VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Location: Village Hall
Time: 7:00pm
Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Kayla Schlappi Jackie Pierce, Eric Ward & Jane Ann Rose
Council Absent: Mark Givens
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 Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Jackie Oierce to approve the minutes of August 11, 2025, meeting as presented.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

New Business:
Mr. Gillett stated that a tree planting event has been scheduled for Friday, September 19th from 8:45am-12:00 noon. Mr. Gillett stated that 20 trees have been donated from DTE because of the ice storm. Mr. Gillette noted that Jackie Pillette is coordinating the volunteers and that Mr. Massey is coordinating the tree locations and equipment needs.

Mr. Gillett stated that he, Mr. Bricker, Mr. Massey and Mrs. O'Neil had met with various FEMA staff as well as the State Public Assistance Officer/Disaster Recovery Unit Manager to review estimated recovery costs for the Village due to the ice storm. Mr. Gillett noted that Matt Blyth (Emmet County Emergency Management) had not notified the Village of the FEMA deadlines or requirements several times. Mr. Gillet stated that FEMA is providing a 75%/25% reimbursement grant for costs incurred and noted the short deadlines and additional reporting responsibilities required of Mrs. O'Neil.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Jackie Pierce to award Rebecca O'Neil (Clerk) a $2,000 bonus (50% from general fund & 50% from fire fund) for her additional workload for FEMA coordinating/reporting.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr. Massey reviewed a letter from Blarney Castle and noted that the Village would no longer be using their services due to running out of fuel several times on the auto-refill plan. Mr. Massey stated that he would switch services to Alpine Propane for propane and Johnson Propane for diesel fuel.

Motion was made by Jackie Pierce, seconded by Eric Ward to approve $3,344.01 for 2025/2026 fiscal year library support.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Motion was made Eric Ward, seconded by Jane Ann Rose to approve the lot split of parcel 44-10-34-200-013 on Zipf St. as requested by Rob Thomas.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills for $146,658.72

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

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Committee Reports:
Fire: Mr. Bricker stated there have been 379 fire/EMS runs to date. Mr. Bricker stated that there would be a memorial walk on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30m starting on Reed Rd and ending at the Fire Hall.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that he has addressed several blite issues and that most residents are responsive. Mrs. Rose noted that there are still numerous homes/yards that need to be addressed.

Zoning/PC: Mr. Gillett stated that he is awaiting a response from the Village attorney regarding the possibility of rezoning the 50-acre parcel on Zipf St from industrial to residential.

Historical: Mr. Gillett noted the new sleigh that was restored by Bailey Sides and the grant from the Wagner Foundation covering the expense.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that the new plow truck is ready to go for the upcoming season.

Recreation: None

DDA: Mr. Gillett stated that the DDA is proceeding with the updated TIIF plan and the group discussed additional sidewalks and radio ads for antiques.

Beautification: None

Website: None

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett reviewed correspondence from the Health Department regarding the Trailhead well permit application and the PFAS issue and noted that the permit has been delayed and is now under review by EGLE. Mr. Gillette also reviewed correspondence from Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards (Audit Firm) that noted account reconciliation issues and a delayed F65/ACT 51 report. Mr. Gillett stated that Mrs. O'Neil (Clerk) is in the process of contacting local firms to help reconcile the various accounts and make the appropriate adjustments in the general ledger.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Steve Hall seconded by Eric Ward to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk