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1. Historic name: Petoskey Public Works Utility Building

2. 106 West Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan

3. Classification:

- a. building
- b. public ownership
- c. occupied
- d. accessible, unrestricted
- e. government

4. Owner: City of Petoskey, Petoskey, Michigan

7. Description: (good condition; altered; original site)

The Petoskey Public Works Utility Building is a two-story concrete Moderne structure which faces south on West Lake Street, just west of Bear River Dam. The metal-framed industrial windows which light the interior are large and multipaned. The rectangular block of the structure is broken by the entrance bay and by a one-story wing to the east, at the rear of the structure. Vertical grooving in the concrete walls are an abstract reference to the fluting of classical piers.

8. Significance: (1900-WWII; government; 1937)

The Petoskey Public Works Utility Building, erected in 1937, is a characteristic example of Moderne design in Petoskey but an exceptional example of public architecture in the mode, making a fitting companion to the West Mitchell Street Bridge, which it faces across Bear River Park to the south. The building is also associated with a long-time commitment by the city to generate electrical power for the community--the plant succeeds a previous facility which served the community here for many years.

The new "modernistic" styling of the 1930s chosen for this important publically-owned utility building clearly inspired the use of concrete and the streamlined or stylized forms that derive from an appreciation for the machine and its products. But the design of such structures as the Petoskey Public Works Utility Building was also inspired by a respect for the historic architecture and traditions of the past. Thus,

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one finds here the fluted piers of the classical past referenced by the vertical, pier-like groovings incised a full two stories into the concrete walls of the structure.

9. Bibliographical References: See Major Bibliographical References.

10. Geographical Data: The property occupies approximately 1/2 acre. Harobr Springs Quadrangle, Michigan, 1:125000. The boundaries of the property coincide with the legal boundaries are, commencing 855.4' west and 671' north of southeast corner of Lot 1 then north to southerly line of the railroad right-of-way, northeasterly along the southside of the right-of-way 205', south 83.9', west 202' to beginning. Includes only the lot on which the building is located.

UTM Reference

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Petoskey MRA
State Emmet County, MICHIGAN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Nyman, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelores Byers 9/10/86

Attest

22. Olin, G.W., House

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National Register

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23. Pennington, Sarah, House

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National Register

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Attest

✓ 24. Petoskey Downtown Historic District

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 11/12/86 +

Attest

50 25. Petoskey Public Works Utility Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Ly L Van 9/10/86

Attest

Patrick Andrews 9/10/86

26. Rehkopf, Phillip, House

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27. Schantz, George, House and Store

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelores Byers 9/10/86

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28. Schapler, Frank, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelores Byers 9/10/86

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29. Seventh Day Adventist Church

Entered in the
National Register

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30. Shafer's Grocery and Residence

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LESS THAN FIFTY
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Petoskey Public Works Utility Building
(Petoskey MRA)
Emmet County
MICHIGAN

Substantive Review

Working No. JUL 31 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/28/86 - 9/4/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-13-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Within the context of the development of Petoskey, the Public Works Utility Bld. is an exceptionally significant example of 1930s Moderne style of architecture - the building reflects the 1930s fascination with machinery through the use of concrete and its detailing (over)

Recom./Criteria accept c
Reviewer Patricia Andrus
Discipline Historia
Date 9/10/86
____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

in clean, crisp lines, the modest stepped-back parapet, and the stylized columns. The building is 49 years old and was a major public building when constructed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Westlake Street Public Work

86002056



106 West Lake Street; Public Works Utility Building

Petoskey, Emmet Co., MI

Wortman, June 1985

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"view from SE"

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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