

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner **Absent:** Jacob Wiggers **No Guest**

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

Randy Zenk, Michael Yerge, Jane Martin and Dale Winsor took their Oath of Office.

Review/Approval of 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: President Zenk informed members of Council of an Ionia County Economic Alliance meeting that would be held by Zoom on Thursday, November 12th and invited those interested to join.

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

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

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Fire/Rescue Building:** Eaves troughs were installed on east side of the building and DPW has resolved the leaks in the roof and along the foundation.
- **Yates Street Sidewalk Replacement:** A contractor had been lined up, but was not able to do the job. Mike reported to Council that Steve Meyers was able to fit it in his schedule and did a great job.
- **Leaf Pick Up:** Weather permitting, leaf pick up will continue through Thursday, 9/12.
- **Parking Lot:** The parking lot on the corner of Main and Higham has been completed.
- **Higham Street Storm Drain:** Issues persist in this drain. Mike has a contractor lined up to do jetting between Jefferson and Higham Streets.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Delinquent Taxes:** Village received from Ionia County.
- **Budget Amendments:** Carl presented Council with a report of his recommendations for budget amendments for the current fiscal year and led them in a brief review of the report.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the budget amendments as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Recreation Report: Mike Scollon reported that DPW has winterized the park.

Committee Updates: President Zenk will review and update current committees prior to the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Becky Yerge Village Representative to Lyons Twp. District Library**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Becky Yerge as the Village of Pewamo representative on the Lyons Twp. District Library Board. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **MERS Addendum:** An addendum stating current Village practices for MERS Defined Benefit Plan was required by MERS for record keeping purposes. Carl and Sandy worked with MERS to complete the document. Clerk gave a brief review. It is available to further review by DPW or Council if needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the MERS Addendum. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **EGLE Drinking Water Asset Management Grant:** This is similar to the SAW Grant that the Village received for Storm and Wastewater. Fleis & Vandenbrink are applying for the grant on the Village's behalf.
- **Michigan Rural Water Association Recommendation:** Mike Scollon informed Council that MRWA recommends our involvement in a National Rural Water Association Class Action Lawsuit against PFAS manufacturers. It is hopeful that this litigation would protect the Village from any PFAS related expenses. Discussion followed. President Zenk requested a vote by Council regarding whether or not they support the Village of Pewamo adding their name to the class action suit. By a majority vote, Council supports.
- **Countryside Apartments Parking Lot:** Two letters have been sent to the management of Countryside Apartments regarding the dangers created by the excessive potholes in their parking lot. Following the last letter, management informed us that a contractor had been hired, but the work may not be completed until spring. Council supports DPW patching the holes with millings and billing Countryside for the time and material for the safety of residents and our emergency personnel. Clerk will contact Countryside to see if this is acceptable.

- **United Way of Montcalm-Ionia Counties:** The Village received a letter from United Way informing us of their ongoing efforts to serve the people of the area and inviting us to become financially involved. Council applauds their efforts, but Treasurer Hafner informed Council that financial involvement is not legally allowed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SLC/Badger Meter Quote:** Carl Hafner presented scenarios for payment of the meter replacement. The Village has agreed to the purchase of the Starter Kit, which includes ten new meters, but has not received it. Council requests the extension of the quote until after the December meeting. Clerk will contact SLC.
- **Emailing Water Bills:** President Zenk informed Council that the Village now has the ability to email water bills.
- **Storm Drain Easement:** There is one individual that we are waiting to hear from, before we proceed.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Carl Hafner: The center line of State Street was not painted following the chip and fog seal. Mike Scollon will contact Ionia County Road Commission.

Mike Yerge: Would like to use the old pole on the northeast corner of the fire/rescue building as a flagpole.

Fire/Rescue personnel may need to request those parking in the space outside the overhead door to move their vehicle if there isn't enough clearance to exit/enter with our equipment during emergency.

Randy Zenk: Thanked Mike and Rob for their efforts and the great job done with leaf pick up.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. **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 14, 2020 meeting of Council.