

**Village of Pellston  
Council Minutes November 13, 2022**

President Gillett called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were Gillett, Rose, Givens, Mallory and Ward. Absent was Hall.

M-Rose            S-Mallory

To approve the October 10, 2022 minutes as presented.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0

M-Rose            S-Schlappi

To approve the bills in the amount of \$29,549.17.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0

**Correspondence**

None.

**Public Comment**

John LaTocha does not agree with raises for hourly employees.

**Old Business**

C. Mallory spoke with health dept. re: the use of the former senior center building. They are backlogged, but she would still like to use the building if possible. Discussed shutting the building down to save money.

Trailhead building contractor asked for an additional \$75,000 to build. Village has declined and talking to the second bidder. If that fails, it is recommended we start over and build a more modest building with the funds we have without the Trust Fund grant.

Robbins property funds are officially released to demolition.

**New Business**

M-Rose            S-Schlappi

To appoint Mark Givens to fill the vacant council seat for its two year term.

Aye:    5            Nay:    0            Abstain: 1

Employee Art Massey addressed the council to ask for a raise. It was discussed that, if approved, these increases would not go into effect until the next fiscal year on March 1. President Gillett proposed a \$1.00/hour increase. Councilman Ward proposed \$1.50/hour instead due to inflation.

M-Ward            S-Givens

To increase wages for hourly employees by \$1.50/hour effective March 1, 2023.

Aye:    5            Nay:    0            Abstain: 1

M-Ward            S-Mallory

To adopt resolution to obtain a loan from Citizens National Bank for an additional \$24,000 to complete the purchase of the new first responder vehicle. The loan will be for four years with semi-annual payments.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0

M-Ward            S-Rose

To give the President authority to sign the EGLE grant agreement for the PFAS feasibility study.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0

M-Givens          S-Ward

To give President the authority to sign the contract with OHM for the PFAS feasibility study.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0

**Committee Reports**

**FIRE:** Request for loan approval. See above.

**OEO:** no report.

**MAINTENANCE:** Discussion re: replacement of large plow truck, as current one has frame issues.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Discussed rezoning some of the industrial area due to interest from Habitat. Reviewed swimming pool regulations as presented by Commissioner LaTocha. Andrea Jacobs from Emmet County Housing Authority is investigating ways to assist people in paying for natural gas hookups.

**RECREATION:** Still waiting on bids for bathrooms at Pioneer Park. Randy Bricker has raised money for batting cages at the softball field.

**DDA:** creating their own website.

**BEAUTIFICATION:** Christmas decorations going up.

**HISTORICAL:** Closed until spring.

**WEBSITE:** updated as information is provided.

M-Mallory      S-Ward

To adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Aye:    6            Nay:    0