

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2018**

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

Guest: Nicole & Erikka Hafner

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

**Public Comment:** Nicole Hafner was present to request permission to hold a car wash to raise funds for the newly formed P-W High School Dance Team. Nicole proposes holding the car wash behind the Main Street businesses on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon. Council supports. Mike Scollon offered to help with water and signage. This can also be put on the Village Face book & Public Channel.

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

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

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

President Zenk attended the Legislative Breakfast in Ionia on behalf of the Village. He reported that there were various forms of government present, with a lot of good information shared. President Zenk feels it would be beneficial to have representation from Pewamo attend these events in the future.

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

- Clerk noted that there was an addition to payables for American Legal in the amount of \$583.40.
- Mike Scollon made note that the GPS invoice was for duck weed control and was used under the guidance and direction of Michigan DEQ.

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- On Tuesday, 5/15, Mike will be working with a Michigan Rural Water representative to do a Village wide energy analysis, evaluating energy cost and possible savings.
- Mike is communicating with Mary Swanson regarding bid specs for fire station and expects to have them soon.
- Mike spoke with Rick Thelen regarding placement of limited parking signs in front of Wood's Deli. These were approved in April of 2017. Rick stated that it is a non-issue at this time and sign placement is not necessary.
- Mike has been contacted by an individual who is interested in building a new home in the Village and may require a variance. Mike recommended plans be submitted to Council, then Planning Commission to receive verbal feedback; prior to paying the \$500 variance fee.

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

- Carl asked if there were questions regarding the Treasurer's Report email to Council.
- Fund balances and necessary transfers continue to be monitored.
- Carl suggests 100% of Equipment Rental funds be deposited into the Equipment Replacement Fund. He will continue to monitor this fund in relation to future needs.
- 2018 Tax Rate Millage Renewal Request for 12 mills must be approved and submitted to Ionia County.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to approve the 12 millage rate for 2018 Village property taxes. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Recreation Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- Spartan Fence was paid \$350 to lower the north section of the new fencing on the ball field. Balls were going under the fence and this was the best and most cost effective solution.
- Crusher Dust has been ordered for the ball fields.
- Little League teams and coaches continue their efforts to prepare, improve and maintain the fields prior to the season starting. This is a great show of community support and pride.

**Committee Updates:** President Zenk

- There will be a joint session of Council and Planning Commission at our June 11, 2018 meeting to address the Master Plan and Zoning Map. This meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Information will be sent to both committees prior to the meeting for their review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Asset Management Pilot Grant:** President Zenk attended a luncheon on behalf of the Village of Pewamo. Pewamo was the smallest and furthest east of the 61 communities who participated in this Western Michigan Region pilot. The Village was awarded \$5,000 for their participation. President Zenk noted that we were made aware of this grant through the Ionia County Economic Alliance and thanked those who worked to make it possible.

**Sale of Water Outside Village for Fire Fighting:** Discussion followed. It was decided that due to lack of frequency and emergency circumstances, this would not be pursued. Pewamo would continue to offer emergency assistance as needed.

**Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund Request:** MML informed its members of an ongoing legal battle regarding property assessments of big box stores. This battle could have serious implications for all local governments.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve a \$250 contribution to the MML Legal Defense Fund.

**MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Pure Michigan Signs for Huckleberry Creek Golf Course:** Prior to placement of the signs, MDOT requires the Village pass an ordinance. Carl Hafner researched and prepared an amendment for our current sign ordinance, adding Item E.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to approve adding Item E to Pewamo's current sign ordinance. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Semi Truck Traffic on West Main Street:** This continues to be a problem. Additional efforts will be made to identify and stop violators. Village signage will also be moved in an attempt to be more visible and effective.

- It was noted that speeding on State Street is a big concern. Clerk will notify authorities for increased monitoring.

**Trailer Ordinance:** The proposed ordinance will be sent to Planning Commission with Master Plan & Zoning information and will be reviewed at the June 11, 2018 meeting.

**Blue Star Mother Memorial:** DPW will relocate to the Trailhead.

**BLIGHT CONCERNS:** No new concerns.

**FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Sandy Wolniakowski:**

**Michigan Rural Council:** Rural Community Assessment Grant available. Council does not wish to pursue.

**Fire Donation Update:** Council was provided with an updated list of donations received.

**Village 2018 Elections:** Notified those who will be up for re-election in 2018.

**President Zenk:**

Reminded Council of Village Cable Channel as a means to advertise what's happening in Pewamo

Spoke with Jerry Nickel regarding employee parking at Kramer's

Reminded Council of Village Garage Sales, Clean Up Day, Race the Sun Relay & Car Show

Looking to the Future: How to help Pewamo grow?

**Carl Hafner:** Has been asked about a sidewalk from the church parking lot to the trail. He advised them to contact Friends of the CIS Trail.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:08. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. 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 June 11, 2018 meeting.