

January 7, 2025 Pellston DDA Meeting Minutes

Call to order 7:05pm

Attendees: Will, Diane, Larry, Jane,

Public: Memory Massey

Quorum with 4

Agenda

Approved. Diane, second: Jane,

Minutes

Read minutes.

Budget

About \$8,000 expenses in December

Approximately \$143,000 in balance.

Introduction to new Members

The DDA has been in existence for about 20 years and NEMCOG is contracted to create a new TIF Plan for the DDA.

The DDA is subordinate to the Council and the Village Council approves what the DDA does. Generally the council approves of the DDA motions.

Meet every first Tuesday, often skip 4th of July and conflicting holiday weeks.

Some participation on village events including music events, summer picnic, sledding party.

DDA funds fire department, park upgrades, streets and streetlights, and other projects to improve downtown.

DDA is working on a trailhead. The DDA works with the NLEA for community development projects. Project was approved but COVID and rising costs have delayed the project. Portion of DDA funding is reserved for the Trailhead.

TIF is Tax increment financing. As taxes go up, the DDA receives funding from the businesses in the DDA district.

Upcoming responsibility of the DDA will be to help onboard citizens to the new water system.

Mediate council, airport, county, state, federal and other stakeholders for PFAS relief. May need a vote.

Need to educate the community on the solution.

PFAS

There will be a village meeting in the Spring 2025.

Looking at a \$40M loan (forgivable) to provide a water system.

Cost to taxpayers is nothing at the beginning. Will need to pay later.

No new well permits, so eventually will need to provide a water system.

Water system will encourage economic investment.

Google Search: "emmet county airport pfas contamination"

Google Search: "PlumeStop PFAS" for general PFAS geology information

Trailhead

DNR funding still exists for Trailhead restroom.
New DNR leadership is delaying action.
Still in progress.

Web Site

DDA web site is now being updated by the village clerk, Becky.

pellstonmi.com - Village of Pellston

pellstondda.org - Pellston DDA

Bank CD

Balance is about \$143,000.
\$75,000 had been approved for 3 month investment, renewable.
Village has approved.
Plan is to stay with Citizens National Bank of Cheboygan. Keep it local.
Will be finalized soon.

NLEA / NEMCOG TIF Plan

NEMCOG continues with contact. No new information over the holidays.
DDA village meetings and open houses will be held.

New Business

New DDA Members

Council Member Jackie will become part of the DDA. Not yet attending.

Memory Massey in attendance.
Memory is being invited to join.
Motion: Diane, Second: Larry
Approved.

Sledding Party

Date for Sledding Party will be selected in February meeting.
Scheduled February 16 from 1:30 to 4:00.

Next Meeting

Next meeting February 4, 2024
Motion to Adjourn: Diane, Second: Will
Approved: Unanimous
Adjourn at 7:45pm