

**Village of Pewamo
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020**

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

Guests: Dale Winsor, Ryan Eichbrecht, Aaron Bennett

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

Public Comment: None

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk thanked Trustee Steve Meyers for his years of service on the Village Council. Steve will not be seeking re-election in November.

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. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

SLC/Badger Meter Presentation: Ryan Eichbrecht and Aaron Bennett presented information regarding the upgrade to new meter software as well as existing meters. This upgrade had been approved by Council at the September 2020 meeting. A question and answer period followed. The timeline for moving forward will be decided after the software and ten meters included in the starter kit are installed.

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Fire Department Leak:** Roof leak is repaired. DPW will repair the leak allowing water enter in at ground level.
- **State Street Culvert Repair:** Broken culvert on State Street, causing storm drain backup, has been repaired.
- **Water Jet Pump Failure:** Mike does not believe this is worth fixing and suggest we sell the water jet on auction for parts. DPW does not use the water jet enough to justify purchasing another one. Proceeds from sale will go into Equipment Replacement Fund and water jetting will be contracted in the future. Council supports.
- **Fire Station East Wall:** Snow/ice shoe and commercial gutter will be installed.
- **Major Equipment Update:** Mike informed Council of Dump Truck and Backhoe age and cost of replacement for future planning.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- In addition to the monthly Treasurer's Report, Carl informed Council that taxes have been turned into Ionia County with some delinquencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rural Development Project Cost Approval:** Project bids were opened and bid awarded, with the project coming in about \$4,000 over budget. President Zenk called for a motion to approve the extra expenditures.

A **MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve proceeding with the project as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **MML Ballot:**

A **MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Martin to approve support of the four members seeking election to the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **State Street Storm Drain Reimbursement:** Mike Scollon explained his support and reasoning for reimbursing the property owner at 424 S. State Street for half of the expenses incurred with storm drain replacement. Council approves.
- **Hunting on Lagoons:** A request was made to hunt geese on the Village lagoons. Hunting on Village property has been prohibited in the past. DPW will post no hunting signs to avoid further confusion.
- **Michigan Trails Ad:** Council supports renewing this ad.
- **Resolution for Pewamo Fire Department Auxiliary to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.**

A **MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to support the resolution presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Drain Easements: Mike Scollon explained the absence of easements and the need to have them in place. Letters have been sent to home owners to inform them and to seek their support.

Office Window and Carpet: Research regarding costs continues.

Lyons Twp Library: Becky Yerge has agreed to attend a meeting on October 20th to see if she might be willing to serve on Pewamo's behalf.

ROUND TABLE:

Mike Scollon: Recommends having a United States flag in a stand in the Community Center.

Dan Heckman: Has the Village determined what they will be doing for Trick or Treating? Clerk reported that an earlier call to Ionia County Health Department was inconclusive. Council supports allowing Trick or Treating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m as we have in the past.

Steve Meyers: Shared concerns about the vehicle that left marks on Village streets while driving recklessly.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:37. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. 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 November 9, 2020 meeting of Council.