

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 10, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Location: Village Hall

Council Present: Jim Gillett (President), Steve Hall (Pro Tem President), Kayla Schlappi & Jackie Pierce

Council Absent: Mark Givens, Eric Ward & Jean Ann Rose

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 Steve Hall, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025 meeting as submitted.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

New Business: Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Steve Hall to transfer the funds from the Boy Scouts Troop #2 (approximately \$9,000 in savings & \$2,100 in checking) into a separate Village account where the use of the funds will be determined at a later date.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Mr. Gillett stated that he had expressed his concerns regarding the lack of in-home filtrations systems being offered to residents that have heavy PFAS contamination in a recent meeting OHM/EGLE. Mr. Gillett noted that a municipal water system is at least three years away and that the State of Michigan's response to PFAS is the point of entry use/faucet filtration.

Mr. Gillett reviewed a notice from the Michigan Department of Transportation noting that the Village was not in compliance with the Act 51 sidewalk requirements and that approved plan/expenditures would need to be in place by April 20th or future funds would be withheld.

Mr. Gillett stated that the DNR is in the process of reviewing the plans for the Trailhead project and that he and the Clerk applied for a \$15,000 grant through the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation to help pay for construction expenses.

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Jackie Pierce to accept the bids from Pointes North Tree Service for \$4,100 to remove five trees & stumps and for \$1,225 to trim several trees along US-31.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills of \$35,230.13

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that there have been 66 EMS and 11 fire runs to date.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that he had received several complaints regarding snowmobiles and four-wheelers.

Planning/Zoning: None

Recreation: Mr. Gillett stated that Little League would be starting soon.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey stated that he would be attending a Zoom meeting on March 13th regarding a MDOT US-31 pre-construction meeting for the paving that will take place from Oden to Douglas Lake Rd.

DDA: None

Historical: None

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Website: None

Old Business: None

Correspondence: Mr. Gillett stated that he had received an email regarding damages to a car/tire from hitting a pothole on Mill Street near the Towline apartments. Mr. Gillett stated that government entities are not liable and that our insurance representative would be replying to the request. Mr. Gillett stated that DPW filled the pothole immediately after they were notified.

Mr. Gillett reviewed a recent complaint regarding a wood-burning stove. Mr. Gillett stated that Chris Rybinski (Assistant Chief) & Dave Garland (Certified Fire Inspector) reviewed the matter and that the resident is in compliance with all local regulations.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Steve Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.

Yay 4, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk