

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Christie Antes, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Absent:** Tanner Roe **Guest:** Damion Baker, Parker Surbrook

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

Swearing in of Christie Antes. President Zenk welcomed Christie to Council, filling Brett Thelen's position.

Public Comment: Parker Surbrook was present as head of Pewamo Little League. He shared concerns about the state of the park and reported some vandalism in the dugouts. Cody assured Parker that the DPW will do all they can to restore the park, following the project; which prohibited normal maintenance. President Zenk informed Parker that surveillance cameras will be installed following the completion of the project.

Discussion regarding existing fence and the addition of gates for easier access followed. Parker indicated the Little League fund may be able to cover this expense. Council supports this and thanked Parker for all the Little League does.

Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda:

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council: None at this time.

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

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

DPW Report: Cody Wood

- **Park Update:** EPIC is off site, returning next week. DPW removed trees and will work on weed removal in the sites designated for playground equipment.
- **Surveillance Cameras:** Rick Thelen of ESM will quote following project completion.
- **EGLE Lagoon/Sewer Review:** Cory Brown of EGLE was onsite to review our system and documentation. Everything went well, with some minor concerns.
- **Wellhouse Roof:** DH Construction completed roof replacement.
- **Follow Up on Mailbox Concerns:** Video was presented showing DPW mower bumping the mailbox. Resident will be reimbursed up to \$25 for replacement upon proof of purchase receipt.
- **Sesquicentennial Park Clock:** One side of the clock is not working. Clerk will contact Steve Youdes.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Property Taxes:** 50% of property taxes have been collected.
- **MI Class Interest Rates:** Declined slightly

Recreation: Addressed in DPW report.

New Business:

- **202 East Street Drainage:** Resident would like to proceed with driveway replacement, but is concerned about ongoing drainage issues. DPW will reach out to Pungs for their input regarding ditch work or a leach basin.
- **Lincoln Street – New Build:** Cody Wood and members of Water and Sewer Committee will meet with the property owner.
- **DPW /Computer:** Council supports upgrading to add Microsoft.
- **MI Home Program:** Clerk will forward email received from MML to Council.

Old Business:

- **Property Taxes & Special Assessments:** Council supports continued research.
- **Compost Area:** Cody updated Council, reporting work will proceed following compost burning.
- **Scrap Metal - Bin & Woods:** Cody is in contact with a scrap company.
- **Cameras at Park/Compost:** Tabled until project completion.
- **Employee Handbook Revisions:** Committee plans to present at October meeting.
- **Parking at Trailhead:** DPW will address when time allows.

Final Round Table:

Carl Hafner: Carl suggested DPW contact a tree trimmer to address trees in the Village right-of-ways that need trimming, noting that the tree in front of his house needs trimming.

Jane Martin: Jane has noticed debris on Village streets, which likely fell off trailers going to compost. She suggested people be mindful of debris they may be leaving in the streets.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the October 13, 2025 meeting of Council.