

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 9, 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 & 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 Mark Givens to approve the minutes of August 14, 2024 meeting as submitted.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried

**New Business:**

Senator John Damoose and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Dakota Baker attended the Council meeting. Topics that were discussed included PFAS & water system updates, costs of plow & fire trucks, road conditions of Mill St/Robinson Rd and possible caution light at the intersection of US 31/Mill St (Robinson Rd).

A Resolution was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the Michigan Township Participating Plan (Par Plan) grant application of \$3,000 to assist in purchasing additional security cameras.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

A resolution was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Steve Hall to authorize Jim Gillett (Village President) to execute the 2024 capital improvement bond for the snow plow truck with Miller Canfield for \$181,833 with annual payments of approximately \$12,000 over a 15 year period.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett reviewed new conceptual drawings by Architect, Dave O'Neil for the Trailhead project. Mr. Gillett stated that the DNR will need to approve the plans and that the project will then be sent out to bid in December.

Mr. Gillett reviewed a proposal by Jule/Dewberry for an electric car charging station (4 parking spots) and after discussion the Council was not in favor of the matter.

Motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to extend Pam Rybinski's grant assisting contract for an additional six months.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Eric Ward to approve the bid from Outdoor Art for \$6,880 for sidewalk improvements of 160 feet x 4 feet on Wright Street.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

**Bills for Approval:**

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills of \$105,665.02.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion Carried

**Committee Reports:**

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that the Fire Department will be conducting a training session with the Jaws of Life. Mr. Bricker stated that the roof on the Fire Hall needs repairs and that they are in the process of obtaining bids. Mr. Bricker stated that fire truck 4401 is being repaired in Mio with new springs.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that he has issued several violation letters and noted both positive and negative responses.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated he has issued fencing and a mobile home permit.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that they are continuing to mow all areas and watering flowers as needed. Mr. Massey noted that the pickleball courts continue to be busy with usage.

Recreation: None

DDA: None

Historical: Mr. Bricker stated that the museum will remain open through the end of September.

Beautification: None

Website: None

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi seconded by Jean Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Yay 7, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk