

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Tanner Roe, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Rob Sterner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** Mike Scollon **Guest:** Charles Babcock, Lyons Twp. Supervisor

President Zenk began the meeting in the Village Office 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 Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk thanked Tanner Roe for his past years of service to Council.

Charles Babcock, Lyons Twp. Supervisor:

- Presented the Village of Pewamo with a Grand Trunk Railroad System schedule from 1914.
- He also presented the Village with a check for \$30,000. This is a portion of the townships ARPA funds. It will be used for Village water infrastructure improvements.
- Charles also shared his concerns regarding the expenses of the township operating two fire/rescue departments.

Review of Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables: Clerk presented an additional invoice from Lyons Twp for the fire contract in the amount of \$861.

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

DPW Report: Mike Scollon was not present

- Clerk informed Council water meter changes were almost complete, with exception of oversized meters.
 - 4-1" meters and 4-1 1/2" meters are currently in use, but are backordered for several months.
 - Village has option to change encoders and add new endpoint, making these meters compatible with new software until it is deemed necessary to change the meters.
 - Council supports this, but wants one of each oversized meter ordered and ready when needed. They also support having at least two 5/8" meters in stock.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve changing encoders on the oversized meters and ordering one 1" & 1 1/2" meter, as well as having two 5/8" meters in stock. In addition, Trustee Heckman motions to update the office computer system. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Leaf pickup and snow removal: Council asked Rob Sterner if the Village equipment was ready for these events. Rob reported the leaf vac needed a few minor repairs. He believed the salt spreader was ready.
- Carl Hafner asked about the planting of the trees purchased through the Consumer's Energy Grant. Rob reported the trees will be planted long before the deadline. Council also asked that the water bags be used next summer.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Investment Interest Rates:** Treasurer Hafner reported MI Class continues to provide good interest earnings. Additional funds will be transferred this month.

Recreation and Committee Updates: President Zenk asked for an update from the Personnel and Wage Committee. They will present their drafts to Mike Scollon for his review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Purchase of Sesquicentennial Park:** Attorney John Wieber and Sun Title have secured the necessary signatures to proceed with this purchase. Clerk reported that Jerry Nickel is still agreement to sell. The purchase will be completed as soon as Sun Title is ready.
 - After the sale is complete, thank you letters will be sent to John Wieber, Sun Title and members of the William and Bertha Davarn Family for their assistance in making this possible.
- **Water Rate Study Results:** The study was extensive in analyzing the existing water infrastructure and operating and replacement costs of maintaining the system.
 - In the absence of any guaranteed funding, Clerk reported that annual rate increases of 4.9 percent have been recommended for the next five years by Utility Financial Solutions.
 - Council will work with our engineers to plan for necessary water main replacement, while continuing to research funding opportunities through state and federal programs.
- **Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Election of Directors:**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve candidates running for the Board of Directors. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

Old Business:

- **Update on DWRSF:** Final results did not award funding to the Village of Pewamo.
 - **East Street:** MDOT deferred Category B for one year, but does not typically extend the deferment beyond that and cannot guarantee that the funding will be available in 2024.
 - Council wished to proceed with the East Street Project in 2023. Clerk will inform Fleis & Vandenbrink and request updated cost.
- **Village Clean Up Day:** Granger reported 30 yards of trash was removed at a cost of \$1,464.97.

Blight Concerns: No new concerns

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Mike Yerge: There is dirt and mud on north State Street, resulting from crop harvest. Council would like this removed.

Carl Hafner: Reported Village Ordinances allow for water shut off if residents do not give access to water meters.
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Tanner Roe: Thanked all present for the opportunity to serve on Council, saying he's learned a lot.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. **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 November 14, 2022 meeting of Council.