

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2024**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Brett Thelen, Jacob Wiggers, Tanner Roe, Kohl Falor, Sandy Wolniakowski, Carl Hafner. **Absent:** None **Guests:** Cody Wood

President Zenk began the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Elected Officials

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- **Thank you to Veterans:** President Zenk thanked the veterans present for their service to our country.
- **Ionia County Rural Task Force:** President Zenk now serves as Vice-Chairman, representing Villages of Ionia County. At a recent meeting, he presented chip and fog seal of State Street as a future project. Currently proposed as a 2027 project it is believed that this can be done with zero Village match, possibly receiving \$104,000 STP and \$26,000 State D funding.

Public Comment: None

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

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

DPW Report: Kohl Falor

- **Lagoon Flow Meter:** JK of Michigan has this on order.
- **Lagoon Discharge & DMR:** Completed with no issues or concerns.
- **Consumers Energy Tree Grant:** Trees planted and grant application submitted.
- **Well Pump Meters:** Peerless Midwest is researching the cause and solution of meter static interference.
- **Trailhead Cameras:** Kohl accepted a quote of \$2,865 to replace the security cameras at the trailhead.
- **Lagoon Pumps:** Kohl presented cost to repair or replace lagoon pumps. Considering the cost to repair and the age of the pumps, Council supports moving forward with replacing both pumps at a total cost of \$92,040.

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

- **New Truck Received:** The new truck is in our possession and awaiting the fitting of the box and blades.
- **Village Dumpsters:** Village will begin locking the dumpsters due to public use.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **MIClass Interest Rates decreased slightly.**
- **USDA Interest Payment due December 1st.**
- **Resolution to Approve Loan from Sewer to General:** Carl presented a resolution for a loan of \$50,000 from Sewer to General to be used for the truck purchase. This loan will be repaid at \$1000 per month.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Resolution No. 2024-11-01. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Monthly Equipment Transfers:** Carl informed Council that the above loan repayment will replace the current \$1,000 transfers from General to Equipment Fund. Council supports.

SPARK Grant Update: Revised plans are currently being reviewed by DNR.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sidewalk Inspection Plan:** MML Loss Control recommends a sidewalk inspection plan. Brett Thelen inspected Village sidewalks and noted areas of concerns earlier this year. Committee will follow up.
- **NO Goose Hunting at Lagoons:** Village policy continues to prohibit hunting on any Village property. Kohl will post signage.
- **BEAD Funding for Internet:** Council supports sending a letter of support.
- **Committee Updates:** President Zenk led Council in review of current committees, making changes as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Louis Court Circle Maintenance:** Kohl inspected the sight. Brett Thelen will check to see if there are any records regarding ownership and maintenance in his grandfather, Bill Thelen's, documents.
- **Storm Drains Lincoln & State Street:** Further discussion regarding areas of concern were discussed. DPW will follow up on raising the drain on Lincoln Street. Two other areas of concern will need to wait until spring.
- **Master Plan & Zoning Map Updates:** Meeting of Council and Planning Committee will be held on Monday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Blight Concerns: Kohl informed Council of properties of concern. He will follow up as needed.

Final Round Table:

- **Carl Hafner:** Carl presented information for updates regarding minimum house sizes for zoning. Council supports this addition to our zoning ordinances at our December meeting.
- **Brett Thelen:** Asked about a semi parking in a residential area. Semi traffic and parking on a local street is not allowed. Council requests a letter be sent to the property owner informing them that semi-truck traffic is prohibited.
- **Kohl Falor:** Leaf pick up is scheduled to end this week. Weather has presented challenges with wet leaves being extremely difficult to pick up and dump. Kohl also noted that in the future leaf piles containing more than 50% of grass clippings will not be picked up. This will be included in the Fall 2025 newsletter.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the December 9, 2024 meeting of Council.