

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Carolina Mallory & Eric Ward

Council Absent: Kayla Schlappi & 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 Steve Hall, seconded by Carolina Mallory to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023 meeting as amended

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried.

Opening Comments/Agenda Items:

Agenda items reviewed by Mr. Gillett.

Bills for Approval:

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Jean Ann Rose to pay the bills in the amount of \$205,733.94.

Yay 5 Nay 0, Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gillett stated that a notification/flyer was sent regarding free well testing (not PFAS) in Michigan. Information will be added to The Village website.

Committee Reports:

Fire Department:

Mr. Bricker stated that he has received two different quotes for a new furnace at the Fire Hall and that he will be asking the DDA to fund the expense.

Mr. Bricker reviewed a Fire Department summary with the Council noting over 260 runs and the quick response times for Fire/EMS from dispatch to enroute. Mr. Bricker stated that there will be an open house held at the new Training Center for local Fire Chiefs/Officials.

OEO:

Mr. Bricker stated that current ordinance issues include chicken permits (location based), porches, sheds and the potential of a major construction project in the industrial park.

Museum/Historical Society:

Mr. Bricker stated that a Pellston Historical Society Museum Review was submitted for council evaluation by Brooke Croff. Discussion took place regarding missing items and re-establishing a Historical Society Committee.

Maintenance:

Mr. Hessel stated that the dump truck repairs will be completed soon and that the staff will be preparing for fall/winter tasks.

Mr. Gillett stated that Tim Timmer from Citizens National Bank has strongly recommended obtaining a bond vs. financing for the new plow truck.

Planning Commission: Mr. Gillett stated that the PC will be moving forward with the redevelopment of Community Best Practices and that they are excited to be working with Andrea Jacobs from Housing North.

Recreation: None

DDA: Mr. Gillett stated that Mary Ocko (Village resident/volunteer) is again coordinating the second Pellston Pop-Up Market on Friday, September 15th and that the DDA has approved her request to rent/fund a bounce-house with a possible purchase for future use.

Mr. Gillett stated that Dr. Will Gillette continues to work on the TIFF plan.

Beautification: Mr. Gillett stated that he is working with Cherry Hill Nursery in Boyne Falls regarding the hanging flower baskets for next season.

Website: Mrs. Mallory will continue to update as items are sent to her.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. Gillett stated that Mr. Hessel will remain on staff on a part-time basis and as a trainer/advisor until December 31, 2023. Mr. Gillett stated after the hiring/review process he is recommending that the Council approve the promotion of Art Massey and the Hiring of Roy Parkey.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Carolina Mallory to approve Art Massey as DPW Supervisor with a pay increase to \$24/hour and to hire Roy "Jr." Parkey as new DPW staff with starting pay of \$20/hour, both effective Monday, October 2nd.

Yay 5, 1 Abstain, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Village resident Ken Coy suggested the Council consider road signs from the Department of Transportation banning no Jake Breaks in the Village limits. The Clerk agreed to follow up on the matter.

Adjournment:

Motion was made Eric Ward, seconded by Jean Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk