

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of DECEMBER 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Location:** Village Hall

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

**Council Absent:** Kayla Schlappi & 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 Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the minutes of November 11, 2024 meeting as submitted.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

**New Business:**

Subscribed and sworn to Oath of Office by the Clerk were Jim Gillett (President), Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer), Jane Ann Rose, Mark Givens, Eric Ward & Jackie Pierce.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to re-appoint Steve Hall to the Council, due to Carolina Mallory's resignation.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried

Subscribed and sworn to Oath of Office by the Clerk was Steve Hall.

Pam Rybinski reviewed a meat raffle from the Fire Department. A resolution was adopted by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward that the request from the Pellston Fire Fighters Association be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses be approved.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mark Givens, seconded by Steve Hall to approve a \$250 holiday bonus to each employee; Randy Bricker, Art Massey, Roy Parkey and Rebecca O'Neil.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

**Bills for Approval:**

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the bills of \$58,735.08

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Bricker requested that the monthly deposits be presented along with the payables.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire:** Mr. Bricker stated that the First Responders have had 350 runs to date and that the Fire Department has had 50, noting the record level. Mr. Bricker stated that the roof repairs to the fire hall have been completed and that the inside repairs/mold remediation is still in progress. Mr. Bricker stated that he

and Pam Rybinski continue to work on grants and noted that a recent grant from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation have allowed them to purchase a gas detector with thermal imaging.

OEO: Mr. Bricker that the biggest issue this time of year is keeping cars off the road for the snow plows.

Planning/Zoning: None

Recreation: None

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that they have been busy snow plowing and fixing/repairing vehicles and equipment.

DDA: Motion was made by Mark Givens, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the DDA's request to deposit \$75,000 into a CD for three months and approve Jim Gillett (President), Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer) and Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk) as signees.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Historical: None

Beautification: None

Website: Mrs. O'Neil stated that she has made numerous updates to the website and will continue as information comes in and noted that the DDA website has now been canceled.

Old Business: None

Correspondence: Holiday Cards

Public Comments: Mr. Gillett stated that a fire fighter has requested documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and that the request/issue has been submitted to the Village attorney.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mark Givens, seconded by Jean Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk