

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of APRIL 13, 2026

Location: Village Hall

Time: 7:00pm

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

Council Absent: Jackie Pierce

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

Official Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Minutes: Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the minutes of March 9, 2026 meeting as submitted.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

New Business:

Mary Ocko reviewed summer plans for museum activities including a kids tie die shirt event on Wednesday, June 10th and an Elvis tribute concert on Friday, June 12th at 6:00pm. Mrs. Ocko would also like to try to coordinate an evening historical walking tour through Pellston & a Saturday morning bike ride on the trailway. Discussion took place regarding planning the annual summer picnic as well with live entertainment.

Mr. Gillett opened the public reading hearing at 7:10pm regarding Ordinance #60 – Municipal Water System. Amy Hessel questioned the survey results of the interest cards, monthly water rates, who will operate the system & treat the water, list of approved contractors and the policy regarding nonpayment of water bills as well ability to access owners' property. Joel Hessel noted that some residents had not received the interest survey card as well as the new water service line & well abandonment agreement. Rex Goddard questioned whether well repairs could be made or if it would be required to then hook up to the municipal system. Gina Parkey questioned rates on irrigation. Cheri Basseur questioned what happens if her well is on another property (easement) . Mr. Gillett closed the public reading hearing at 7:41pm.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adopt a resolution approving the MDOT contract for paving parts of Mill St & Edgar Blvd with the estimated project total of \$290,650 with TED funds of \$145,325 and the Village's share of \$145,325 and authorizing president, James Gillett to sign the contract.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Eric Ward to adopt a resolution approving the Master Plan amendments as requested by the Planning Commission.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adopt a resolution authorizing Steven Hall, President Pro Tem to execute contracts, documents and other instruments in the absence or incapacity of President, James Gillett.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to approve a flyer that will be inserted with the summer taxes, Clerk to provide final draft at May meeting.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to purchase 42 banners at \$80 per piece that will be displayed on the downtown light posts and will be paid via DDA funds.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the re-abandonment & easement issue on Emerson St (no longer exists) that was never recorded by Emmet County that involves Warren Fosmore and Pellston Schools. Mr. Gillett stated that the Village attorney will draft the appropriate paperwork.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adopt Ordinance #60 Municipal Water System.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Gillett noted that the tall pine trees on Edgar Blvd would most likely need to be removed during the construction of the municipal water system and stated that further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the bills for \$445,035.12

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that Jeff Mallory has been appointed to Assistant Fire Chief and that Ken Sydow has been appointed to Deputy Fire Chief and noted that he would be next in line to take over as Fire Chief. Mr. Bricker stated that Mike White has been reappointed as a Captain and that all job descriptions are being updated. Mr. Bricker stated that in 2026 EMS rates for all townships in the service area have increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and expressed frustration with the Mckinley Township Board that voted unanimously to only pay the \$3,000. Mr. Bricker stated that the Fire/Ems Department plans to attend their next meeting and express concerns regarding the lack of full payment. The Council voted in favor of Mr. Bricker's plan to attend their meeting.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that several residences have a lot of work to do as the snow melts and noted lots of garbage, junk, debris and cars that will need to be removed.

Zoning/PC: Mr. Bricker stated that zoning reviewed a pre site plan review with Peter Molosky who is interested in building pole barn structure for a boat restoration company that would include inside storage on the US 31 commercial property that is for sale.

Mr. Gillett stated that the PC held the first public reading/hearing regarding Water Ordinance #60 – Municipal Water System at its meeting on April 6th and approved the Master Plan amendments.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated the tree planting with ReLeaf and the DNR has been moved to Friday, June 5th at 8:45am.

Recreation: Mr. Givens stated that little league will start on May 4th with opening weekend on May 12th.

DDA: Dr. Gillette stated that a couple of new committee members have joined the DDA and that when the final TIF plan is completed in 2026 it will be submitted to the council for approval.

Beautification: None

Website: Mr. O'Neil stated that the site has been updated with the service line agreement form & meeting dates as well as the water ordinance.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mark Givens seconded by Kayla Schalppi to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk*