

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 10, 2023**

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Location: Village Hall

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Jean Ann Rose, Kayla Schlappi & Carolina Mallory

Council Absent: Eric Ward and Mark Givens

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

Officials/Staff Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Minutes:

Motion was made by Jean Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the minutes of June 10, 2023 meeting.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Opening Comments/Agenda Items:

Mr. Gillett thanked Mr. Bricker for the use of his property and all other volunteers for their efforts for the Community Picnic held on Tuesday, June 27th.

Mr. Gillett stated that he received a rough estimate from Western Star for \$270,000 regarding a new plow truck and that they will hold a team meeting to assist with the application process.

Mr. Gillett stated that the \$50,000 ARPA grant was approved by Emmet County and that it will need to be signed and delivered by July 20th.

Pellston Pop Up Market:

Mary Ocko (Village Resident) proposed a Pellston Pop Up Market in August and September and stated that she would be the market point of contact. Mrs. Ocko noted the vendors will be local and required to sell quality products.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve holding Pop Up Markets on Friday, August 18th and Friday September 15th from 3:00-6:00pm in Memorial Park.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

North Emmet Little League Proposal:

Matt Zulski (North Emmett Little League, President) stated that they were \$8,000 short for the proposed batting cages. Mr. Zulski stated that the Biardi Foundation agreed to pay \$4,000 contingent upon North Emmet Little League contributing \$2,000 and the Village

contributing \$2,000 for the batting cages. Mr. Zulski proposed the new cages go near the pickleball/basketball courts. Mr. Hessel noted that there is no longer electrical service in that area and that he will coordinate the hook-up with an electrician.

Motion was made by Jean Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schalppi to donate \$2,000 to North Emmet Little League for the purchase of batting cages for Pioneer Park.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Bills for Approval:

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Steve Hall to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$21,731.09.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports:

Fire Department:

Mr. Bricker stated that there were 187 runs, 144 were EMS and 47 were Fire Department and noted that they were up from last year.

Mr. Bricker stated that both trucks 4101 and 4102 failed inspections due to poor tires. Mr. Bricker stated that each truck requires six tires to be replaced and would like to repair one this year and one in 2024.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Carolina Mallory to purchase new tires for one truck in the amount of \$4,013.96 pending the money is available from the Fire Fund.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Mr. Bricker stated that a new furnace will be required to be purchased this fall as the other one no longer works.

Mr. Hall noted that there are no American flags at the Fire Hall or the Fire Training Center and Mr. Bricker agreed to purchase and have them displayed.

OEO:

Mr. Bricker stated that there are two residents that will need to be contacted by the Evashevski office (Village attorney). Mr. Gillett requested that Mr. Bricker be sure to enforce all ordinances.

Maintenance:

Mr. Hessel stated that he has received the new tractor.

Zoning:

Mr. Bricker stated that he has had requests for fences and gardens and also noted that that the pallots in Industrial Drive have been removed.

Planning Commission:

Mr. Gillett stated that the Planning Commission will meet after the Council meeting this month.

Recreation:

Mr. Gillett stated that the Boys Junior Little League sectional will be held at Pioneer Park this weekend and that Pellston Alumni baseball game is scheduled for August.

DDA:

None

Beautification:

None

Historical Society:

Mr. Bricker stated that the Museum is open for the season and that Brooke Croff continues to work the hours of operation.

Website:

Mrs. Mallory agreed to continue with any website updates/changes.

Old Business:

Motion made by Jean Ann Rose, seconded by Carolina Mallory to appoint Rebecca O'Neil (Becky) as Clerk and add to payroll, \$1,000 monthly; pay effective August 1, 2023.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Mr. Gillettt stated that he will be ordering the Christmas lights.

New Business:

Motion made by made by Carolina Mallory, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the purchase of a laptop up to \$1,000 for the Clerk's use.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Motion made by Steve Hall, seconded by Carolina Mallory to approve the Insurance Renewal with Municipal Underwriters of West Michigan for the amount of \$26,400. Mr. Gillett noted the price increase.

Motion was made by Jean Ann Rose, seconded by Steve Hall to approve a \$50 monthly cell phone stipend to the Clerk.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Mrs. Mallory noted stated that she has received a stop work order for her license to cook at the Fire Training center due to PFAS. Mrs. Mallory stated that they are requesting additional testing for \$330 and noted that the paperwork should not be in her name. Mr. Bricker agreed to pursue the matter and report back.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Jean Ann Rose, seconded by Carolina Mallory to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk