

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2017**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Joni Jegla, Joe Lambert, Steve Meyers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, & Rob Sterner Absent: Jim Cassel **Guests:** Becky Yerge at meeting's end  
**President Zenk began the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**President Zenk called for review of the Meeting Agenda:**

Clerk requested Portland Ambulance contract be added to New Business.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Lambert to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**President Zenk's Comments:** President Zenk commented on how good the Village ball field and parks are looking. He thanked the DPW and the Little League for their hard work. Pewamo Little League will be hosting a big tournament the weekend of May 12 & 13. We need to see if the lights at the ball field will be needed Friday night.

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

Discussion regarding invoice for new fence and Little League contribution toward the expense led to Mike Scollon explaining to Council some confusion over property lines. Mike Scollon and Steve Miller met in the park and found the stakes from the survey done in 2015. It was determined that the fence and dugout are on Village property. There is approximately 4' of Village property to the west of the fence. The dugout does have an overhang which is 2 to 3" west of the property line, but this is acceptable. DPW placed fence post on the property line to avoid any further confusion.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Meyers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Fire Department Update:** Portland Electric will relocate siren. Miss Dig has marked the area.
  - Generator has been relocated.
  - Water Service was very limited. DPW will run a large service.
- **Sidewalks:** There are some sections of sidewalk that need replacement or rising.
- **Water:** Pung Excavating dug up the SE corner of Jefferson and Higham Streets to check for possible water leaks on the main or service lines. It is Pung's professional opinion that there are no leaks. DPW will continue to monitor.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** 4 million gallons were discharged this spring. This is the lowest discharge ever. This can be attributed to water conservation.
- **State/Lincoln Street Intersection:** President Zenk has received concerns over the limited vision caused by the bush on the northwest corner. DPW has trimmed.
- **Speed Limit Violations:** Concerns regarding speed and other traffic violations on State Street. Ionia County Sheriff will be contacted.

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

- Carl recommends combining the RRI & Bond Reserve Money Market accounts with the main Money Market account. All funds will be kept separate for accounting purposes, but combined accounts will provide better rates and management. Council supports.
- A motion is needed to set the property tax rate for the next tax year.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to leave the property tax rate at 12 mils. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

- The Fraud and Conflict of Interest Policies had been emailed to Council for their review prior to the meeting. Council reviewed and approved the policies as presented by Carl. Those present signed off their acceptance.
- CD renewed at Union Bank at an improved rate.

**Recreation Report: Presented by Joe Lambert**

- **Mike advised Joe that more crusher dust had been ordered.**
- **Pickle Ball lines will be added to the tennis courts this week.**
- **Joe recommends ordering new rims and nets for the water tower courts. Clerk will follow up.**
- **Joe asked that Little League emails be forwarded to him in the future.**

**Committee Updates:** Planning Commission met and composed a survey in preparation for the updating of the Master Plan. Survey was sent to all Village addresses. Planning Commission is scheduled to meet again on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Union Bank:** The new manager, Nicole Suchek, and Mindy Weber visited the Village Office to see if there was anything the Village needed or if we had any concerns and to thank us for our business.

- **Site Plan Review Amendment:** As a part of the Wellhead Protection Grant, it is advised by Michigan Rural Water Association that our Zoning Ordinance regarding Site Plan Review be amended and updated. Council had been provided with the proposed amendment. A Permit Information Checklist will also be included with the Site Plan Review.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to adopt the Site Plan Review Amendment. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Portland Ambulance Service Agreement**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the agreement for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Rates will remain the same. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lambert. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Mutual Date Lease Agreement:** Mutual Data will be installing the wireless access point in Trailhead. Lease terms for use of the water tower for their equipment are still in the works. Also as a part of agreement, internet will continue to be provided free of charge to the DPW & Fire Department.
- **Bill Wandell Special Tribute Presentation:** Trustee Cassel was going to check with Bill regarding this, and he is not in attendance to report his findings.

**BLIGHT CONCERNS: Letters will be sent to those in violation before the end of May.**

#### **FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Mike Scollon:** Suggested that Council have a set policy regarding dismissal of Council meetings in the event of a Tornado Warning.

- **Council agrees that it will be policy to immediately end any meeting of Council in the event of a Tornado Warning.**
- Council also supports researching the possibility of our Village warning siren being connected to Ionia County Central Dispatch.
- Council also suggested that there be some clarification of the warning siren prior to the next test, in the Spring 2018 Newsletter.

**Carl Hafner:** Village audit will be held on May 15, 16 & 17

- Codification Books have all been updated

**Steve Meyers:** Questioned the location of trees in the Village right of way. DPW believes there won't be any problems.

**Dan Heckman:** Questioned the replacement of Lt. Vander Molen following his retirement. Dan also shared concerns about the condition of Clintonia Road south of M-21. He plans to contact the County Commissioner.

Becky Yerge stopped in prior to the end of the meeting to report some concerns regarding items dumped at the Village Compost. Mike Scollon will follow up.

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

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the June 12, 2017 meeting.