

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 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:**

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** Village of Clinton sent an update regarding ongoing efforts to challenge State of Michigan Lead and Copper rules. President Zenk also thanked all involved in making Block Party 2021 a success.

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

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Weed Control of Lagoons Complete:** Weeds are dying off and water clarity is improved, but Mike believes annual treatment will be necessary in the future.
- **Compost Ash Pile:** EGLE offered no concerns regarding disposal or relocation, therefore, a berm will be created using the ash pile along the south site of the area.
- **Lift Station Totalizer:** We are waiting for Peerless to provide the flow meter.
- **N. State Street Culvert Replacement:** Culvert will be cleaned to determine if replacement is necessary.
- **Water Jet:** DPW took the Village water jet to Miedema Municipal Auction and it sold for \$1,683.05.
- **Water Meter Installation:** Approximately 100 meters have been replaced with new meters and endpoints.

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

- **Village Property Taxes:** 88% of Village property taxes have been paid. Interest rates on CD's remain low.

**Recreation Report: No new business**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Update:** Fleis & Vandebriink submitted our application for DWSRF assistance for the replacement of old and undersized water main. Pewamo was given notice that we were in a position to receive grant funding in the amount of \$492,000, along with loan opportunities. However, the latest status of allocations removed us from receiving grant funds.
  - Randy Zenk and Mike Scollon attended a public hearing regarding the allocation of DWSRF Funds. The hearing board was very helpful and explained that the scoring system they were required to use was decades old and there was pending legislature to make it more current.
  - The Village plans to follow up with our State legislatures to encourage changes in DWSRF funding.
- **Clinton County Waste Management:** The Village received communications encouraging us to educate our residents on proper recycling practices at the recycling sites in Maple Rapids and Fowler. They also invited us to contribute toward costs associated with maintaining the sites, as they are in danger of closing. Council supports including information about recycling in our fall newsletter, but is not willing to contribute Village funds. Council suggests that Clinton County Waste Management invite the public to donate to support recycling.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Ionia County:** The Village received information on Brush with Kindness and Rock the Block programs. Council suggested two residents who might benefit. Clerk will contact Habitat for Humanity.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Updates

**Blight Concerns:** No new concerns

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Mike Yerge:** Questioned DPW on salt supply for upcoming winter. Mike Scollon reported we have enough.

**Mike Scollon:** Shared thoughts regarding research of the Village's ability to protect our water sources in the event of outsiders wishing to install wells. Mike and Sandy will reach out to water source protection specialists for more information.

**Rob Sterner:** Backhoe needs a new front tire.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. **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 October 11, 2021 meeting of Council.