

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of JANUARY 12, 2026

Location: Village Hall

Time: 7:00pm

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Jackie Pierce, Mark Givens & Jane Ann Rose

Council Absent: Eric Ward

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

Minutes:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Jackie Pierce to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025 meeting as submitted.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

New Business: Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jackie Pierce to authorize James Gillett to sign the Alternative Water Supply Grant Agreement (\$11,778,110) between Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) & the Village of Pellston.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Gillett stated that he had attended the McKinley Township meeting regarding those interested in municipal water on McRae St and Townline Rd and noted the Township needed to do further research before a determination can be made.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Jackie Pierce to approve Amendment A (Infrastructure Expansion) & Amendment B (Housing & Goals) to the Master Plan and the 42-day review period.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the bills for \$150,554.07.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Public Comment: Brandon Mason questioned the timeline completion date for the municipal water system and Mr. Gillett noted 2030. Dr Gillette questioned when the rates would be determined for commercial, residential and irrigation use and Mr. Gillett noted it would be determined after the final commitments for service are made by the residents.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker reviewed a summary report for Fire (398) & EMS (117) runs for a total of 516 for 2025. Mr. Bricker stated that there was some damage to the overhang at the back of the fire hall and that it may be an insurance claim depending on repair costs. Mr. Bricker stated that there would be a retirement ceremony honoring Dennis Sydow (42 years of service) on Sunday, January 26th at 2:00pm in the high school auditorium. Mr. Bricker stated that fire protection fees will be increased by 5% for 2026.

OEO: Mr. Bricker reviewed the issues with Mr. Adams' zoning violations. Motion was made by Jackie Pierce, seconded by Mark Givens to approve a \$200 fine for Mr. Adams to be paid no later than Sunday, February 15th.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Zoning/PC: Mr. Bricker stated that overnight parked cars on the roads continue to be an issue especially in regards to snow plowing. Mr. Gillett stated that the PC reviewed the Master Plan Amendments A & B for the Council to approve.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated there has been a ton of snow with lots of plowing duties. Mr. Massey stated that all of the holiday decorations have been taken down and stored for the year.

DDA: Dr. Gillette noted that the TIF plan expenditure was approved at the last Council meeting and stated the DDA would plan to meet again after that plan is drafted.

Historical: None

Recreation: None

Beautification: None

Website: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mark Givens seconded by Kayla Schalppi to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk