

**Pemberville Village Council Meeting**  
**9/03/02**

Mayor Oberhouse called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Police Chief, Dan O'Connor; Burton Speakman from the Sentinel-Tribune; Bruce Ehmke; and residents--James Opelt, Veronica and Rebecca Rashleigh, Helen Kuhlman, Marilyn Titkemeier, Hugh and Fritz Graffice, Jerry Main, Pamela Hobart, Sandy Jurack, Eric Campbell, Dorrit Beckman, Michael and Beth Fritz, Donald and Doris Melcher, Tom Bowlus and Keith Cherry.

The minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$14,702.86 were presented for approval of payment. Sharp moved, seconded by Vandersall, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

BPA is proposing an increase in sewer rates because of a projected deficit in the sewer fund. Letters have been sent to EPA to keep them informed on what is being done to correct the infiltration problem. They want to grout the seams that are leaking on Bierley, Water and Bridge Streets.

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 third reading. Vandersall moved to table Ordinance #1238. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously. 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.

Bruce Ehmke expressed reasons for not vacating the alley and that a "No Traffic Allowed" sign could be put up to prevent traffic. He is also willing to give his 8' of vacated alley to the town. Tom Bowlus doesn't think it would be a mistake to vacate the alley and said he has not found anything to authorize the Village to put a sign because it is an open public alley. Other opinions were also voiced.

Sharp stated she will be voting against vacating the alley based on past experiences, recommendations of those who advise us and looking at the big picture for smooth operation of Village utilities. In the past, a house addition was placed on a Village right-of-way causing problems for the sewer project and residents of Joyce, Martin and Marshall have built fences, sheds, and planted gardens and trees on the Village easements making it next to impossible for Village employees to get through. She explained that she has learned never to make decisions immediately and to rely on opinions of people we pay as consultants or experts. Decisions cannot be made because of friendships but on what is best for the town.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Governor Taft is requesting all Villages participate in a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. on September 11<sup>th</sup> followed by statewide ringing of bells at 8:47 a.m. The churches, school and Fire Chief have been contacted.

Asked Council to accept her recommendation for Keith Cherry to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Vandersall moved to accept Keith Cherry as a new member on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Wegman, the motion carried unanimously.

Is in the process of putting together a Committee to make a recommendation for the property the town purchased for a parking lot.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHARP:** CD's are earning very little interest at this time. The last one was renewed at 1.84%.

One of the doors on the east side of the Municipal Utility Building is not insulated and should be replaced. Sharp moved to purchase a new overhead door. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. Door openers will be looked at separately.

Will meet with the Pool Board on October 9<sup>th</sup> and would like Council to turn in questions, concerns and comments at the next Council meeting.

**CHIEF O'CONNOR:** There have been three burglaries within a mile of town with quite a bit of damage and property taken.

At 8:30 p.m. Vandersall moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:52 p.m. Council reconvened and as there was no further business to be brought before Council at that time, the meeting was adjourned.