

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of August 14, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Location: Village Hall

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

Council Absent: Eric Ward

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

Officials/Staff Absent: Brenda Blakemore (Treasurer)

Minutes:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 meeting as submitted.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried

Public Comments: Kim Rae expressed concerns regarding locations and quantities of stop signs in the Village. Mr. Gillett requested that Mr. Massey review the matter and add additional signage if needed.

Eric Heimforth expressed concerns regarding lack of sidewalks near the school and dirt bikes/motor bikes being ridden in the Village. Mr. Gillett stated that Mr. Massey is in the process of determining where sidewalk funds will be spent this year. The Council agreed that the dirt bikes/motor bikes matter should be directed to the Emmet County Sheriff as the Village does not enforce traffic violations.

Jim & Julie Bolter expressed concerns regarding the PFAS matter including current surveying/boring samples and long term costs associated with a municipal water system. Mr. Gillett noted that the Village is relying on OHM and EGLE as the experts in determining the most feasible way to address/fix the PFAS matter. Mr. Gillett stated that the Health Department is responsible for communication updates and that another community Tall Hall meeting will be scheduled for later this fall. Discussion on a possible newsletter to update the community on the PFAS progress.

New Business:

Mr. Gillett stated that the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit report from Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC was submitted/distributed and that he was pleased with the standard results.

Motion was made by Carolina Mallory, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the irrigation costs from Davis Irrigation at Memorial Park for \$21,000 (\$15,000 from DDA & \$6,000 from general fund).

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett reviewed the State requirements of ACT 51 in regards to spending dollars on sidewalks/non-motorized. Mr. Gillett and Mr. Massey will evaluate the various sidewalk areas and obtain estimates.

Motion was made by Carolina Mallory, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to renew the Mackinaw Area Public Library annual contract for \$2,852.73.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett stated that the soonest that we can receive the plow truck after it gets fully outfitted would be March of 2025. Mr. Gillett reviewed the various costs/funding; \$140,000 Truck, \$133,000 Outfitting, \$50,000 will come from county ARPA funds, match from local & major street funds, \$10,000 from DDA and noted that \$173,000 plus \$8,000 in bond fees will be financed.

Motion by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Steve Hall to finance the plow truck for 15 years (approximate costs \$12,000 annually).

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett stated the school board has approved two well testing sites on its property off Robinson Road and that no contracts are needed as this time due to testing only.

Bills for Approval:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills of \$109,537.96.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker reviewed incident summaries from January 1st – June 30th for fire department/EMS runs.

OEO: The Council requested a copy of the recent citation letter/form that is being issued to violators as well as address locations. Mr. Hall requested that the Family Dollar semi-truck park in a different location so it doesn't run idle all night in the Village.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated the he has issued three fence permits along with one building permit.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the split of #3 of plat of Bogardus, 2nd addition, block #34, section T37N R4W, parcel #24-44-10-34-307-117 request by Mike English (50 feet x 160 feet/ leaves four lots).

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Planning Commission: Mr. Gillett stated that the PC is working on revising the Master Plan and that NEMCOG will be rewriting the TIFF plan for the DDA.

Maintenance:

Mr. Massey stated that Pioneer Park has had a lot of usage this summer (donations accepted). Mr. Massey stated that the North Emmett Little League tasks have been mostly completed and noted that Mark Givens is the new President. Mr. Massey stated that the museum painting has been completed.

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Carolina Mallory to approve \$3,200 (\$1,600 from general fund/\$1,600 from Pellston Schools) for fence repairs at the ball fields by Harbor Fence Company.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Recreation: Mr. Gillett stated that the DALMC Bicycle tour will include 450+ riders in Pellston on Sunday, September 1st. The Council agreed to allow Patrick Holt/Travel Ball Team to use the ball field each Sunday for \$100/week for six weeks provided that they have their own liability insurance.

DDA: None

Historical: None

Beautification: None

Website: None

Old Business: Mr. Bricker requested that the Treasurer include deposits on the monthly report.

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

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk