

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Michael Yerge, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Mike Scollon, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Absent:** Jacob Wiggers, Brett Thelen, Rob Sterner

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. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- Village Clean Up Day seemed to go well. Thank you to our DPW for all of their efforts to make that possible.
- President Zenk attended the Portland Ambulance Meeting. He briefed Council on the topics discussed. There will not be an increase for the Village ambulance contract this year.
- President Zenk and Sandy attended the meeting of the area villages in Muir.
- President Zenk is in the process of drafting a proposed benefit package for newly hired employees. He will present it to Personnel and Wage Committee for their input at a later date.

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

Invoices for Fleis & Vandenbrink and Menards were added to the lists of payables.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Yerge to approve the information presented with the addition of the two invoices. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

DPW Report: Presented by Mike Scollon

- **Pewamo Cemetery Trees:** Trees have been harvested, along with two additional trees sold. Village was able to sell two logs from trees cut in Village right-of-way. Lagoon timber will most likely be harvested this winter.
- **Lagoon Discharge Complete**
- **East Street Storm Drain-**Materials have been purchased for DPW to install storm drain beginning near Jefferson and East intersection and running south on East Street.
- **Louis Court Drainage:** Mike and Robert Rose, Ionia County Drain Commissioner, continue to investigate cause and solutions to the flooding. Mike has informed Robert of two retention ponds that can be better utilized. Robert found a cement tile that is protruding into a catch basin and should be eliminated.
- **North State Street Drainage:** Drainage on the east side has been an ongoing concern. The property developer has addressed a portion of this by installing tiling, however, the current ditch does not promote drainage. Mike will research the possibility of installing tile in the ditch to address street run off.
 - There were concerns regarding drainage on the west side of N. State also, but the tile was inspected and vacuumed by City of Ionia and found to be clear of debris.
- **Catch Basin Cleaning:** City of Ionia was contracted to clean our catch basins. Our DPW spent about four hours with them overseeing the work.
- **Sanitary Sewer Manhole Covers:** DPW have inspected and they are all in good condition.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Village Asset Holdings:** Michigan Class Investments continue to do well. Carl proposes keeping CD's with both Union and Independent Banks for diversity of funds and to support local business. Council supports.
- **USDA Bond Payment:** A payment of principal and interest will be due on June 1.

Recreation Report:

- **Ball Leagues:** Children's leagues are in full swing and the parks are very busy.
 - Little League will be hosting their tournament this weekend and DPW will be sure that the park is ready.
- **Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts:** Mike Scollon noted that the courts also have a lot of activity.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Water Reliability Study: Required by EGLE.** Prein & Newhof's bid was slightly less than Fleis & Vandenbrink, so they will be working with Mike and Sandy to complete the study.

➤ **Amendment to SPARK Resolution 2023-01:** Original resolution did not include the grant amount requested. **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to amend Resolution 2023-01, authorizing the Village of Pewamo submission of an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding from the Michigan SPARK Grants Program in the amount of \$999,400.00 to fund design and construction for improvements to Blossom Time Park. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

➤ **Consumer's Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance:** **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Winsor to enact the Gas Franchise Ordinance with Consumer's Energy Company for a period of thirty years. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

➤ **Grand Valley Metropolitan Council EPA Climate Reduction Grant Opportunity:** Council does not wish to pursue at this time.

➤ **Clinton County Community Development Memo:** Council does not have comments regarding the proposed Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

➤ **2023 Property Tax Rate:** Treasurer Hafner presented the proposed 2023 property tax rate of 11.6799. This is the same as last year and is the maximum allowed by law without a vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the property tax rate of 11.6799 for the Village 2023 property tax. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Mike Scollon: A Village storm drain that passes through Ruth Long's field was repaired. Mike informed Council that he is not aware of an easement that addresses this drain.

Mike Yerge: Reported that an air quality monitor in the fire/rescue needs to be addressed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the June 12, 2023 meeting of Council.