

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Michael Yerge, Jacob Wiggers, Brett Thelen, Kohl Falor, Rob Sterner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner **Guest:** None

President Zenk began the meeting at 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 Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk informed Council that there will be a meeting of the Recreation Committee on February 13th at 3:00 p.m. to review possible layouts and equipment for the playground improvements.

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

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

DPW Report: Kohl Falor

- **Westphalia Electric Company:** Located buried electrical lines in the park, repaired the generators at the north lift station and wellhouse.
- **Backhoe Repairs:** AIS Equipment repaired the right tie rod, which broke during snow removal.
- **Dump Truck:** Village dump truck is being rewired. Kohl continues to explore options moving forward.
- **North State Street Water Shut Off Repair:** DPW replaced a broken rod, allowing proper operation of shut off.
- **Burning of Compost Pile:** DPW will continue this process as time and weather allows.
- **Pressure Test of Fire Hydrant:** Good Vibes AFC expansion required pressure testing of fire hydrants servicing them. They hired an independent firm to conduct the test under Kohl's supervision. Kohl reported the pressure was good.
- **Buried Power/Water Lines Added to Park Map:** Following Westphalia Electric's location of lines, Kohl provided drawings to RJM Design to have both water and electrical added to the park map for future reference.
- **Water Tower Controls:** On February 8th the water tower controls were not operating properly, causing overflow. RS Technical determined the problem was caused by the computer program and walked Kohl through the process. They suggested a new computer may be needed. Research will be done regarding the effectiveness of the alarm system.
- **Water Tower Inspection:** Kohl communicated with Dixon Engineering regarding water tower inspection. Unless there are concerns, they recommend doing this in 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Carl Hafner

- **Interest Rates on Village Funds:** Treasurer Hafner reported that interest rates have declined slightly, but Village funds continue to do well.
- **Clearbrooke Technologies:** It was discovered during budget review that they have not been billing monthly for treatment of the lagoon. Village will pay back charges due and begin paying on a quarterly basis.

Recreation Report: Meeting on February 13th at 3:00 p.m.

Committee Updates: The Wage & Hiring Committee met on 1/22/24 to discuss DPW Benefits. They will meet again prior to the March Regular Council Meeting to finalize their recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **North & Yates Street Corner Traffic:** Concerns regarding lack of signage at this intersection and traffic safety were reported to the office. Council discussed options for signage to create a safer flow of traffic.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to create a three way stop at the intersection of Yates and North Streets.

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

- **Portland Ambulance:** President Zenk will be attending the annual meeting regarding the Village ambulance contract on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. and invited any interested Council members to join.
- **ICEA Investment:** President Zenk informed Council that Pewamo is being asked to renew their \$1,000 annual support of Ionia County Economic Alliance.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to renew the \$1,000 annual support of ICEA. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Yerge. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Pewamo Municipal Parking Lot Maintenance:** Clerk presented bids received from Purchis & McKearney to crack seal, seal coat and repaint the parking lines. Discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to hire Purchis Asphalt Sealcoating at a cost of \$2,222.58. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Budget Review:** A draft of the proposed budget was emailed to Council prior to the meeting. Treasurer Hafner asked if there were questions and then discussed the line items for the trees/tree grant and sidewalk repair. Council supported proceeding with both. Changes will be made to the budget, with final adoption at the March meeting.
 - Water/Sewer Committee will meet prior to March meeting to discuss rates.
 - Trustee Heckman will research companies to inventory water service lines to meet EGLE requirements.
- **Sesquicentennial Clock Repair:** Clerk presented a quote from Steve Youdes' Clock Repair to completely refurbish the clock in the amount of \$2,800 and informed Council of prices received to purchase a new clock, which were significantly higher. Village will need to run electric service to the new clock. Council supports.
- **Community Center Toilets:** Mark Woodman Plumbing replaced one toilet at no cost in an effort to improve flushing capacity. Village has received a quote of \$987.22 to replace the remaining two toilets. Council approves
- **Emergency Management Funds – August 2023 Storm:** President Zenk will be attending a meeting in Grand Rapids to seek storm cost recovery funds on March 18th at 10:00 a.m. It is recommended Treasurer Hafner or Sandy join him.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jefferson Speed Concerns will be tabled.

BLIGHT: No new concerns

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Michael Yerge: CPR Training will take place on March 9, 2024 in the Fire Meeting Room from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is limited to twelve people, but at least six people must register to hold the class. Cost is \$90 per person. To enroll go to MiCPRTraining@gmail.com

Council approves paying for DPW employees to take this class.

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 March 11, 2024 meeting of Council.