

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Location: Village Hall

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Jane Ann Rose, Eric Ward, Mark Givens & Carolina Mallory

Council Absent: Steve Hall (Pro Tem President) & Kayla Schlappi

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 Eric Ward to approve the minutes of October 9, 2023 meeting as amended.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried.

Opening Comments/Agenda Items:

Agenda items were reviewed by Mr. Gillett.

New Business:

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Mark Givens for the Clerk to close the library account and issue a return check for \$2,304.51. The funds will no longer be managed by the Village.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Massey stated that he had received a favorable bid from Doyle Roofing for a new membrane roof on the concession stand building. Mr. Massey stated the Building Trades class from Pellston Schools agreed to make and fund the necessary repairs to the inside of the building. Motion was made by Mark Givens, seconded by Eric Ward to approve up to \$4,000 to repair the roof of the concession stand at the varsity baseball fields.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that SAR had received a thank you note from Mrs. Moffitt and that the Sheriff will be reviewing/critiquing the search efforts of the department.

QEO: Mr. Bricker stated that current issues include scooters, 4-wheelers, basketball nets still up and too close to the road for plowing, vehicles parked too close to the road for plowing and multiple residences with furniture out by the road.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated that a driveway permit has been issued for the new duplexes project. Mr. Gillett stated that the Planning Commission discussed the need to revise the current zoning fees and that the Master Plan is still on hold.

Museum/Historical Society: Closed for the season.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that Williams is getting the trucks ready (routine maintenance) for winter. Mr. Massey stated that both the maintenance barn and the Christmas barn have been cleaned out/organized.

Planning Commission: None

Recreation: Mr. Gillett reviewed a request for a Motor City baseball tournament to be held July 17th-21st at the varsity baseball fields. Mr. Gillett stated that the group wants to rent “fully prepared” fields. The council was in favor and Mr. Givens agreed to contact Mr. Zulski to ensure there were no scheduling conflicts with Emmet County Little League.

DDA: Mr. Gillett stated that the DDA discussed the possibility of finding a headhunter to help facilitate a new restaurant in Pellston and that the future budgets will include funds for the Fire Department.

Beautification: Mr. Massey stated that all the Christmas decorations will be up and out by the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Gillett stated that Joe Carter has hand carved a sign for the walking trails. Mr. Massey stated that he will remove the spilt rail fencing around the Veteran’s Memorial area and noted it was originally installed to deter snowmobiles. The council was in favor of reevaluating the need in spring.

Website: Mrs. Mallory stated that she is continuing to update each page of the Village website and she needs verbiage for the walking trails. Mrs. Mallory stated that she is still waiting for information from Dr. Gilette for the DDA website.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jean Ann Rose to pay the bills in the amount of \$97,526.45.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business

Mr. Gillett presented/reviewed the 2024 committee appointments.

Mr. Bricker and Mrs. Mallory will continue to develop an agreement for personal use of the kitchen area in the Training Center.

Public Comment:

Jackie Pillette shared a flyer regarding the Emmet Conservation District Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, December 12th.

Adjournment:

Motion was made Eric Ward, seconded by Mark Givens to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O’Neil, Clerk