

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Steve Meyers, Jacob Wiggers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Rob Sterner **Absent:** Joni Jegla, Mike Scollon **Guests:** Pat Distel

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

Swearing in of Elected Officials:

- President Zenk and Trustees Dan Heckman, Tanner Roe & Jacob Wiggers took their Oath of Office.
- President Zenk reappointed Trustee Dan Heckman as Mayor Pro-tem.

Public Comment: Pat Distel was present to request an update of the policy of drawing water from the Village to fight fires. Clerk assured her that the policy will be typed up for future reference.

Pat reiterated her concerns about the Village charging for water which is used to fight fires outside of the Village limits.

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- Council has been invited to a reception honoring Ionia County Sheriff Dale Miller, who is retiring after 32 years of service. Treasurer Hafner and President Zenk hope to attend.
- President Zenk continues to attend Rural Task Force meetings, representing the Village in regards to funds available in Ionia County for road repair. He will keep Council informed of the outcome.
- President Zenk recommends we research how the passing of Proposal 1 will impact us. Discussion followed. Treasurer Hafner will research this further and report back to Council.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Rob Sterner

- DPW has been busy with leaf pickup, which will end Wednesday, November 14th.
- Lagoons are currently being discharged. DPW is taking discharge samples for testing to the City of Ionia labs.
- Park is winterized; bathrooms are closed and nets are down.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- The Village has received payment from Ionia County for delinquent 2018 property taxes turned in to them.
- CD Rates continue to improve. A 15 month CD was renewed at Union Bank at 2.25%; up from .04%.
- Debt Fund has been created for the purpose of paying the Fire/Rescue Bond principal and interest.
- USDA interest payment will be made on December 1, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance: The Village attorney informed Treasurer Hafner of proposed fees for creating the ordinance. Treasurer Hafner created a draft after researching existing ordinances. The draft will be reviewed by Council and Planning Commission before presenting it to the Village attorney for his final review.

Fire Insurance Withholding Program: This is a State of Michigan program which provides funds to ensure clean up following a total loss resulting from a fire. It is provided at no cost to the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan Progress: We are waiting for a return draft from the Planner, which includes the latest changes.

Uniform Service: We are still in the process of cancelling service.

Blight Concerns: No New Business

FINAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Jacob Wiggers: Jacob stated that he looks forward to getting to know everyone on Council.

Michael Yerge: We have someone who is willing to donate a sink and cupboards to the Community Center. We will check to see if it will work before moving forward. Mike also updated Council on Fire/Rescue renovation progress. Santa Claus will be coming to the fire/rescue station on Sunday, December 2nd.

Randy Zenk: Invited Council to stop in and see the progress at the Fire/Rescue. Westphalia will be having their Light Parade and Tree Lighting on December 1st.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. **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 December 10, 2018 meeting.