

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2021**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Jacob Wiggers, Michael Yerge, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner      **Absent:** Tanner Roe      **Guest:** None

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

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:** President Zenk added Water Rate Study to Old Business.

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

**President Zenk's Comment to Council:** President Zenk thanked all present for their efforts in the past year.

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

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Leaf Pick Up:** Leaf pick up was extended this year. Work was done on the leaf vac this year, and additional repairs are necessary prior to 2022 leaf pick up. These repairs are expected to be less than \$1,000.
- **Compost Area:** Brush pile was burned down and is in the process of being relocated to create a berm on site.
- **Road Salt:** Salt was delivered and should last two winters.
- **Skating Rink:** DPW will do this as weather permits.
- **Contracted Vacuum Truck:** Considerable work was done to repair/inspect storm drains. North State and East Lincoln concerns were inspected and found to be working properly. Three sink holes were repaired. However, a sink hole south of West Jefferson Street will require extensive repair. Mike explained that the work will be done by Pung Excavating before the end of the year.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** Taking place from December 13 through December 17
- **Water Meters:** Mike expects to have the remaining meters installed by January 31, 2022.
- **Salt Spreader:** Mike reported that it was taken apart and cleaned and will be reassembled. DPW believes salt spreading for small snow events can be done more effectively with the bucket of the backhoe.

**Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner**

- **CD Renewal:** A CD was renewed at Independent Bank, and the rate remained at .027%.

**Recreation Report:** DPW left pickle ball court nets up for extended play, but will remove now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Skate Park Petition:** A petition requesting a Pewamo Skate Park was presented to Council by some area youth. Council appreciated their incentive and involvement in the Village. Clerk will reach out to them and ask that they provide more detailed information in regards to the location/costs/impact of their proposal.
- **Internet Provider:** President Zenk will follow up with Point Broadband.

**MDOT Performance Resolution:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to approve Clerk Wolniakowski applying for the MDOT Right of Way Permit. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Ionia County Sheriff Contract Renewal:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to approve the contract with Ionia County Sheriff Department to provide 27 hours of Sheriff patrol within the Pewamo Village limits, consisting of 2.25 hours per month for a period of 12 months. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Mutual Data Bankruptcy/Equipment on Water Tower:** Mutual Data fails to respond to calls. President Zenk will research bankruptcy notice to determine how it affects the Village.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Water Rate Study:** President Zenk led Council in review and discussion of information provided by Leah Bectel of Fleis & Vandenbrink. Decision was tabled until Clerk gets feedback from Westphalia regarding their experience.

- **5 Year Plan:** Clerk will compile information for review and discussion at the January 2022 meeting. Meeting start time may be changed to 6:00 or 6:30 to allow for this discussion.
- **Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Repairs:** Clerk will compile bids received and forward to the Recreation Committee.

**BLIGHT CONCERNS:**

- **Unsafe Buildings:** Discussion was held regarding how Village Zoning Ordinances pertain to unsafe/abandoned buildings. Further research will be done and this will be revisited at the January meeting.

**Additional Business Discussed:**

**Schedule B Grant:** Leah Bectel of Fleis & Vandenbrink recommends requesting a deferral of these funds to 2023. If DWRP application is successful, the work can be completed simultaneously. Mike Scollon supports this. Leah said Fleis & Vandenbrink would apply for the deferral. We are waiting for the result of the request.

**Rural Task Force Meeting:** President Zenk attended these discussions on behalf of the Village. Bruce Pindzia also attended. Bruce Pindzia prepared a cost estimate for mill & fill for 2026. Mike Scollon and Doug LaVoie reviewed the proposal and determined it was not applicable to our needs or financially prudent. Pewamo will not be requesting Rural Task Force funds.

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Randy Zenk:** Santa mailbox will be leaving the Village on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. **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 January 10, 2022 meeting of Council.