

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of MAY 12, 2025**

Location: Village Hall

Time: 7:00pm

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

Council Absent: Jackie Pierce (left meeting at 8:06pm)

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

Official Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Mr. Gillett called the Truth in Taxation hearing to order at 6:45pm. No public comment and hearing ended at 7:00pm. Regular Council meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025, meeting as presented.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

New Business: Steve Warren from OHM presented a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Planning Document/Public Meeting that included the need for projects, alternatives, construction schedule, costs, social & environmental impacts and mitigation & project benefits. The question-and-answer session closed at 8:27pm.

A motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Eric Ward to adopt a resolution that the Village of Pellston formally adopts said FY2026 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Planning Document and agrees to implement the selected alternative of implementation of a public water system with Village well source, treatment, transmission, distribution & storage and that James Gillett, president is designated as the authorized representative for such activities.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adopt a resolution that the Village is dedicated to milling and paving Edgar Blvd along with any other necessary work and hereby authorizes a grant application for the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program in the amount of \$70,650 with a match of 50% up to \$35,325 for the 2026 calendar year and that James Gillett is authorized to act as agent on behalf of the Village. Be it further resolved that the Village of Pellston commits to owning, operating, funding & implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Eric Ward to adopt a resolution that the Village is dedicated to crushing, shaping and paving from the corner of US-31 and Mill Street to Townline Road along with any other necessary work and hereby authorizes a grant application for the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program in the amount of \$220,000 with a match of 50% up to \$110,000 for the 2026 calendar year and that James Gillett is authorized to act as agent on behalf of the Village. Be it further resolved that the Village of Pellston commits to owning, operating, funding & implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to engage Shaynee Fanara as the new Village attorney at the rate of \$200 per hour.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall that the council pass a fire protection ordinance according to MCL 41.806a effective for all of 2025 and forward.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the 2025 tax rate request at the 8.8432 millage rate.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

The Council was in favor of a community picnic and that Jim Gillett, Kayla Schlappi, Jane Ann Rose & Eric Ward will collaborate on a date/entertainment.

Mr. Gillett reviewed the spreadsheet of various costs incurred from the ice storm by the Village and the Fire Department that has been submitted to FEMA/State for possible reimbursement. Mr. Gillett thanked Pam Rybinski and Becky O'Neil for their efforts in coordinating the reports/paperwork with such a short deadline.

Bills for Approval: Motion by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the bills for \$67,985.73

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that the FD was extremely busy during the ice storm. Mr. Bricker stated that Ms. Fanara has been working on billing Consumers Energy for the fire runs incurred by downed power lines. Mr. Bricker stated that the Fire Department will be awarding 11 different scholarships for \$2,000 each the Pellston Schools awards night on Thursday, May 15th.

OEQ: Mr. Bricker stated that there is lots of storm debris that still needs to be removed by residents. Mr. Bricker stated that there are several residents with large trash piles and that warnings/violations will be issued.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated that three permits have been issued.

Planning Commission: None

Historical: Mr. Bricker stated that he will discuss with Mary Ocko to determine the schedule but would like it to be open Memorial weekend.

Maintenance: Mr. Gillett thanked Mr. Massey and Mr. Parkey for all of their efforts regarding the storm debris clean up.

Recreation: Mr. Gillett stated that the DNR has given its blessing to now send the Trail Head project out for bids. Mr. Givens thanked the council for its donations to North Emmet Little League and noted the tournaments have been split to Memorial weekend and Father's Day weekend. Mr. Gillett stated that the Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at Memorial Park on Monday, May 26th at 12:00 noon.

DDA: None

Beautification: Mr. Massey stated that the hanging baskets will be picked up from Cherry Hill Nursery on May 27th or 28th.

Website: None

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett reviewed a correspondence from the attorney of the Timber Pines subdivision (PUD) regarding storm debris pick-up and noted that matter has been forwarded to the Village attorney.

Public Comment: Diane Kowalski-Smith thanked the Council, OHM & EGLE for all their efforts regarding the potential municipal water system.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Steve Hall seconded by Mark Givens to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk