

**Village of Pewamo
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026**

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

President Zenk's Comments to Council: President Zenk received notice from Senator Moolenaar that the Village of Pewamo is on a list of candidates for the Funds Appropriation.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Roe to approve items presented. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Trustee Heckman. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

DPW Report: Cody Wood

- **Park Restroom Water Damage Update:** The cement in the park restroom was removed. Due to recent weather, DPW is unable to proceed until the sand/soil dries. After the restroom has been restored, Wilson's will pressure check the system and DH Construction will patch the cement. Steve Meyers will then complete the sidewalk concrete replacement. Two mobile restrooms have been installed temporarily.
- **Lagoon Generator:** Power was lost at the lift station and as a result the pump failed. McAllisters estimated the repair of the generator to cost approximately \$6,000 in labor only.
- **Purchase of a Used Generator:** The Village of Muir has a used generator that the Village of Pewamo may be able to purchase. This generator is 3 years old with an approximate purchase price of \$9,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Winsor to approve the purchase of the used generator from the Village of Muir for approximately \$9,000. **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **Maintenance of Generators:** ESM will be sending a quote for yearly maintenance of all three generators.
- **Water Tower:** Fault Protection System was installed by Dixon Engineering. Every Spring, they will perform yearly inspections. The water tower will be out of service for a period of time during inspections. Village of Pewamo will notify the Pewamo Fire Department and any businesses that will be affected by the water shut off.
- **Water Main Break:** Water main break occurred the weekend of April 5th at Jefferson Street residence. The water break has since then been repaired. DPW has not been able to fill in the driveway due to the recent weather.
- **Lincoln Street Potholes:** DPW will continue to patch potholes on Lincoln Street.
- **Consumer Energy:** Stakes have been placed around the Village of Pewamo by Consumers Energy to mark gas meters. Until notification is received from Consumers Energy, residents are advised that stakes must remain where placed. If stakes are removed, fines may be issued.
- **Pickleball Court:** A lockbox and sign have been placed at the Pickleball courts with suggested donation amounts to use the courts. Nets should be installed the week of April 13th, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hafner

- **Interest rates on MI Class have decreased from 3.78% to 3.74%.**
- **Village of Pewamo yearly audit to be conducted on approximately May 11, 2026.**

Recreation Report: The Park Grand Re-Opening has been scheduled for May 14, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Cody Wood Zoning Administrator:**

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to appoint Cody Wood as Zoning Administrator. **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- **East Street Drainage:** The Village of Pewamo DPW will be contacting the Resident on East Street to discuss options to resolve the water drainage issue.
- **Growing Patch:** The Village of Pewamo was approached by the owner of the Growing Patch LLC for possible usage of the Village's Community Center for a Childcare Summer Camp for the months of June through August. Discussion took place among Council Members.

- **Village Clean-Up Day:** Village Clean-Up is scheduled for April 25, 2026. This will be open to Village residents only. The Village will send out information regarding Clean-Up Day date and time. DPW will also be contacting Portland Iron and Metal to remove scrap metal received during the Village Clean-Up Day. DPW will be requesting additional bids from other contractors for removal of scrap metal.
- **Higham Street Crush and Shape:** The Village of Pewamo received a bid from Ionia County for the crush and shape of Higham Street. Contractor Reith & Riley estimated the cost to be \$21,891.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to approve the bid of \$21,891.00 from Ionia County for the crush and shape of Higham Street. **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Winsor. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Property Taxes and Special Assessment:** Research will continue.
- **Portland Ambulance:** A proposal will be on the ballot in August of 2026. If passed, the Village of Pewamo will have to re-evaluate if continuing with Portland Ambulance services.

Final Round Table: The Ionia County Clerk contacted Mayor Zenk inquiring as to who would be running for re-election for the Village of Pewamo.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Trustee Heckman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Roe. Four votes in favor, none opposed, two absent. **MOTION APPROVED.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jane Martin and will be presented for approval at the May 4, 2026 meeting of Council.