

Village of Pewamo
Public Hearing Budget & Tax Millage Rate
Public Hearing Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Jacob Wiggers, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Jane Martin, Dale Winsor, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner **Guest:** Scott Truman & Jami Anderson, Granger Waste Service
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 Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk opened the Public Hearing at 7:05

Public Hearing Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant

- Treasurer Hafner led Council in a review of the Capital Improvement Plan

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Clerk led Council in review of the proposed Recreation Passport Grant Program Resolution of Authorization.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Recreation Passport Grant Program Resolution of Authorization. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

Public Hearing Budget & Tax Millage Rate

- Treasurer Hafner led Council in review of the requested Budget for FYE 3/31/2023.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adopt the Budget for FYE 3/31/2023 as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk closed the Public Hearing at 7:15.

Resolution for Recreation Passport Grant Program Adopted

Granger Waste Services: Scott Truman & Jami Anderson were present to review current services provided by Granger and address concerns.

- Granger has been the Village's contracted waste provider for ten years.
- Council has no concerns and is pleased with the service provided. Mike Scollon stated a single waste service provider has less detrimental impact on Village streets than prior to the Granger contract.
- Granger informed Council that residents experience significant savings due to the Village contract.
- Rates for contract renewal were presented for one-, five- and ten-year terms.

Council will discuss and decide the best contract option at the April meeting.

President Zenk's Comment to Council:

- President Zenk congratulated Isaiah Schafer of Pewamo for his NCAA Shot Put Championship.
- President Zenk shared communication from Clinton County Board of Commissioners regarding their Amendment to Zoning Ordinance on Marihuana Related Activities on Land.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the information presented with the corrections. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Ionia Country Drain Commissioner Communication – Dutton Drain:** Mike reviewed the letter received from Robert Rose regarding his inspection and work done on the Dutton Drain following June 2021 flooding.
- **Tree Trimming:** Will begin this week.
- **Water Meter Installation:** Installation of new meters is going well.
- **Kubota Z Mower:** Mike plans to take to Miedema Auction. Council supports.
- **Fire Office Ceiling Repaired:** Further work in the office pending a proposed plan from the Fire Chief.
- **Fire Roof:** Continues to leak. DPW's attempts to repair have been unsuccessful. Mike will seek a contractor.
- **New Mower:** Mike provided information on the mower he is proposing the Village purchase to replace the Kubota.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the purchase of a new mower. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Interest was paid on the capital improvement bond for the fire station.
- CD's renewed.

New Business:

- **Budget Amendments FYE 2022**-Treasurer Hafner led Council in review of proposed amendments.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the proposed amendments to the FYE 2022 Budget. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Water Rate Increase**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve a 3% increase in Water and Sewer Rates. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Wages:** Dan Heckman informed Council of Wage Committee current recommendations for a 3% increase to DPW wages. They also propose Mike Scollon, acting Zoning Administrator, receive an additional \$750 annually.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to approve recommendations as presented by the Wage Committee. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **East Lincoln Street Decertification:** The east end of Lincoln Street, beginning at the unpaved portion and extending to the Village limit, has been included in Village Street Maps for Act 51 funding due to Village utilities in the right-of-way. MDOT is requesting decertification, however, the Village will maintain right-of-way.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the Decertification Resolution of 1430' of unpaved portion of east Lincoln Street. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Community Center Rates**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to increase the Community Center rental fee to \$150 in 2023. Security deposit will remain at \$100. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Lyons Twp. – Fire Departments:** Lyons Twp. is requesting a meeting of local villages regarding a possible combination of fire departments within the township. Council should email questions or concerns they have to the Clerk. Council will be informed of the meeting date in case they wish to attend.

- **ARP Funds:** Lyons Twp has indicated that they plan to disburse a portion American Rescue Funds received to the Villages within the township. Council welcomes this offer and will use the funds according the ARP requirements. Clerk to send a letter acknowledging the generous offer.

Old Business:

- All Area Meeting of Village Councils: Clerk will notify neighboring Villages of a April 25, 2022 meeting.
- Mike Overly from MERS will be attending April meeting

Blight concerns: Unsafe structure requires a letter.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Dale Winsor: Questioned why the new wage committee members were not involved in wage discussions. President Zenk apologized that he had forgotten changes made to the committee.

Dan Heckman: Questioned possible cost savings on changing existing high pressure sodium street lights to LED. Clerk reported Consumers is switching to LED when they repair street lights. Further research will be done.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the April 11, 2022 meeting of Council.

