

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Brett Thelen, Mike Scollon, Rob Sterner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** None **Guest:** Chance Kanyo, Clearbrooke

**President Zenk began the meeting 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chance Kanyo of Clearbrooke Technologies presented information about their plan to remove solids from the Village lagoons. Solids build up over years and must be removed. Clearbrooke has successfully been removing lagoon solids using an enzyme based treatment, which is EGLE approved and completely controlled by Clearbrooke over the duration of the treatment. The Village has received a quote of \$8,959.56 annually, which will be billed monthly. There is a thirty-day cancellation policy if for any reason the Village chooses to do so. Chance also explained the weed removal treatment that Clearbrooke is doing. Mike Scollon explained that weeds will become less of an issue as solids are reduced.

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Clerk added review of Planning Committee minutes to the agenda.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve the Meeting Agenda with addition. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:**

- P-W Schools is seeking a Bond Proposal. Voting will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information regarding the website and special informational meetings related to this have been shared on the Village Facebook page.
- Muir will be hosting the All Area Village Meeting this year. Further information to come.

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

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

**DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon**

- **Sidewalk Leveling:** A-1 Concrete has given an estimate of \$6,000 to level sidewalks for approximately 8 hours. Council supports. DPW is also planning to do sidewalk edging as needed this spring.
- **Timber Sale:** Mike has obtained bids on harvesting some trees from the Pewamo Cemetery and lagoon woods. In the past, timber buyers were not interested in the lagoon timber, but Mike is pleased that there is now interest. He believes its necessary to thin out the trees. Mike will report back at the March meeting.
- **Backhoe Update:** Mike continues to research our options. The current backhoe may have two years useable life.
- **East Street Project:** Mike and Brant of F&V continue to explore drainage needs. Currently DPW plans to add two catch basins to the south end of East Street to reduce Village cost.
- **Planning Committee:** Planning Committee met to discuss the maximum accessory building size change as proposed by Mike Scollon at the January meeting. They support the change.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to amend Zoning Ordinance Chapter 153.080 (Accessory Buildings) Section (B) Table 1 residential Accessory Building and Structures. Amendment to read Lot Size Greater than 10,000 square feet up to 1 acre Maximum Building size square feet 1200 Maximum Height 20 feet **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed, Trustee Winsor abstaining. **MOTION APPROVED**

- Planning Committee also approved the Park Master Plan draft and signed a letter supporting the SPARK Grant application.
- Planning Committee will revisit the Zoning Map for possible changes at a later meeting.
- It was suggested that pine trees be planted along the trail as a buffer between the back of Main Street businesses and residents. Village cannot proceed without permission from MDOT.
- Mike advised Council that materials for the upcoming East Street project are becoming more accessible.
- Discussion was held regarding the addition of electric car charging stations on Village property. It was suggested that we include them in the SPARK Grant application for the parking lot across from DPW.

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

- Carl negotiated with Union Bank to improve CD interest rates to a rate more competitive with MClass.
- Carl advised we maintain the current contribution rate to MERS Defined Benefit Plan. Council supports.
- Annual contract has been signed with Ionia County Sheriff for use of liquor control funds received.

**Committee Update:** Personnel and Wage Committee continue communications with DPW regarding future policies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2023/24 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget:** Treasurer and Clerk led Council in brief review of proposed budget. Council received copies to take home for further review before the March meeting.
- **Transfer from Major to Local Street Fund:** Carl informed Council that a transfer of \$30,000 from Major to Local Street could be made this fiscal year as allowed by Act 51.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve a transfer of \$30,000 from Major to Local Streets. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Lagoon Treatment Program:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to approve the agreement with Clearbrooke Technologies for the lagoon treatment program for sludge reduction at an annual cost of \$8,959.56. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Fire Station Floor Restoration:** Trustee/Fire Chief Yerge presented a proposal to restore the floor in the fire/rescue station at a cost of \$6,000. Council supports, but will revisit in March at budget review.
- **Energy Efficient Grant for Fire/Rescue/Community Center:** A \$25,000 grant may assist the Village in improving the energy efficiency of this site. Mike Scollon is gathering pricing information before proceeding.

**NO OLD BUSINESS:**

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Carl Hafner:** Informed Council that the Village Spring Newsletter will include information on the upcoming Street, Storm Drain and Water projects.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. **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 March 13, 2023 meeting of Council.