

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026**

Present: Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jacob Wiggers, Tanner Roe, Jane Martin, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Absent:** Christie Antes **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 Roe to approve meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED**

President Zenk's Comments to Council: None

Review of Regular Meeting Minutes, Account Activity, Payables, and Receivables: Treasurer Hafner added Independent Bank interest payment for Fire Bond to payables.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Wiggers to approve the information with the addition to payables. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Cody Wood

- **Water Tower:** Shortly after midnight on January 24th the SCADA alarm notified Cody of a problem, which was determined to be icing. Cody monitored the pumps during the night and communicated with Dixon. He resolved the problem by flushing of the tower and adding water.
 - **Dixon Tower Maintenance:** Dixon will be doing their scheduled maintenance, along with some repairs and added safety measures recommended by EGLE this spring/summer. Costs are expected to be \$10,600. Water RRI Funds will be used.
- **Lagoon Safety Procedures:** Council questioned Cody on current safety protocol while monitoring the lagoon pumps. Trustee Heckman recommends purchasing an air monitor, as well as relocating pump reads closer to ground level.
- **Smoke Testing of Sewer System:** John Holland of Michigan Rural Water has offered to work with our DPW to complete this valuable testing at a cost not to exceed \$500. Council approves.
- **Fire Hydrant Replacement:** Cody recommends replacing two outdated hydrants this summer. Council approves. Water RRI Funds will be used.
- **Park Restroom Water Damage:** DH Construction has been contracted to assist in this restoration.
- **Equipment Auction Sale:** Proceeds from the sale generated \$14,097.
- **Lawn Mower Purchase:** Cody presented four proposals to Council, stating his recommendation of a 54" Bad Boy mower at a cost of \$11,305.63 with the municipal discount.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the purchase. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **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 Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Use of Equipment Sale Funds:** Carl recommends using \$4,097 of the funds, along with set aside Equipment Replacement funds to purchase the new mower. He proposes applying the remaining \$10,000 to the sewer truck loan.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to approve Treasurer Hafner's recommended use of funds. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Recreation Report: Trustee Martin led Council in a review of the Recreation Committee meeting and recommendations.

- **Park Grand Re-Opening/Dedication:** Brief discussion was held regarding the best time to schedule this event.
- **Trailhead Painting:** Committee requested three bids, with one being returned. Council approved hiring Baker Painting at a cost of \$5,800. Trustee Martin will notify Baker to get this on this schedule.
- **Pickleball Shed:** Committee does not believe Village should fund this.
- **Pavilions:** Picnic tables need addressing; removing damaged ones and refinishing others. Committee also recommends replacing the wind/sun shades.
- **Other:** Decorative stones as barriers, volunteer help as needed, grants/fundraisers.

Committee Meetings/Recommendations for Budget Preparation: Trustee Heckman spoke for Streets/Storm/Sidewalk

- **Sidewalks:** Committee does not recommend any sidewalk work for this budget year.
- **Storm Drains:** North State storm drain installation, cleaning of all storm drains and re-working of drainage on corner of Higham and Jefferson recommended at an estimated cost of \$10,000.
 - **Lincoln Street:** Adding a riser had been on the schedule and needs to be revisited.
 - **North Street:** Replace aged drain
- **Street Estimates:** South Higham: \$25,000, Crack Seal Jefferson: \$1,500, Hot Patch Lincoln & Main \$1,000
- **Road Salt:** \$4,500 for a two-year supply

Personnel Committee: Proposes a 5% wage increase for DPW employees.

Tree Trimming & Planting: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

- **West Lincoln Street, Water Main Replacement & USDA Update:** USDA loans will not be a feasible source of funding for water main replacement, due to the unreasonable impact it would have on water rates. USDA office recommends researching CPF funding in conjunction with a USDA loan.
- **MDOT Street Map:** Tanner Roe, Street Administrator, reviewed and signed.
- **Portland Ambulance Meeting:** Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 in Portland City Hall President Zenk plans to attend. Interested members of Council are encouraged to join him.
- **Special Assessments & Millage Increase:** The Village was contacted by the State of Michigan regarding the state of our General Fund.
 - The Headlee Amendment has been steadily decreasing our millage rate.
 - Rising and projected costs are expected to have a detrimental impact on this already struggling fund.
 - Clerk and Treasurer Hafner presented the results of their research and numerous conversations to Council. Discussion followed. Council approves hiring Michael D. Gresens of Thrun Law Firm to assist the Village as we take the necessary steps to address the General Fund deficits.
- **Reschedule March Meeting:** Treasurer Hafner is unable to attend the regularly scheduled March meeting. Due to the numerous budget items to be discussed at this meeting, **Council will reschedule the meeting from March 9 to March 4 at 6:30.**

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

BLIGHT CONCERNS: No new concerns that require action.

Final Round Table: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Five votes in favor, none opposed, one absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the March 4, 2026 meeting of Council.