

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023**

Present: Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Brett Thelen, Rob Sterner, Mike Scollon, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** Randy Zenk **Guest:** Brant Mercer, Fleis & Vandenbrink
Mayor Pro-tem, Dan Heckman, began the meeting 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda: Clerk removed Act 51 Resolution and added Spark Grant Resolution
A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Meeting Agenda with changes made. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

Brant Mercer of Fleis & Vandenbrink: Brant presented information regarding the East, Jefferson & Higham Streets 2023 projects. He also presented the engineering bid from Fleis & Vandenbrink to engineer and oversee the projects.

- Treasurer Hafner presented information to Council on Village funding of the projects.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to accept the bid from Fleis & Vandenbrink and proceed with the projects. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the information presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Lagoon Sludge Removal Update:** Mike received a quote from Clearbrooke Technologies in the amount of \$8,959 per year to treat the lagoons for sludge removal. This process is proving to be successful and cost efficient in other communities. Clearbrooke will file all necessary paperwork with EGLE. It is expected that treatment will begin following the spring lagoon discharge. Council approval will be required before April to proceed.
- **Lagoon Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance:** Lagoon valve and pipe replacement was discussed briefly.
- **Zoning Question:** The maximum accessory building size on a lot greater than 10,000 square feet up to an acre is currently 960 square feet. Mike suggests reviewing this and increasing it to 1,200 square feet, with a maximum height of 20'. Council supports sending this matter to the Planning Commission for their review and input.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **MIClass Investments:** Interest rates continue to improve.
- **Budget Review:** Carl led Council in a brief review of the budget and proposed amendments.

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

Committee Update: Personnel and Wage Committee gave DPW their proposed job descriptions. DPW supports the information presented. The committee's next step will be to create employee evaluations.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPARK GRANT RESOLUTION:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the Village application for the Michigan DNR SPARK Grant. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

Ionia County Sheriff Annual Contract:

Treasurer Hafner presented information regarding the annual contract, which allows us to comply with Liquor Control requirements.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve the contract as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

Blight Concerns: No new concerns. Mayor Pro-tem Heckman requested a letter of gratitude be sent to follow up on a violation that has been addressed.

FINAL ROUND TABLE: No new business

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the February 13, 2023 meeting of Council.