

**Pemberville Village Council Meeting
8/20/02**

Mayor Oberhouse called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, August 20th, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. A prayer was offered by Douglas Wegman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Vandersall, Panning, Wegman, Mazur, Brann and Sharp. Also attending the meeting were Burton Speakman from the Sentinel-Tribune; Bruce Ehmke; and residents—Eric Campbell, Sandy Jurack, Nancy Schulte, Jerry Main, Hugh and Fritz Graffice, Marvin Bruns, Ron and Janet Golightly, Carol Bailey, Steve Long, Pamela Hobart, Dorrit Beckman, Donald and Doris Melcher, Rick and Veronica Rashleigh, Marilyn Titkemeier, Helen Kuhlman, Mark Westphal, Tom and Lynn Bowlus, James Opelt, Ken Rahe, Kenneth Henline, Matt Harper, Keith Cherry, Karen Young, Tim and Eva Warrick, Rick Rahe, Michael and Beth Fritz.

The minutes from August 6th, 2002 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$32,269.98 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall moved, seconded by Sharp, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1237, To Appoint the Electric Superintendent of Pemberville to be the Village Representative to AMP-Ohio, The Northwest Area Service Group of AMP-Ohio, MESA, OMEGA JV-2, and OMEGA JV-5, had its third reading. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #1237. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1238, Ordinance Vacating the Alley Extending West from Sherman Street and Located North of the Parallel to West Front Street, for its Entire Length, from Sherman Street West to its Terminus, and Reserving an Easement for Certain Municipal Purposes, had its second reading. A public hearing on the Ordinance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at the Village Hall and advertised six times in the newspaper as required.

Sandy Jurack, 110 Main Street, voiced opposition to the construction of a parking lot next to her and presented signatures of neighbors and citizens and their concerns. Some of the objections aired were: Decrease in property value, safety of children, emergency measure taken for purchase without asking for public opinion, increased noise and traffic. Residents also questioned the need for additional parking. Some suggestions for the lot were a gazebo or pavilion, landscaping, fountain, welcoming center and construction of a new house.

Other suggestions were to change the downtown to angle parking, tear down the old street garage for parking and use the fifteen parking spots reserved for the Fire Department. (Mazur asked the Township for seven spots and they are only willing to give us four.)

It was stated the property was offered to two other people before it was offered to the Village and they chose not to

purchase it. The owner wanted the purchase made before the Fair or he was going to put up a "For Sale" sign. The house is an eyesore and the business people feel there is a need for additional parking. Council needs time to think it through and no quick decision will be made. It was proposed a committee be formed including neighbors to discuss the options for the property.

West Front Street residents again asked Council to vacate the alley behind their properties that is currently maintained in grass, citing the safety of residents and children. Tom Bowlus also submitted a plan to address the potential development of parcels that would become landlocked if the alley were vacated. The Village would retain an easement for utilities and emergency vehicle use.

The Mayor aired a concern that in the past when alleys have been given up, trees and buildings have been placed on the right-of-ways making it difficult to get in and maintain utilities in spite of an easement agreement.

Carol Bailey questioned rules regarding hours for a day rental establishment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHARP: Brian Keiser came up with a landscaping plan for around the Town Hall sign at a cost of approximately \$800.00. Vandersall moved to have the landscaping done around the sign. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the Pool Board stating they will continue operation of the pool and fundraising efforts as they have in the past after the transition is made to the Village. We will have to find out how to include the money in our budget.

Was provided a copy of an opinion by the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's office regarding the provisions that allow joint action or cooperation between municipal corporations and townships in the provision of recreational facilities and activities for their residents.

VANDERSALL: Because of the Fair, Personnel and Utilities Committee meetings have been rescheduled for Thursday, August 22nd.

MAZUR: Public parking signs will cost \$65.00 each and nine are needed for a total of \$585.00. Sharp moved to purchase the signs. Seconded by Wegman, the motion carried unanimously.

The sidewalk program will be done in two phases. Phase I is to repair and replace existing sidewalks. Residents will be given until September 1, 2003 to get them done. If they don't, the Village will fix them and certify the cost to their taxes. Phase II is to put sidewalks where there are none.

WEGMAN: Stated he is not in favor of vacating any property and will vote against it.

Bruce Ehmke is opposed to the Village giving up the alley and feels it would not be in the best interest of future generations. Once it is given away, you can't get it back and there were problems with the portion that was vacated in 1948 when the new sewer was put in recently.

Rick Rahe would like to see a sidewalk built along College Avenue from Hickory Street to the walking trail and asked Council to take a good look at it.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Vandersall moved, seconded by Sharp, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m