed for 12 months at Union Bank after withdrawing \$20,000 for the General Checking Fund, \$14,000 for Major Road Money Market Fund, \$2,000 for Local Road Money Market Fund, and \$17,500 from Sewer Money Market Fund. These disbursements were made in preparation for the 2015 water and streets projects.
- Carl informed Council of the need to establish the millage rate for the 2015 Village Property Taxes.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Schneider to have the tax millage remain at 12 mills. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lambert. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- The Village audit is being conducted by Abraham & Gaffney and seems to be going smoothly.

**Recreation Report: Presented by Aaron Schneider**

- DeWitt Fence has completed the installation of the new section of fence in the ball park.
- A recent work day held by the Little League coaches, teams and parents in the park was very productive! Thanks to all of the great volunteers!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **FOIA Policy Updates:** To be addressed at the June meeting.
- **Parking Concerns:**
  - There will be a sign placed on the pole in front of Wood's Deli indicating that parking west of the pole is for "Wood's Deli\*\*Patron Parking\*\* 15 Minutes Only"
  - The north side of the fire barn will be changed to "No Parking - Emergency Vehicles Only". There will be a sign on the building as well as crossing out the parking spot on the street.
- **Bench Donation:**
  - A request has been made to place a bench along the CIS Trail near the church parking lot. Council supports this as long as it is in compliance with the CIS Friends Group guidelines regarding benches along the trail and any costs to the Village are reimbursed.

➤ **Dog Complaints:**

- The Village received a complaint regarding a dog that escaped its wireless fencing. The owner of the dog was contacted and they reported that the dog will be evaluated and trained by a professional. The dog will also be kept in the house whenever the owner is not present. Council sees no need for further action at this time.
  - In the future, Council suggests that concerns regarding animals be submitted to Ionia County Animal Control and not to Village Council.

➤ **Kramer's Bar & Grill:**

- Request permission to hire a mechanical bull ride for Block Party. All costs to be covered by Kramer's Bar & Grill and insurance coverage is included in the costs. Michigan Municipal League advises that the Village of Pewamo should be listed as an additional insured. Council supports this.

➤ **Ionia Sentinel-Standard Ad for P-W Graduates**

- The Village was contacted regarding a \$25 advertisement in their graduate edition.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to place a \$25 congratulatory ad in the Ionia Sentinel- Standard for P-W graduates. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Final Round Table Discussion:**

**Michael Yerge:** Shared concerns about the Village Clean Up Day being held in conjunction with Village Garage Sales. Clerk informed him that this was intentional, allowing for unsold items to be disposed of.

- Also questioned clarification on the Village junk car ordinance.

**Carl Hafner:** Questioned if Village had approved street closures for the upcoming St. Joseph's Festival Parade and Run.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve necessary street closures for both the parade and the run/walk. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Sandy Wolniakowski:** Village billing procedures related to irrigation billing have been reviewed with Brian Minor of Michigan Rural Water Association and are within the standards, so no changes to policy are needed.

**Aaron Schneider:** The proposed Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for park fencing is not something he can organize this year. However, Aaron does believe it would be good to do in conjunction with Block Party festivities. Joe Lambert proposed a basketball tournament also be considered.

**Dan Heckman:** Spoke with Tom Miller regarding the updating of Village Street Lights to the most cost efficient lighting. Tom is researching.

- Dan requested Council's support of future Village participation advertising and supporting Clinton County Relay for Life events. Council supports this.
- Ben McCrumb talked to Dan regarding the dirt from the 2015 projects. Is there any chance that it could be taken to his vacant lot and used as fill? Clerk will check with Prein & Newhof.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the June 8, 2015 meeting.