

VILLAGE OF PELLSTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 11, 2024

Location: Village Hall

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

Council Absent: Eric Ward & Carolina Mallory

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

Minutes:

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024 meeting as presented.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried

New Business:

Austin Wiatroluk presented a Fire Department Cornhole and Beer Tent fundraiser to be held on Saturday, July 27th at Pioneer Park. Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the use of Pioneer Park for the Fire Department Fundraiser.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Motion was made by Kayla Schlappi, seconded by Mark Givens to approve granting the Village President, Clerk and Treasurer to enter into an ACH Agreement with Citizens National Bank to setup payroll direct deposit for Village employees.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Mr. Gillett stated that the Trailhead bathroom project is back on and that the DNR is going to work with the Village to pare down the project so that it can be more affordable. Mr. Gillett stated that he will seek a different architect/contractor to help develop new plans for the site and the project could take place after the start of the DNR's 2025 fiscal year.

Mr. Gillett reviewed the recent vandalism that took place at the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Gillett stated that the Emmet County Sheriff Department was notified as the security video is very clear on two of the three suspects. Mr. Gillett noted that the Village will prosecute to the fullest due to the various acts of vandalism within the community over the last 10 months.

Mr. Gillett stated that OHM is in the process of applying for a \$500,000.00 grant that will stop PFAF's at the surface and for a \$5,000,000.00 grant for the engineering of a municipal water system.

Mr. Gillett stated that the Burt Lake Band will be hosting two fried bread and corn soup fundraisers at Memorial Park in July and August.

Bills for Approval:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to approve the bills of \$57,894.40.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Fire: Mr. Bricker stated that there have been approximately 60 runs to date. Mr. Bricker reviewed the various grants that the Fire Department has applied for state and nationwide. Mr. Bricker noted that there are a few new firemen and that there is training each Thursday evening.

OEO: Mr. Bricker stated that there are several residents who are not complying with ordinances and that they will be receiving letters from the Village attorney.

Zoning: Mr. Bricker stated that a new house is being built on Lahti Lane and in The Pines subdivision. Mr. Bricker stated that two more storage buildings (total of 21) are being built.

Motion made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to approve the lot split for Mr. LaTocha as presented (splitting the north side of five acres on Poplar). Mr. Gillett noted that the split would need to be recorded by Emmet County.

Yay 4, 1 Abstained, Nay 0, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: Mr. Gillett stated the updated Master Plan has been completed and that the Council will need to approve it prior to printing and the next update will be for the Recreation Plan.

Museum/Historical Society: Mr. Bricker will coordinate a staff member to start the cleaning process at the museum and noted old maps that are missing.

Maintenance: Mr. Massey reviewed updates that included coordinating of painting the pavilion, work at the announcer's box at the baseball field, road patch needed for Zipf St and tar & chip for Poplar. Mr. Massey requested that anyone coming and out of the building to be sure to set the alarms.

Recreation: None

DDA: None

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Website: None

Correspondence:

Mr. Gillett stated that the Village attorney is working on getting the State of Michigan to remove the deed restriction at Pioneer Park for the cell tower (now T Mobile).

Old Business:

Motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to approve a \$2,000.00 wage increase for Randy Bricker, Fire Chief (fire department only).

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion was made Steve Hall seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Yay 5, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk