

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Jim Cassel, Joe Lambert, Joni Jegla, Steve Meyers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner Guests: Mary Swanson

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

Swearing in of President Zenk, Joni Heckman-Jegla, Steve Meyers

Mary Swanson of Swanson Designs: Presented Council with three options for the future design in the new fire building, explaining in detail and answering questions. Mary will meet with the Ionia County Building Department and report back to Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve option #1, **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Meyers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

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 Cassel. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments: Welcomed Joni and Steve as new members of the Village Council. Jim Cassel volunteered to review and sign off on Village bank statements.

Review of Council Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, Project Invoices and Receivables: Clerk presented an invoice from Don Plantz for the replacement of the sidewalk at Jeff Fink's for \$250 to be added to the list of payables.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Lambert to approve the information presented, with the addition of the Plantz invoice. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- Fire hydrant on the corner of State & Main has been repaired. The hole in the street caused by the hydrant will be repaired when we receive the supplies to do so.
- 4 Way Stop Light has been replaced with new LED light
- Tennis and volleyball nets have been taken down in the park.
- Sidewalk repair is planned to be completed before winter.
- Wednesday, November 16th, will be the last day for leaf pick up.
- Dump truck will be going in to Simon Brother's for repairs.
- Lagoon discharge to take place after Thanksgiving.
- Kubota has been repaired by Williams. The repair was much simpler and inexpensive than expected.
- 25 Trees have been planted as a result of the Consumer's Energy Tree Grant.
- Ceilings should be installed in the park pavilions before the end of the month.
- Trimming of trees and shrubs in the Village right-of-way will take place after the leaves are all off.
- Trustee Heckman asked Mike about cold patching on Gould Street. Mike will check to see if the areas will hold cold patch.
- Trustee Heckman thanked DPW for removing growth from and near the tennis court fence.
- Status of SAW Grant was discussed briefly. Clerk will follow up with Fleis & VandenBrink.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Deficit Reduction Plan: The State of Michigan requested additional information on the plan submitted by the Village earlier. Carl Hafner worked closely with the Department of Treasury to complete a revised plan, which he presented to Council for their review. Due to the revisions, a new resolution must be adopted and submitted.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the revised Deficit Reduction Plan. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- Carl also mentioned that there is interest in using the tennis courts for Pickle Ball. Clerk to check on materials that can be used to mark the tennis court surface without damaging it.

Recreation Report: Presented by Joe Lambert

- There is no new business for recreation at the current time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Badger Meter Laptop, Software, Radio Receiver:** Our current meter reading system needs to be replaced at a cost of \$16,950. Carl Hafner advised checking to see if it can be added to the USDA loan. The loan has not been closed and there are funds remaining for the Village's use, so we are able to do so.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the purchase of new meter reading equipment using USDA funds. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Garbage/Dumpster Policy:** At the time of the adoption of the Trash Collection Ordinance, there were a couple of dumpsters grandfathered in. With the upcoming renewal of the Granger contract for trash collection, it was decided to remind those people of the original terms of agreement.
- **Fire Building Sale:** Carl Hafner researched the process of selling the existing fire building. At the advice of Tutt Gorman, he contacted village attorney Ken Lane to verify the process. A notice of intent to sell will be published in four surrounding papers, with bid opening to take place at the December 12, 2016 Village Meeting.

A RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED by Trustee Cassel to authorize the Sale of Certain Village-Owned Real Estate Property. **RESOLUTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Meyers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED. Resolution declared adopted.**

- **Lyons Twp. District Library Village Trustee:** Martha Schmitz has agreed to be reappointed for another four year term as Pewamo's Library Trustee.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Lambert to support the reappointment of Martha Schmitz as Lyons Twp. District Library Village Trustee. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Blight Concerns:** Tabled

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Planning Commission: Addressing need for new member tabled until December**
- **Tree Ordinance:** The ordinance drafted by Carl Hafner had been reviewed by Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to Adopt Tree Ordinance 2016-11-13. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Cassel. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Mutual Date Lease Agreement: Tabled**

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Dan Heckman: Suggested that we send letters to Village businesses to thank them for improvements being done.

Jim Cassel: Bill Wandell will be retiring from the Fire Department effective December 31, 2016. Planning is underway for his retirement party.

Carl Hafner: Carl is working on an accessory building ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Cassel to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Jegla. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski, Village Clerk, and will be presented for approval at the December 12, 2016 meeting.