

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of JULY 14, 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 & 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 Mark Givens, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025 meeting as presented.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the 2025-2026 insurance package renewal for \$39,317.00.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the bid from O'Neil Builders, LLC for \$256,564.15 for the Trailhead Pavilion project.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the merging of lots 4 & 5 and 5 & 6 (three lots now merged to two) now known as lots 4 and 6 as requested by Jeremy Gabel.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to approve installation of two hand dryers in the restrooms at Pioneer Park for \$2,300 (includes new panel work) by Wayne's Electric.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to purchase a Vector Utility Vehicle from Home Depot for a cost of less than \$6,900 for DPW Department.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Gillett welcomed/introduced new Village attorney Shaynee Fanara. Ms. Fanara has been working with the fire department on cost recovery from power companies for firefighters and vehicles used during the ice storm and has been able to seek reimbursement from Consumers Energy for \$49,500 to date (noting her 25% fee).

Mr. Gillett stated that Mr. Massey has been seeking bids for the Hall roof and noted they range from \$88,000 to \$32,000. Mr. Gillett stated that he is waiting on an additional bid from a local roofer.

Bills for Approval: Motion by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the bills for \$74,452.87

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker noted the tragic father/son drowning in Burt Lake and stated that in conjunction with Pellston Schools and Petoskey Swim that potential swimming lessons will be offered this fall.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that he is working with Emmet County seeking addresses to send violations to vacant property owners.

Zoning/PC: Mr. Gillett stated that the PC has been discussing re-zoning the 50 acres off Zipf St from residential vs. industrial and noted the pending agreement with the owner and a potential solar farm. Mr. Gillett stated that they will continue to evaluate ways to deny permits for solar farms in conjunction with Village attorney recommendations.

Historical: None

Maintenance: None

Recreation: None

DDA: Mrs. Pierce reviewed the recent DDA discussions that included suggested billboard advertisement off of I-75 and extended hours for the museum. Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the DDA and its lack of strategies to reverse economic decline in Pellston. Mr. Gillett agreed to review the matter with DDA Chairman, Dr Will Gillette.

Beautification: None

Website: Mrs. O'Neil stated she would like to include more recreation photos/info on the website for pickleball, Pioneer Park and basketball amenities.

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett reviewed a letter of apology from the young boy who pulled flowers out in front of the Village Hall. Mr. Massey reviewed an email regarding a damaged pickleball net on the tennis court that has now been replaced with an old tennis net.

Public Comment: Rita Gillman requested council approval to hold a Farmers Market August, 29 -31. The Council was in favor of the market on private property or Pioneer Park and pending transient vendor permit.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mark Givens seconded by Kayla Schlappi to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk