

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dale Winsor, Tanner Roe, Jane Martin, Jacob Wiggers, Christie Antes, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Absent:** Dan Heckman **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 Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council:

- President Zenk and Clerk Wolniakowski attended the October ICEA meeting in Muir. President Zenk shared information regarding a housing development in Muir and complimented Muir on their new playground.
- President Zenk thanked our DPW department, Cody Wood and Damion Baker, for their extensive efforts to address October's boil water advisory. He also recognized Jerrett Loomis and Dan Heckman, Muir DPW, for their guidance and assistance.
- President Zenk added Community Center Rental discussion to New Business.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Martin 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:** EPIC has scheduled project completion, followed by a final walk through for November 18, 2025.
- **Sesquicentennial Park Lighting:** DPW removed old cement lighting bases. Steve Meyers is scheduled to pour new bases this week, followed by installation of the new decorative lighting.
 - Steve Meyers will also pour a cement pad to re-install a piece of Village playground equipment.
- **EGLE Level 2 Assessment:** Completed November 7, 2025.
- **Water and Wastewater Operator Testing:** Cody Wood completed both test the first week of November.
- **Leaf Pick Up:** Will continue through November 21st as needed.
- **Hydrant Flushing:** A recommended reduction in hydrant flushing is thought to have contributed to the bacteria issue in our water system, along with reduced usage and extensive heat in September. Moving forward, DPW plans to return to monthly flushing during the summer months.
- **Lagoon Discharge:** Completed in October, with assistance from Jerrett Loomis of Muir DPW.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Increased Road Funding:** Carl reported that recent increases in State of Michigan fuel and marijuana taxes should impact the funding the Village receives for street maintenance.
- **MIClass Interest Rates:** Declined slightly

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Loan to General from Sewer Lagoon Cleaning Fund for 2025 International Dump Truck Outfitting:**
Treasurer Hafner explained to Council the transfers needed to cover this expense.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve Resolution 2025-11-10 to transfer \$72,000 from Sewer Lagoon Cleaning Fund to General Checking Fund to outfit the new truck. Details provided in said resolution. Monthly payments of \$1,000 will be made to repay the loan. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed.

MOTION APPROVED

- **Employee Handbook Revisions:** Treasurer Hafner completed Wage Committee suggested revisions in regards to Vacation Time and Payback for licensing expenses upon early resignation/termination.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to adopt the changes as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Five votes in favor, none opposed.

- **Master Plan Revisions:** Treasurer Hafner has also compiled and submitted for publication.
- **West Lincoln Street & North Street Projects:** The Village had planned to do these projects if we received Category B Funding. The Village was not awarded these funds. Discussion followed regarding engineering the projects to be shovel ready if funding becomes available or to seek bids on our own.
 - Village will seek bids for Engineering follow Street & Water Committees meeting to determine scope of projects.
- **West Jefferson Street Development Research:** Village is working with ICEA to see if this may be feasible.

- **Possible Grant Opportunities:** Treasurer Hafner & Sandy submitted a grant application to cover the cost of engineering of West Lincoln water main replacement.
- **Community Center Rental:** President Zenk shared that local groups occasionally ask to use the Community Center free of charge. It is his opinion that we avoid this practice, because it could become difficult to decide who we grant this ability to. However, he would like Council to be able to have a voice in this decision. Council supports President Zenk's decision. Community Center rental fees will be charged to all who use it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Compost Area Cement Work and Fill Dirt Status:** There has not been any activity and the party involved has not responded to Cody's attempt to contact him. Council suggests waiting until spring for cement work. Clerk will attempt to reach out.

BLIGHT CONCERNS: President Zenk asked if there were any new issues of concern. Discussion followed. Cody will continue to monitor. President Zenk also invited Council to take note and report any concerns they may have.

Final Round Table:

Cody Wood: Residents have reported an individual going through people's trash cans on Sunday evenings. Clerk reached out to Ionia County Sherriff Department. It is not considered illegal if the trash cans are sitting along the street. However, if the individual were to go onto private property, this would be a greater concern and can be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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 December 8, 2025 meeting of Council.