

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025**

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

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

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda: Trustee Heckman suggested changes to the Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Plan in Old Business as tabled until spring.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve the meeting agenda with this change. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- Brant Mercer postponed his presentation to Council until February due to inclement weather.
- President Zenk is investigating a Safe Routes to School grant to see if it might aid the Village in addressing our speeding concerns, along with sidewalk repair/replacement.

Public Comment: Fire Chief Micheal Yerge asked if Council had any questions for the Fire Department.

- He also asked if the DPW would salt the approach of the fire/rescue building.
- Issuing Burn Permits: Jeff Dygert is the contact for this. For future reference, Chief Yerge said our department typically does not deem it necessary to issue burn permits when there's snow on the ground.

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

Fiber Optic – 4WBL.Net:

- President Zenk turned the meeting over to Trustee Thelen who initiated this process. Trustee Thelen gave a brief overview and invited Nick and Zach to share their proposal.
- Nick and Zach explained their desire to bring fiber optic to the Village.
 - A site would be required to place their equipment cabinet, possibly near the DPW.
 - Service lines to be buried outside of the road right-of-way, avoiding any possible conflict with Village utilities.
 - Information regarding service fees to residents/businesses, along with pictures of the equipment cabinet were presented to Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Nick Heckman and 4WBL.Net proceeding with their plan to make fiber optic internet and video available to Pewamo and its residents. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Kohl Falor

- **DPW Building Gas Service Upgrade:** Request submitted to Consumer's Energy, and we're waiting to hear back.
- **New Security Camera's Installed at Trailhead**
- **JK of Michigan Lagoon Repair:** JK found and removed a baseball sized rock which was plugging the Pump #1 inlet.
- **Scrap Metal Dumpster Purchased**
- **PTO Driven Snow Blower:** Kohl proposes selling this piece of equipment. Council supports.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Lagoon Cleaning Fund:** Treasurer Hafner proposes combining with the Sewer RRI funds. Council supports.
- **Budget Amendments:** Treasurer Hafner reviewed proposed amendments to the current fiscal year's budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to approve the amendments presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Thelen. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

SPARK Grant Update: President Zenk informed Council of the results of the January 9th bid opening. Paula Lawrence, Park Designer and Grant Administrator, was happy with the outcome. Prior to bid award, Paula will further review bids and recommend to Council changes to the overall project which are needed to bring the costs within our budget. DNR also must review and approve.

Committee Updates: President Zenk reminded the committees of the need to consider projects for the next fiscal year, along with cost figures for the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Major Street Transfer to Local Street:** Carl informed Council that a transfer of \$30,000 from Major to Local Street could be made this fiscal year as allowed by Act 51.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve a transfer of \$30,000 from Major to Local Streets. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Planning Committee Replacement:** Randy Woodbury stepped down from this position and will need to be replaced. Michael Yerge volunteered to fill the position.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve Michael Yerge as a member of the Planning Committee.

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

- **Ionia County Sheriff Contract Renewal for 2025:** In compliance with the Liquor Control Act regarding proper use of funds received for Liquor Control, the Village will renew their contract for additional Sheriff Patrol within the Pewamo Village limits.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the contract with Ionia County Sheriff Department to provide 24 hours of Sheriff patrol within the Pewamo Village limits, consisting of 2 hours per month for a period of 12 months.

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

- **McKenna Planning Proposal:** The Village requested a quote to update the Village Master Plan and Zoning Maps. Council reviewed the quote received and decided this use of funds is not a priority at this time. We will proceed with Carlisle/Wortman for Zoning Map updates at a lesser fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Speed Strips/Stop Signs:** Tabled until further information becomes available.

Final Round Table:

- **Kohl Falor:** Ongoing blight concern. Council supports sending a letter to inform resident that Ionia Sheriff will be contacted for enforcement if necessary.
- **Randy Zenk:** American Public Works Association Award for the 2023 East, Higham and Jefferson Street projects was presented to the Village at an event in Grand Rapids which was attended by Brant Mercer, Randy Zenk, Sandy Wolniakowski and their spouses.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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 February 10, 2025 meeting of Council.