

**Pemberville Village Council Meeting
1/7/03**

Mayor Oberhouse called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, January 7th, 2003 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; Anne Michel and residents--Eric Campbell Dale Fahle, Ken Rahe, James Opelt, Trudy Davies, Todd Sheets, Dick and Nedra Sheets, Mike and Beth Fritz.

The minutes from December 17th and December 26th, 2002 were reviewed. Mike Fritz stated he attended the December 26th meeting as a concerned citizen, not as a Village employee. The minutes were approved with this change.

Bills in the amount of \$6,399.28 were presented for approval of payment. Sharp moved, seconded by Vandersall, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A group of citizens aired their concerns regarding the destruction of the old street garage/fire station. They feel they can raise enough money to restore the building without using tax dollars and asked Council to give them a year to come up with a proposal and funding.

Suggested uses were a meeting place for various organizations (Pool Board, Fair Board, Historical Society, Scouts), a youth center, senior center, museum, etc. They also feel the public restrooms in the building are an important part of downtown for the businesses and events in town. Dale Fahle said it would take a lot of money and volunteer work to make it look like something and Council deserves a realistic study with merit to it. Ken Rahe agreed there should be a study listing pluses and minuses of tearing it down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHIEF O'CONNOR: Work on the police office is going faster than anticipated. Walls and dry wall are up and doors are in. It should be done in about two weeks.

Hoped to have a snow emergency ordinance stating cars have to be off all streets when there are two or more inches of snow or they will be towed. Sidewalks now have to be cleaned within twelve hours of a snowfall.

SHARP: The Lands & Buildings Committee would like to work with a landscape architect for ideas for the corner lot. They want to keep most of the trees and are looking at more green space and less parking lot. Opelt stated that Lynette Oberhouse is willing to donate a landscape architect to design something for the corner lot.

Has been in contact with the Township Trustees about the swimming pool and is going through the process of getting the pool transferred from the Pool Committee to the Village.

The next Lands & Buildings Committee meeting will be January 23rd at the new building. They will be discussing the old street garage.

Interest rates are only 1.77% on the \$200,000.00 & \$125,000.00 CD's that were just renewed.

The Mayor distributed her list of new Council Committees and guidelines.

Sharp moved that Vandersall continue as President Pro Tem of Council. Seconded by Wegman, the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m. Vandersall moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:09 p.m. Council reconvened. Vandersall moved to raise Dave Bruning to Level 5 of the Wage Ordinance for 2003 retroactive to January 1, 2003. Seconded by Panning, the motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Sharp moved, seconded by Vandersall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.