

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023

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

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- Bill Theis has been mowing and trimming trees east of the Village. Council would like a thank you letter sent.
- Chip and Fog coating of Jefferson and Higham looks good. No plans yet for the pea stone that was removed during street sweeping.

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

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

DPW Report: Rob Sterner

- Rob read a report of the things he's been working on in the past weeks.
- **Volunteers & Community Service:** A few men have offered their assistance if needed. Rob appreciates the offers, but believes he is able to keep up on his own for now. An individual also spoke with Rob about completing Community Service hours in the Village. Rob spoke with Mike Scollon for his input, and they both believe there are jobs that could be done by this individual. Council supports this.
- **Hand Dryer:** The hand dryer in the park men's restroom is damaged and needs a new cover. Clerk to order.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- Two CD's Renewed at Independent Bank
- Taxes are coming in slowly

Recreation Report: No New Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DPW Supervisor Applications:** Seven applications were received. Interview team will consist of President Zenk and the Wage Committee. They will hold a closed meeting to plan how to proceed, with interviews beginning next week.
- **JK of Michigan Proposal:** Mike Scollon requested this proposal for SCADA/Alarm System for the Sanitary Sewer system. President Zenk presented the information, with discussion following.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve installation of the SCADA/Alarm at a cost of \$6,396.02.

MOTION SUPPORTED by Trustee Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Fire/Community Center North Overhang Improvements:** The Village received an estimate to include re-roofing the north overhang in the upcoming project at the Fire/Rescue/Community Center in the amount of \$5,036.00. Treasurer Hafner explained which funds will be used to complete the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve proceeding with the improvement of the north overhang at a cost of \$5,036.00. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Oakwood Lounge Outside Band:** Jim Levering, manager, is inquiring about having bands play outside in the north parking lot. Council is currently not in favor of this, but are open to more discussion.
- **Sidewalks:** Sidewalk leveling has been completed wherever possible, but some areas where tree roots were present were not completed. These areas may need to be torn out and replaced. Sidewalk committee will inspect Village sidewalks and report back.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Ionia Drain Commissioner Update:** Council listened to a voicemail from Robert Rose reporting the following:
 - CL Trucking will correct the basin on Hubbardston Road by cutting out the tile that's blocking the county tile, which is the huge issue with drainage now.
 - Robert Rose also recommends addressing the Village's storm water drain on the east side of Yates Street, which ties into the Dutton Drain. Village drain is a 24", tying into the County's 15" drain. Robert recommends putting in an 8" restrictor at the junction to create a more manageable flow.
 - Village to contact Robert Rose for more information on the Yates Street restrictor.

➤ **Portland Ambulance Contract:**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the Portland Ambulance contract for the 2023-24 fiscal year in the amount of \$10,060.00. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Ionia County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:** The Village received notification about the assistance that is available to us for revitalizing environmentally distressed areas within Ionia County. While we do not have any concerns within the Village at this time, this is good information to have and will be kept on file.

BLIGHT: Following Mike Scollon's retirement Council will enforce zoning. Discussion was held regarding two properties of concern. Letter follow ups will be done, along with possible assessment of fines.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Randy Zenk: Milk truck traffic is traveling on Main Street during the overnight hours. Main Street is not a Class A Road. Randy suggests reaching out to the dairy farm north of Pewamo and asking them to eliminate their trucks traveling on Main Street.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. **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 September 11, 2023 meeting of Council.