

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2023**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Brett Thelen, Rob Sterner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** Mike Scollon **Guest:** Bruce Pindzia, Fleis & Vandenbrink  
**President Zenk began the meeting 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 Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** Meeting with MERS to investigate a benefit plan for new employees.

**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 Wiggers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**Bids for 2023 Street, Water & Storm Drain Projects:** President Zenk informed Council of the bid opening on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Fleis & Vandebrink's bid summary and recommendations for moving forward were provided to Council.

- Bruce Pindzia shared information regarding the availability of ductile iron water main, which is the Village's preferred material; and how that would affect the overall costs.
- Discussion was also held regarding chip seal projects.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Yerge to award the East Street and Higham Street Improvements contract to CL Trucking & Excavating, LLC with the ductile iron alternative for the amount of \$393,526.50. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to award the 2023 Street Improvements contract to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLS for the amount of \$46,383.80. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**DPW Report: Mike Scollon was not able to attend. President Randy presented information received from Mike.**

- **Timber Sale:** Trees will be harvested in Pewamo Cemetery as soon as possible. Lagoon timber cannot be harvested until it dries up. May be next winter.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** Scheduled to begin/end in April.
- **East Street Storm Drain:** DPW will install approximately 100' of storm drain beginning at St. Joseph's Parish Office to the south prior to the East Street projects.
- **Yates/Louis Court Storm Water:** Ionia County Drain Commissioner is aware of the problem with drainage and will have engineers conduct further research.
- **North State Street Storm Water:** Drainage issues are being addressed by property developer.
- **MRWA Conference:** Mike attended this conference in March. It was very informative.

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

- **Water Improvement Fund:** Carl recommends increasing the monthly contribution to \$1,000. Council supports.
- **Interest Rates:** Michigan Class and CD Rates are increasing.
- **Funding of 2023 Projects:** Carl will research available Village assets for the funding of the upcoming projects.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Water Reliability Study:** Waiting for a second bid.
- **Village Clean Up Day:** May 6, 2023
- **Lagoon Ground Water Monitoring:** Job was awarded to Prein & Newhof.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Fire Station/Community Center Energy Efficiency Grant:** Bids received and grant application submitted.
- **Community Center Parking Lot Lighting:** Rick Thelen of ESM has solar lighting that he would like to test in our parking lot at no cost to the Village. He requested DPW assistance to install poles. Council supports this and is grateful for the opportunity.
- **All Area Village Meeting:** To be held in Muir on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. President Zenk encouraged those who were able to attend.

**FINAL ROUND TABLE:**

**Mike Yerge:** Mary Lou Smith commended Rob Sterner's efforts at keeping storm drains clear during recent heavy rains. Fire station floor refinish looks great.

**Jacob Wiggers:** Will be missing the May meeting.

**Brett Thelen:** Will also be missing the May meeting.

**Dan Heckman:** Request a thank you letter be sent to Charles Raines for the cleanup of his property following the fire.

**President Zenk:** Reminded everyone to vote on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the P-W Community Schools' Bond Referendum.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. **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 May 8, 2023 meeting of Council.