

**Pemberville Village Council Meeting
2/4/03**

Mayor Oberhouse called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, February 4th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. A prayer was offered by Mayor Oberhouse followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Vandersall, Panning, Mazur, Brann, and Sharp. Wegman was absent. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor, Michael Marsh; Acting Police Chief, Victor Rocha; Burton Speakman from the Sentinel-Tribune; and residents—Beth Fritz, James Opelt, Thelma Ritter, Larry Bockbrader, and Eric Campbell.

The minutes from January 21st, 2003 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$3,846.45 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall moved, seconded by Brann, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Thelma Ritter has concerns about Columbia Gas digging up her property and wanted to know who is responsible if her new driveway is damaged by them. The Mayor will contact Columbia Gas to see what they are going to do.

The Pemberville Community Pool Board is asking permission to use Memorial Park specifically the baseball field, Memorial Day weekend for their Danger Brothers concert fundraiser. The area needs to be seeded and there were concerns about the condition of the grounds in May. Sharp stated Jeff Ford thinks it is workable by changing the mix of grass seed, adding rye grass, which is more sturdy and weather permitting there should be good grass on the field by Memorial Day. Sharp moved to allow the Pool Board to sue the Little League Park Memorial Day weekend for the Danger Brothers concert. Seconded by Mazur, the motion carried unanimously.

Council approved sending letters to Ray and Pat Keller, Melvin Nissen, and Kurt Panning giving them until November 1st, 2003 to tie into the sanitary sewer system.

MAYOR: A representative from the Governor's office spoke at a TMACOG meeting about the extensive recommendations coming for taxes to the State. One of the biggest concerns is our municipal tax all going to Columbus and coming back.

The State of the Village memo for 2002 will be included in the newsletter going out with this month's utility bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VANDERSALL: Will work on getting the kinks ironed out for the time clock at Thursday night's Personnel meeting.

PANNING: Asked the Street Department to list projects that need to get done and projects they would like to get done. The

Streets Committee will add projects they would like done, compile them all and make a priority list.

There were fifty-six cars in the way the last snow when Jeff tried to plow. A snow emergency ordinance is needed to cover all the streets in town. The Solicitor will make one up.

The catch basins will be repaired as soon as the weather breaks. A manhole on Main Street is starting to cave in but that is a sewer project.

SHARP: The BPA wants to purchase a new truck for the Electric Superintendent. The State bid price is \$11,563.00 and Eisenhour Motor Sales price is \$13,725.00. Council feels they should give Eisenhours a chance to come closer to the State bid price when the owner comes back from Florida.

There is a ninety-day waiting period for Health Insurance for the Acting Police Chief. Short-term insurance is available from Anthem Insurance Co. for \$42.34 per month with a \$250.00 deductible. Sharp moved to cover the Acting Police Chief under short-term insurance until he is eligible for the employee policy. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

The Freedom Township Trustees have proposed creating a Joint Recreation District to support the swimming pool, ballpark, etc. They would put the issued on the ballot for funding, which would replace the .6 mills park levy we now have. Sharp moved to form a Joint Recreation District pursuant to the letter from the Freedom Township Trustees. Seconded by Mazur, vote was as follows: Sharp, yes; Mazur, yes; Vandersall, abstain; Panning, yes; Brann, yes. The motion passed by majority vote. Sharp will set up a meeting with the Trustees for next week.

The Lands and Buildings Committee has started working on plans with North Branch Nursery for the property on the corner of Main and Pine Streets. It will be more of a wayside rest with no more than five parking places and low maintenance plantings.

They are considering a sign for the new Utility Building.

Terry McKibben will be at the next Council meeting to talk about the Scout Cabin.

The Lands and Buildings Committee talked to Dale Fahle and Don Feller about the old street garage and came up with a list of recommendations for the renovation of the building including an engineering/feasibility study completed by a certified architect or engineer. Vandersall moved to accept the Lands and Buildings Committee's recommendations. Seconded by Panning, the motion carried unanimously. The Fair Board will be offered the use of the building for storage until a decision is made for its permanent use.

Sharp moved to purchase rubber molding and shelving for the Utility Building for \$400.00. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

The construction on the Police Station is almost completed except for carpeting and flooring for the entrance. Desks and wall cabinets are also needed.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROCHA: There has been a problem with the fuel gauge on the police car, the bumper was damaged and will be fixed and the radio mike for the car needs replaced.

Mazur praised the police officers for the time and work they put in fixing up the Police Station.

James Opelt asked for a copy of Council's decision regarding the old street garage/fire station. He was told they should come up with a plan regarding the recommendations listed by September 1st, 2003.

Solicitor Marsh was asked at the last meeting about the process of dealing with the advance from utility moneys to the General Fund. What it takes is called a declaratory judgment action, which is a lawsuit in Common Pleas Court where you basically sue yourself. The judge can order that the money doesn't have to be repaid.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Brann moved, seconded by Vandersall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.