

**VILLAGE OF PELLSTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of APRIL 14, 2025**

**Location:** Village Hall

**Time:** 7:00pm

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

**Council Absent:** Eric Ward

**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 Steve Hall to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025, meeting as presented.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Lisa Kruse from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) stated that a community meeting regarding PFAS updates will take place at the Pellston High School auditorium on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Ms. Kruse provided several updates on the different grants/projects that are currently underway in the Village and at the Airport. Ms. Kruse stated that the point of use filtration systems (inside faucet) needs to be replaced every five years based on the manufacturers' suggestions and that the local Health Department will be coordinating those efforts with the homeowners. Ms. Kruse noted that Pellston's timeline from feasibility study to possible implementation of a municipal water system is in-line with other communities. Madelyn Slamka from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services stated that she will provide the Village with a flier regarding the Community Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Slamka stated that based on testing the Point of Use filters work well in preventing ingestion of PFAS. Ms. Slamka stated that PFAS are not easily absorbed through the skin and noted that they are in many consumer products.

Josh Gladu (Emmet County Sherrif) requested that he be notified of minors who are repeatedly riding dirt bikes/minibikes/ORVs in the Village. Deputy Gladu stated that he would try to contact the parents directly to seek a solution. Deputy Gladu stated that minors are required to wear helmets and noted that ORVS are permitted to ride on the shoulder of roads at 25mph or less. Mr. Gillett requested extra patrol in the late-night hours due to teens roaming the area.

Mr. Massey stated that the Village has incurred substantial tree damage from the recent ice storm. Mr. Massey stated that residents were asked to place their tree debris curbside no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Massey stated that Points North Tree Service has had other emergencies to attend to and that Super M Excavating has also been contracted to remove the larger debris and haul to a designated area outside of the baseball fields. Mr. Massey noted it's going to take some time due to the enormous amounts of debris being placed curbside. Mr. Massey noted the damages incurred to Park Drive from the 100's of Consumer Energy Trucks and their contractors using the area after the ice storm. Mr. Gillett reiterated that its going to take time to get the Village cleaned up and that he hopes that the additional incurred costs will be reimbursed by the State and/or FEMA.

Motion was made by Steve Hall, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to donate \$600 to North Emmet Little League (NELL) to help sponsor its Memorial Weekend Invitational Tournament.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Mark Givens to adopt a resolution for the Village of Pellston to submit submit to the State of Michigan a plan to install at least 650 linear feet by five feet wide for a total of 2,600 square feet of sidewalks (cost estimated at \$19,500 +) no later than April 2028 but as soon as May 2025 in order to meet compliances and to continue to receive Act 51 funding.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

**Bills for Approval:** Motion by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Jackie Pierce to approve the bills for \$43,409.97.  
Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire:** Motion by Jane Ann Rose, seconded by Kayla Schlappi to authorize Mr. Bricker to engage with a local attorney for services in assisting with collection fees from the electric companies (\$1,000 per truck run & \$350 per fire fighter) for the Fire Department from the recent ice storm. Mr. Bricker agreed to provide additional information at the May meeting.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Mr Bricker stated that Swiss's Flatwork has started working on the Bilco door repairs. Mr. Bricker noted that \$3,000 was donated from the Pellston Firefighters to help with the costs. Mr. Bricker stated that the Fire Department was awarded a \$32,000 grant towards a generator at the Fire Hall. Mr. Bricker stated that the Fire Department is conducting a meat raffle on May 15<sup>th</sup> and that tickets are still available for purchase.

**OEO:** Mr. Bricker stated that non-Village residents are bringing in debris as part of the storm pick-up.

**Zoning:** None

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Gillett stated that the PC discussed an inquiry regarding development of a solar panel site on Zipf St and if the zoning should be modified to keep that area residential.

**Historical:** None

**Maintenance:** Mr. Massey stated that he is working with Pellston schools on an annual project to hang pictures of graduating senior's banners on the light poles. Mr. Massey stated that the school is paying for the banners and that DPW will hang them in late April. Mr. Massey stated that he is in the process of obtaining bids from Reith Riley for paving the Boulevard from US-31 to the school and for Mill St from US-31 to Towline. Mr. Gillett noted that Village would be applying for a 50/50 match grant from the State for both projects.

**Recreation:** Mr. Massey stated that they would be opening the bathrooms at Pioneer Park the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DDA:** None

**Beautification:** Mr. Massey stated that Cherry Hill Nursery did not incur any damage during the ice storm and that they are on schedule for flowers at the end of May.

**Website:** Mrs. O'Neil stated that she would be working on updating PFAS information on the website.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Gillett stated that Mary Kujawa has requested copies of time cards for DPW for the weeks of March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gillett reiterated that the Village is not liable for car damages due to potholes and will consider the matter closed.

**Old Business:** Mr. Gillett stated that T-Mobile has withdrawn its cell tower lease agreement with the Village, but that AT&T is again interested and are in the process of drafting a new lease agreement.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Steve Hall seconded by Jane Ann Rose to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Yay 6, Nay 0, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rebecca O'Neil, Clerk