

**Village of Pellston  
Council Minutes June 15, 2021**

President Gillett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Present were Gillett, Minzey, Schlappi, Hall, Rose, Mallory, and Ward.

M-Rose            S-Hall

To approve the May 10, 2021 minutes as presented.

Aye:    7            Nay:    0

M-Minzey        S-Ward

To approve the bills in the amount of \$23,912.27

Aye:    7            Nay:    0

**Correspondence**

Letter from Mackinaw Public Library with updated contract.

Letter from Friendship Center regarding vacating their Pellston location.

**Public Comment**

Comments received regarding paving what is now a gravel road and complaints regarding big truck traffic and dirt bikes.

**Old Business**

Discussion re: purchase of lot next door to the Village Hall. It was understood the Owner would sell it to the Village for \$20,000. PHSACF donated \$10,000 toward the purchase. Seller now wants an additional \$4,000 which the Village has refused. Waiting to hear back.

**New Business**

Doug Craven, Planning Commission Chair, presented to council regarding the lack of utilities, e.g. WiFi, natural gas, in some parts within the Village limits, specifically homes on Maple. Doug has done extensive research on funding for extending service. Lisa will get Doug the Village's support letter for Charter's application last year re: extending WiFi. Doug recommended the Village petition Emmet County for some funds for the extension as they received @ \$6 million in federal funds.

MDOT has completed their speed tests and approved the proposed radar signs on the east, west, north and south borders of the Village. The Village needs to file a permit with MDOT to install. Still waiting for Par Plan and AAA grant applications to assist with funding.

Clerk updated council on trailhead progress. Bid amendments are out and we are waiting on the architect to provide us with the update on that status.

Councilman Ward raised a concern about bathrooms at Pioneer Park, where the sinks are not usable due to high PFAS levels. This led to the discussion regarding the PFAS contamination in the Village, for which the potentials solutions with take time and significant investment. We have been informed by the health department that bottled water distribution will end July 31 due to the installation of point of use filters by the health department in the affected homes.

Based on public comment regarding speeding truck traffic and dirt bikes in the Village, President Gillett indicated he would draft another letter to Emmet County requesting increased police presence in the Village for traffic control.

M-Minzey S-Mallory

To approve lot split on Park for Cassandra Dangler per planning commission's recommendation.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

M-Ward S-Minzey

To table purchase of adjacent property to Village Hall as current owner wants an additional \$4000.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

M-Schlappi S-Ward

To approve library contract as presented.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

M-Rose S-Schlappi

To approve Resolution Authorizing Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements to maintain the Village's compliance with Act 51.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

M-Minzey S-Rose

To approve the Drost contract as presented for work at the ball fields in the amount of \$742.14.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

### **Committee Reports**

**FIRE:** Responded to car fire in Village. Issues with purchased Cascade system, which isn't working. Waiting to hear about repairs.

**OEO:** Issues with unkempt properties. Will consult with attorney for draft letter.

**MAINTENANCE:** Dump truck getting repaired.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Application for lot split at Park St by abandoned alley. Planning commission recommends council approve the split. All appropriate documentation has been submitted.

**RECREATION:** A free community picnic and concert by the Petoskey Steel Drum band is scheduled for July 1.

**DDA:** Donated \$700 for the community picnic.

**BEAUTIFICATION:** Plans for library garden will be ready in a couple of weeks. Flower pots are done and mural is completed.

**HISTORICAL:** Museum will try to be open July 1.

**WEBSITE:** no report

M-Minzey S-Ward

To adjourn at 9:02 pm

Aye: 7 Nay: 0