

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting done using Zoom
May 11, 2020**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Steve Meyers, Jacob Wiggers, Jane Martin, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner **Absent:** Tanner Roe

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

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- Due to COVID19 Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually. President Zenk thanked all for their cooperation.
- Thank you to DPW, Village Staff, Council and residents of Pewamo for their patience and efforts to make this time of pandemic and Stay at Home Order go smoothly.
- The Village has been communicating with Ionia County Economic Alliance for their assistance and guidance as to the economic effects created by the pandemic. Communications are being shared with local businesses to also keep them informed. The impact has been significant on our local businesses, so please remember to support them whenever possible.

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 Meyers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

Mike Scollon prepared a detailed report, which had been emailed to Council. Review and discussion followed.

- Work to repair drainage at the fire department will proceed as planned, with the DPW doing the grading prior to the Fire Department having the cement work done.
- W. Jefferson Street drainage project will be put on hold, due to the impact COVID19 is expected to have on Revenue Sharing income and therefore affecting the budget.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- MDOT Act 51 reductions in funding and how they impact Pewamo need to be considered before proceeding with street work.
- Carl attended a virtual meeting with Michigan Department of Treasury. It is expected there will be significant reductions in Revenue Sharing.
- Carl also attended a virtual meeting with Michigan State Police and FEMA regarding reimbursement of expenses related to COVID19. It does not appear the Village will qualify.
- Carl completed the Category B Community Service Infrastructure Grant Application for East Street. A detailed explanation was given of costs and budget planning that would be needed if we were awarded the grant.
- EDA Grant Opportunity: Carl is communicating with Dave Bee of West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, concerning various projects and their likelihood of being eligible for this grant. A detailed list was presented to Council.
- 2020 Street Work: Based on projections, Carl recommends the Village proceed with State Street work only for 2020. Mike Scollon believes local street work can be postponed as needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve proceeding only with State Street work and delaying the Local Street work. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Peddler Permit: Carl presented information and an application for Peddler Permit, along with background check and fees. This is in compliance with our current ordinance. Council supports the documents as presented.

Recreation: President Zenk asked Jane Martin to join Tanner Roe on the Park Committee. If there are any concerns regarding the Village parks, he asks that they contact Mike Scollon.

NEW BUSINESS: (Not previously addressed in the meeting)

- **Schedule B Grant Resolution No. 2020-5:**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Dan Heckman to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the

existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for (resurfacing East Street from Main to Washington) by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Steve Meyers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

➤ **ACD.net Contract Renewal:**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve contract renewal with ACD.net until 2025. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Survey of Lot Y:** Carl Hafner has been working closely with Ted Droste, Lyons Twp Assessor, regarding the portion of Lot Y on West Lincoln Street that is owned by the Village. Carl recommends a survey of the site.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to have Lot Y surveyed. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Request for Burial in Pewamo Cemetery:** Carl Hafner informed Council that there are lots available. This will be tabled until the June meeting to allow for research regarding cost and policies required to resume burials.
- **Office Copier:** Clerk informed Council that the 12-year-old Canon copier is in need of replacement and presented a quote from the Applied Imaging. Discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve proceeding copier replacement and service agreement after further price comparisons determine that prices quoted and service promised are within reason. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Lyons Twp Library Board:** Zita Schneider has resigned from her position due to health concerns. There are positions for two Village of Pewamo representatives. A notice was put on Facebook to see if there is interest.

Blight Concerns: A resident shared concerns about vehicles that were parked in the Village. There is an ordinance prohibiting the parking of inoperable/unlicensed vehicles for a period of more than ten days. Council would like a letter reminding property owners with parked cars of the ordinance. Due to the current crisis, there will not be fines assessed at this time.

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Dan Heckman: Wondered if there was a letter sent to new home owners informing them of various Village policies, such as burning of yard waste. Clerk informed him that she tries to make sure all new home owners receive a letter.

Sandy Wolniakowski: Seventh-Day Adventist has informed the Village that they will be doing Family Health and Education ministry here during the summer.

Randy Zenk: Is working with WOW to restore the Village Public Cable Channel.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:27. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the June 8, 2020 meeting.