

**Village of Pewamo  
Regular & Budget Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2026**

**Present:** Randy Zenk, Dan Heckman, Dale Winsor, Jacob Wiggers (7:00) , Tanner Roe, Jane Martin, Christie Antes, Carl Hafner, Sandy Wolniakowski, Cody Wood **Absent:** None **Guest:** None

**President Zenk began the meeting at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda: Adopt 2026-27 Budget Added to New Business**

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

**President Zenk's Comments to Council:** None

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

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Winsor to approve items presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Five votes in favor, none opposed, Jacob delayed. **MOTION APPROVED**

**DPW Report: Cody Wood**

- **Park Restroom Water Damage Update:** Interior plumbing has been repaired. Service line and cement work remain.
- **New Mower:** The new Bad Boy lawn mower has been delivered.
- **Lagoon Safety Update:** A new confined four gas meter has been ordered. Flow meter monitor relocated from inside the can by RS Technical at no charge.

**Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner**

- **Funds transferred from Pooled Checking to MI Class for better interest earnings.**
- **Approve 2025-26 Budget Amendments:** Treasurer Hafner reviewed the current budget, making suggested amendments. Council was emailed a copy for their review.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to approve budget amendments as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Adopt 2026-27 Budget:** Treasurer Hafner and Clerk drafted a proposed budget based on expected expenditures and committee recommendations. Treasurer Hafner asked if there were any questions or concerns.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Winsor to adopt the 2026-27 budget as presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Martin. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Motion to Approve Water/Sewer Rate Increase for 2026/27 Fiscal Year**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Roe to approve the 4.9% increase in water and sewer rates as recommended by the UFS rate study. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Recreation Report:** Parks committee proposes the Grand Re-Opening of the Park be held in June. They will reach out to the baseball league to get their input.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Portland Ambulance:** President Zenk gave Council a detail report of the annual meeting he attended. Portland Ambulance is proposing a significant per capita rate increase. Village budget cannot support the increase.
- **Adoption of Wage Committee Recommendation:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to approve a 5% increase in DPW hourly wages. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Antes. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Community Project Funding (CPF):** Following USDA recommendation, Clerk Wolniakowski submitted a request to Congressman John Moolenaar's office for CPF to replace Village 1950's watermain. Clerk acquired several letters of support from schools and businesses, as well as USDA, ICEA and Fleis & Vandenbrink. If funding is received the Village would likely source a USDA loan for our match.
- **Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) Annual \$1,000 Support Renewal:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Wiggers to renew annual support of Ionia County Economic Alliance in the amount of \$1,000. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**BLIGHT CONCERNS:** Cody Wood mentioned a property of concern and will report back at the April meeting.

**Final Round Table: NONE**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Six votes in favor, none opposed. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandy Wolniakowski and will be presented for approval at the April 13, 2026 meeting of Council.