

Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 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 Wiggers to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

Good Samaritan Ministry Motorcycle Poker Run Benefit on June 22nd to be held in Pewamo. More details to come.

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

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

DPW Report: Kohl Falor

- **SCADA Alarm System Updates:** Kohl is still waiting on a bid from RS Technical.
- **Battery Back Ups:** These are in the process of being replaced.
- **Bacti Samples:** One of our samples required retesting, along with testing of additional services. Everything came back clear. Kohl is completing a Level 1 assessment form for EGLE.
- **Fleis & Vandenbrink GIS Mapping of Services Complete:** This will be a very helpful tool moving forward.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** Lagoons were isolated on April 1st. Mike Scollon has agreed to oversee the discharge.
- **Blossom Time Park Drainage:** Kohl spoke with Rick Davarn about the possibility of running a storm drain through his property to the existing catch basin. Rick is okay with this. Kohl also talked about the existing drainage on Lincoln Street, saying it will likely need to be addressed.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Bond Reserve Requirement Fulfilled:** The required set aside has been met, and RRI will now receive the transfers as required by USDA. Bond Reserve Interest will be transferred quarterly into the Water Improvement Fund.

Recreation Report: Kohl is communicating with the Little League managers. DPW will have park ready for the season.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Chip and Seal of Streets:** Street Committee will form a plan to submit to Ionia County, with hopes of doing the work in conjunction with them.
- **Medical Certification for CDL:** Village will pay for the physicals to get the required medical certification.
- **Inventory of Water Service Lines for Lead:** Kohl will work with EGLE to establish a plan to complete this.
- **Zoning Application 341 W. Main Street:** Council reviewed the application and request more complete drawings.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve the application after receipt of the requested information if Kohl believes it conforms to Village Zoning. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed.

MOTION APPROVED

203 W. Main Street: A proposal for the reuse of this site has been suggested. Carl and Sandy informed Council of the various questions presented. Discussion followed. Council does not have concerns about the site being used for single or double residential occupancy. However, because of the lot size, they do not support three units or subdividing the lot for the sole purpose of adding a non-residential building.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **State Disaster Assistance Resolution:** President Zenk attended a meeting regarding disaster assistance following the August 2023 Storm. Council must approve a resolution to apply for the assistance.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adopt the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **EGLE Recycling Grant Opportunity:** The Village of Muir is still researching this. We are not sure if a partnership with them is possible.
- **Fire Response/Village Water Usage:** Chief Yerge reported that Central Dispatch is not able to notify Village DPW in the case of our department responding to a structure fire. Pewamo Fire Auxiliary will make every effort to see that DPW is notified in the future. It was also noted that the SCADA system will be helpful.
- **Central Dispatch:** Fire Chief Yerge said that linking our Emergency Response Siren with Central Dispatch is currently in the process.

BLIGHT: Discussion was held regarding property of concern. Clerk will follow up.

FINAL ROUND TABLE:

Dan Heckman: Dan spoke with Rick Thelen about lighting in the Pewamo Municipal Parking Lot. Rick still intends to do this and does not need help from Village staff.

Jane Martin: Three-way stop at the corner of Yates and North is not being obeyed.

Carl Hafner: The Village Master Plan needs to be updated. Confirmed that apple trees in park will be removed by DPW.

Mike Yerge: Mike informed Council that he received a call about yard waste being burned, which is against Village ordinances. However, he was unable to do anything, because it was after the fact.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. **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 13, 2024 meeting of Council.