

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

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Tanner Roe, Jacob Wiggers, Christie Antes, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Absent:** Jane Martin **Guest:** None

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk thanked Trustee Roe for informing Council of increased State funding for Village streets.

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

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

DPW Report: Cody Wood

- **Park Update:** The small playground in the park is complete. Village will reinstall the 4-way bounce play structure. EPIC is working on the large playground and prepping for parking lot improvements.
- **Crack Seal of Village Streets is Complete**
- **Park Vandalism:** Responsible parties were caught on camera and identified. Cody spoke with them and Ionia County Sheriff was contacted. Upon project completion cameras will be installed in the park.
- **EGLE:** Inspection of our water system went very well, with no major concerns.
- **Water Sampling and Hydrant Flushing:** Monthly sampling showed the presence of some bacteria. EGLE has been notified. MRWA recommends extensive flushing of our system and continued testing.
- **Generator Testing:** Cody reported that Village generators are tested every Friday.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Village Property Taxes:** All taxes are in, including delinquent.
- **DPW & Well Pump Grant Funds Received:** \$76,369 for DPW and \$65,243 for Well Pump & Motor
- **MIClass Interest Rates:** Declined slightly
- **Transportation Funding Increase:** State of Michigan funding for Village Streets is expected to increase by 33.4%, which should be approximately \$35,800.
- **Category B Grant Application:** State to announce awards within two weeks. If we receive the grant, Carl reported we have enough funds to complete the project. Trustee Roe reminded Council that we may be able to proceed without grant funds, as Davis-Bacon wages would not be a factor; cutting overall project costs.

Recreation: President Zenk reported a recent park project walk through went well.

- Cody informed Council that DPW will continue their efforts on restoring the ballfields.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Miller Land Lease Renewal:** Cody informed Council that more space is needed near the testing wells. Council advised Cody to meet with Miller's and show them the area. Beyond the changed borders for planting, Council supports renewing the lease with same price and terms.
- **Sesquicentennial Park Lights:** Current lights are beyond repair. Park funds set aside will cover the expense.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve replacing the lights, according to bid specs, not to exceed \$5,000. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Wiggers. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Allocation of DPW Building Expenses to Water and Sewer Funds:** Because our DPW Building is also the operations site for Water and Sewer, Clerk proposes allocating 5% of the renovation expenses incurred to those funds. Village accountants support this. Council approves. A transfer will be made from both funds in the amount of \$4,277 into the General Fund.
 - Treasurer Hafner proposes asking the accountants if any of our park renovation expenses can be allocated to water or sewer. Clerk will check.

- **Ionia County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Ionia County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed and approved by both State of Michigan and FEMA. In order to be eligible for its benefits we must pass a resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wigger to adopt Resolution 2025-10-13 Ionia County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **202 East Street Drainage:** Cody met with the home owner. Village agrees to install a leach basin and replace necessary sidewalk beyond driveway and approach pending approach/driveway replacement.
- **Lincoln Street – New Build:** Village Street, Water and Sewer Committees met with the property owners in September. Owners will report back when they have more information regarding the location of the build.
- **Compost Area Cement:** Efforts continue with project coordination.
- **Scrap Metal:** Cody is still waiting to hear back from the scrap metal company regarding dumpster placement.
- **Cameras at Park/Compost:** Tabled until project completion. Council suggest we obtain two bids.
- **Employee Handbook Revisions:** Trustee Heckman presented the committee’s recommendations. Further review and approval will take place at the November meeting.
- **Parking at Trailhead:** DPW will address when time allows.

Final Round Table:

Christie Antes: Christie visited the park and complemented the completed small playground area. However, she had concerns about some raised bolts on the park restroom. Cody will follow up with EPIC.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 November 10, 2025 meeting of Council.