

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of OCTOBER 9, 2023

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Location: Village Hall

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Jean Ann Rose, Eric Ward, Kayla Schlappi & Mark Givens

Council Absent: Carolina Mallory

Officials/Staff Present: Randy Bricker (Fire Chief), Art Massey (DPW Supervisor) & Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk)

Officials/Staff Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Minutes:

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023 meeting.

Yay 6 Nay 0, Motion carried.

Opening Comments/Agenda Items:

Agenda items were reviewed by Mr. Gillett.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Duane St Amour (Pellston SAR) provided an update regarding search & rescue efforts for missing person, David Moffett. Mr. St Amour stated that formal operations have included over 8.5 days, 18 hours each day, by community volunteers on foot, in their vehicles & ATV's and in partnership with local & state law enforcement, search & rescue personnel, canine & equestrian teams, drones, helicopters and professional SAR teams from elsewhere in Michigan & Indiana (hundreds of volunteers in total). Mr. St Amour stated that Mr. Moffett has not yet been found but that subsequent search events will no longer be formally organized unless a credible lead or clue comes to light.

Mr. Gillett thanked Mr. St Amour for all of his efforts and noted how impressed he and other community members were with the team's professionalism. Mr. Gillett and Mr. Bricker agreed to research the SAR teams lost wages and will report back at the November council meeting.

Mr. Bricker stated that there are free Care Tracker bracelets available for Emmet and Cheboygan county residents at the Fire Hall.

Mr. Gillett reviewed the plow truck bond proposal noting that \$50,000 will come from ARPA Fund (money will be held by Emmet County) and that the Village has to match the \$50,000. Mr. Gillett stated that the bond cost is \$8,500 but that can be rolled into the bond and can be paid via bond funds. Mr. Gillett stated that a ¼ page notice will be published in the *Petoskey News Review* and that if 10% of Village residents object to the bond then an election would be required for approval.

A motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to adopt a resolution for a capital improvement bond in an amount of not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of capital improvements in the Village, including acquiring a plow truck, for a period not exceed 20 years.

Yay – Rose

Yay – Ward
Yay – Gillett
Yay – Hall
Yay – Schlappi
Yay – Givens
Absent – Mallory

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Gillett stated that there will be a community PFAS meeting, presented by EGLE, held on Thursday, November 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm at the Middle/High School.

A motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to allow the Mud Brothers (ATV Group) to stage/park their vehicles and trailers at the ball fields on Saturday, October 14th.

Yay 5, Abstain 1, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Old Business: Mrs. O'Neil stated that MDOT will not permit no Jake Break signs on US-31 but that the Emmet County Road Commission can post them for \$160/per sign on Mill Street. Mr. Massey stated that he will purchase the signs through a different vendor and post them, council was in favor.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Mark Givens to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,353.54.

Yay 6 Nay 0, Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Department: Mr. Bricker stated that here have been over 291 runs to date.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated current issues include chicken permits, porch permit, two new duplexes (4 units total) and industrial park storage.

Museum/Historical Society: Mr. Bricker stated that the museum was opened and cleaned by Cheryl Mallory for the pop-up market and is now closed for the season.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey thanked Willey Construction for hanging the Christmas light in the large trees in Memorial Park. Mr. Massey stated the staff is getting ahead this year with the help of new hire Mr. Parkey. Mr. Massey stated the old truck went to Williams for repairs and that the plow truck is back at Truck & Trailer for additional repairs. Mr. Massey stated that they are getting the barn cleaned out, getting things inside for winter and that he would like to sell some items they will no longer be using. Mr. Massey agreed to contact Mr. Seelye (Pellston Superintendant) regarding repairs needed at the school's concession stand. Mr. Massey stated that he continues to work with Mr. Zulski (North Emmett Little League, President) regarding the planned batting cages at the ball field.

Planning Commission: None

Recreation: None

DDA: None

Beautification: Mr. Gillett stated that he and Mr. Massey will continue to work with Cherry Hill Nursery for next seasons hanging baskets and noted that they plan to purchase 14 baskets at \$60.00 each.

Jane Ann Rose donated \$100 for the tulips to be planted at the “Welcome to Pellston” signs. The council was in favor of spending an additional \$100 to cover the tulip costs and Mrs. Rose and Mrs. O’Neil will plant them before November. Mr. Gillett noted that Mr. Massey had dug out the poor soil at the signs and that he plans to replace it with better dirt/compost.

Website: None

Adjournment:

Motion was made Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schalppi to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O’Neil, Clerk