

**Village of Pewamo**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 2025**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Guest:** Damion Baker, Linda Klein, Mike & Susie Klein, Amy Fedewa, Craig Feldpausch, Kari Fink

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

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:**

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:**

- **Ionia County Economic Alliance:** Village & ICEA researched possibilities for future business development, along with grants for infrastructure to support it. No further developments have occurred.

**Car Show Committee:** Following the Pewamo Car Show in June, the Village sent a letter of thanks and appreciation to the committee similar to every year after the car show. The letter also shared some concerns that had been presented, as well as proposed ways to address the concerns.

Linda Klein, head of the Car Show committee, shared her frustrations over the letter. Many of the items of concern happened after the end of the Car Show. Discussion followed.

President Zenk apologized for any misunderstandings, stating Council appreciates the committee and all they do.

The committee has been committed in their efforts to create a Car Show that is successful and enjoyable, benefiting those who attend and Village businesses, while at the same time being as safe as possible.

President Zenk and Clerk Wolniakowski volunteered to help in any way that may be needed.

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

**Addition to Payables:** Treasurer Hafner added \$11,860.02 payable to Independent Bank for Fire Station Loan.

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

**DPW Report: Cody Wood**

- **Sewer Pumps, Totalizer and Sump Pump work completed by JK of Michigan.**
- **Sewer SCADA System completed by RS Technical.**
- **Well #1 Pump & Motor replacement, along with discharge head overhaul and well cleaning is complete.**
  - Peerless Midwest completed this work. Project 100% funded by the Water-Energy Nexus Grant.
- **Michigan Rural Water Association Study:** MRWA is using this project for an energy and efficiency study.
- **DPW Garage Energy Efficiency Renovations are complete.**
  - This was completed using funds from the CEM Grant through EGGLE, along with some Village funds.
  - Soffit, fascia and gutter replacement will be considered as a possible future project. Roof should be good for another five years.
  - Pressure Washer Relocation is another project for future consideration in the DPW garage.
- **Water Tower Cathodic Protection Testing completed by Corrpro.**
- **Compost Upgrades:** Compost will be closed for two weeks following the addition of concrete pads.
- **Scrap Metal Bin & Scrap Metal Accumulation:** Tabled
- **Blossom Time Park:** EPIC is back on site, working on cement pads and walkways.
- **Four Way STOPS:** Jefferson/Yates and Jefferson/West are now four way stops. Clerk to notify schools.
- **Mailbox Concerns:** A resident believes their mailbox was damaged by the Village mower. Damion has no knowledge of hitting the mailbox. Council does not support replacing the mailbox without further information.
- **Country Living Senior Care Yates Street Access:** Concerns were shared over the barriers at the end of Yates Street, which were placed by the previous owner. Village suggested reflective tape be added to the barriers, however, they responded that the Fire Marshall wanted the barriers removed.
  - DPW offered to remove for use in the compost area. This service was done in exchange for the barriers.
- **Damion Baker CDL License:** As an active member of the National Guard, Damion was able to obtain his CDL.

**Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner**

- **Property Taxes:** 23% of property taxes have been collected.
- **CD Renewal:** CD Renewed at Union Bank for 12 months.
- **Sewer Short Term Loan to General:** Covering DPW renovation expenses until grant funds are received.

**Recreation:** Addressed in DPW report.

**Committee Update:** President Zenk informed Street Committee of the upcoming Rural Task Force meeting, asking them to consider projects that might be eligible.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Council Trustee:** Council discussed possibilities to fill Brett Thelen's position until the next election.
- **MML Voting Delegates:** The Village will not be sending a delegate to the conference.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Property Taxes & Special Assessments: Clerk & Treasurer continue to research
- Cameras at Park/Compost: Tabled
- Employee Handbook Revisions: Tabled for Committee review
- Parking at Trailhead: Pending

**Final Round Table:**

**Randy Zenk:** Randy will be reaching out to Mark & Linda Klein to assure them that we appreciate their efforts and apologize for any misunderstanding.

**Carl Hafner:** Master Plan Revisions/Updates will be completed as soon as the Trustee position is filled.

**Sandy Wolniakowski:** Devereaux Sawmill donated \$5,000 to the Village for the park sign, which was cut from the project due to the budget. Council supports Clerk obtaining sign design/quotes.

**Jane Martin:** Reported incidents of vandalism in and near the Village.

**Jacob Wiggers:** Reported an individual riding a mini-bike on the trail. This type of motorized vehicle is not permitted on the trail. If the violator is caught, the vehicle will be confiscated.

**Tanner Roe:** Tanner will not be able to attend the September Council meeting.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the September 8, 2025 meeting of Council.