

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 9, 2026**

**Location:** Village Hall

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Council Present:** Jim Gillett (President), Eric Ward, Jackie Pierce & Jane Ann Rose

**Council Absent:** Mark Givens, Kayla Schlappi & Steve Hall (Pro Tem President)

**Officials/Staff Present:** Randy Bricker (Fire Chief), Art Massey (DPW Supervisor) & Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk – Via Telephone)

**Official Absent:** Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the minutes of February 8, 2026, meeting as submitted.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried.

**New Business:** Mr. Gillett stated that there will be an in-person meeting with McKinley Township on April 13th regarding residents outside Village limits wanting to hook-up to the municipal water system.

Mr. Gillett stated that he had met with school superintendent, Stephen Seelye regarding the Village purchasing (money in grant) the 8.2 acres where the three municipal wells will be located.

Steve Warren from OHM reviewed a draft ordinance and water service line acknowledgement & well abandonment agreement (will be mailed to all property owners) with the Council. Mr. Gillett noted that the ordinance will require two public readings & a notice published in the Petoskey News Review. Mr. Warren stated that two public meetings will be held (dates tbd) regarding the water line agreement/well abandonment. Mr. Warren stated that he has requested that the Village attorney provide a legal opinion on the master deed for Timber Pines Association regarding the private association being able to hook-up to the municipal system.

**Bills for Approval:** Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the bills of \$498,761.48  
Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire:** Mr. Bricker stated that there have been 105 fire/EMS runs to date.

**OEO:** Mr. Bricker stated that the Village attorney has not heard back from Mr. Adams regarding the zoning violations/fines and noted that the matter will most likely end up in court.

**Zoning/PC:** Mr. Bricker stated he had received an inquiry for storage sheds on the US 31 commercial property and that the PC was not in favor. Mr. Gillett reviewed a property abandonment & easement issue that was never recorded by Emmet County that involves Warren Fosmore and Pellston Schools. Mr. Gillett stated that the PC is awaiting a request from the owner of the Zipf property (aprox 53 acres) converting from industrial to residential and noted it will require a public hearing along with Council approval.

**DDA:** Mr. Gillett stated that the DDA is now under reorganization with new involvement and it is awaiting a new TIF plan.

**Maintenance:** Mr. Massey stated that another volunteer tree planting of 20 trees in conjunction with ReLeaf & the DNR will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am-12:00pm. Mr. Massey expressed continued frustration with vehicles parked in roads and garbage cans left out after pick-ups.

**Recreation:** Motion was made by Jackie Pierce, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to deny the request from the travel ball team requesting use of the Village fields/facilities.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Jackie Peirce to permit the Mud Brothers of the North to use Pioneer Park as their staging area on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Historical: None

Beautification: None

Website: None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Jackie Pierce seconded by Eric Ward to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk*