

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of DECEMBER 11, 2023

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Location: Village Hall

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

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

Minutes:

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose approve the minutes of November 11, 2023 meeting as amended.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Opening Comments/Agenda Items: Agenda items were reviewed by Mr. Gillett.

New Business:

Mr. Gillett gave big thanks to Art Massey and Roy Parkey for all their efforts with the Christmas lights this year. Mr. Gillett stated that he had received numerous compliments from the community.

Mr. Gillett stated that Linda Socha (Tax Assessor) had contacted him regarding the Fire Training Center and noted that the building must strictly be used for non-profit matters for it to remain tax exempt.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to award a holiday bonus of \$1,000 (\$250 each) to Randy Bricker (Fire Chief), Art Massey (DPW Supervisor), Roy Parkey (DPW) & Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk).

Yay 6, 1 Abstained, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills of \$61,216.49.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett requested that the Clerk transfer \$5,200 from DDA funds to Fire Department funds.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that there have been 373 runs to date and that Santa will be at the Fire Hall on Thursday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00pm. Mr. Bricker stated that there was a public meeting held at the high school critiquing the search & rescue operations for Mr. Moffit.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that current issues include basketball nets, residences with furniture by the road, car parking on sidewalk, vandalism on Poplar Street and Christmas trees in Memorial Park knocked down.

Zoning: None

Planning Commission: Mr. Gillett stated that a new staff person from NWMCOG has been assigned to Pellston and she will be updating the Master Plan and that Andrea Jacobs from Housing North is great to work with.

Museum/Historical Society: None

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that Doyle Roofing had installed the new roof on the high school concession stand at the baseball field and noted that the school Building Trades class will be doing all the interior work and funding the remainder of the project as well.

Planning Commission: None

Recreation: Mrs. Schlappi stated that she was notified that Harbor Springs was getting rid of its skate park ramps and that the Village may be interested in acquiring them. After discussing the Council was not in favor of acquiring the skate park ramps as they have no place for them.

Discussion of possible community sledding party in February.

DDA: Mr. Gillett stated the Village may be better off with an Economic Development Commission (EDC) than a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Beautification: Mr. Gillett stated that the town looks great with all the Christmas lights and that he had bought new garland and LED lights for all 48 light posts.

Website: None

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett reviewed a holiday card/thank you note from Emmet County Little League/Pellston High School Baseball/Matt Zulski.

Old Business: Mr. Gillett stated that the PFAS public meeting held at the school was poorly attended. Mr. Gillett stated that OHM (10:00am) and EGLE (4:00pm) both have team meetings regarding updates on the PFAS matter on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month and would like the Clerk and other council members to attend if possible. Mr. Gillett stated that the preliminary conclusion for the best solution is for Pellston to have a municipal water system but noted nothing is official at this point.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion was made Mark Givens, seconded by Eric Ward to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk