

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Brett Thelen, Rob Sterner, Mike Scollon  
Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** Jacob Wiggers **Guest:** Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt, Lyons Twp. District Library

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

**Swearing in of Elected Officials:** Clerk swore in President Randall Zenk, Trustees Dan Heckman & Brett Thelen.

**Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt, Director of Lyons Twp. District Library:** Mattie presented information to Council about the happenings at the Lyons Twp. District Library. Village will share on their Facebook page.

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:**

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** The purchase of Sesquicentennial Park has been completed. President Zenk shared a letter received from Atty. John Wieber acknowledging the Village's letter of thanks.

**Review of 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**

- **Oversized Meter Changes:** Meters will be updated for Beacon when encoders are received.
- **Leaf Pick Up & Lagoon Discharge:** Completed
- **Lagoon Sludge Removal:** Mike informed Council that sludge removal for both lagoons will be required by EGLE. In addition to sludge removal, lagoon infrastructure will likely need to be addressed.
- **Snow Blade:** Treasurer Hafner informed DPW that the new snow blade could be ordered.
- **Catch Basins:** DPW will clean and check these.

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

- **Investment Interest Rates:** Treasurer Hafner reported MI Class continues to provide good interest earnings.
- **Bond Payment:** Interest will be paid in the amount of \$20,034.62 on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Recreation and Committee Updates:** The Personnel and Wage Committee presented their draft to Mike Scollon for his review. Dan will present a document for Council review at the December meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **SPARK Grant Opportunity:** RJM Consultants have submitted a proposal of \$9,500 to create a Master Plan for Blossomtime Park improvements and to complete the necessary documents to apply for this grant. Discussion was held regarding their proposal.

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

- **Bike Repair Station:** Friends of the CIS Trail will be receiving a donation of a bike repair station for the Pewamo Trailhead in the spring of 2023. Final details will be decided prior to installation.
- **Village Credit Card:** To avoid the use of personal credit cards, it would be helpful to have a Village credit card. We can apply with Union Bank. Carl Hafner suggested a policy for this and checking with our auditors.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Winsor to proceed with the credit card application. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Emergency Response Water Usage Policy Update:** Mike Scollon proposed minor updates to the existing policy. Chief Yerge supports the changes.
- **Muir Master Plan:** Village of Pewamo was invited to share any input they might have.
- **United Way Request:** Local governments are not allowed to make gifts of public funds, but any members of Council who may be interested were invited to review the material.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Update of DWRSF:** Fleis and Vandenbrink have submitted the Village intent to apply for 2024 funding.
- **East Street Project:** Fleis and Vandenbrink are updating the project plan for 2023 construction.
  - West Jefferson Street storm drain will be postponed to cut cost.

**Blight Concerns:** No new concerns

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**President Zenk welcomed Brett Thelen to Council.**

**Brett Thelen:** Is looking forward to working with Council and learning more about the workings of the Village.

**Dan Heckman:** Questioned Mike Scollon on the life of the leaf vac. Mike believes with continued maintenance it may be operable for another 5-10 years. Dan also questioned Fire Chief Yerge on benefits of storz hydrant fittings. Chief Yerge will report back on cost, but does not believe it would be a necessary expenditure.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the December 12, 2022 meeting of Council.