

**Pemberville Village Council Meeting**  
**3/4/03**

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

Present for roll call were Vandersall, Panning, Sharp, Wegman, Brann, and Mazur. Also attending the meeting were Deputy Clerk, Margaret Wilka; Solicitor, Michael Marsh; Acting Police Chief, Victor Rocha; Burton Speakman from the Sentinel-Tribune; BPA President, Homer Johnson; Dave Heinlen, Safety and Health Coordinator from BGSU; and residents—Joe Hirzel, James Opelt, Larry Bockbrader, Eric Campbell, Beth Fritz, and Marvin Bruns.

The minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$4,745.83 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall moved, seconded by Brann, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Heinlen, Safety and Health Coordinator from BGSU, presented information regarding the Wood County Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provides funding for States and their political subdivisions for their development of pre-disaster mitigation plans. The political subdivision needs to contribute to the program in order to qualify for the monies that are available. Council needs to decide if they want to participate in this program by July of 2003.

Joe Hirzel and his wife, Julia, representing the Village of Pemberville along with five other delegates from Northwest Ohio spent three weeks recently in Tanzania. As a result of this trip, Joe's appreciation for our form of government was reinforced. He complimented the Council, Police and all departments for their fine work in our community.

**BPA**—Homer Johnson discussed the need to pass Ordinance #1253, which involves entering into a contract with AMP-Ohio to do a developmental study regarding a new base load plant project. The main purpose of this study is to help municipalities avoid high electrical power costs. To join in this study, it would cost the Village \$2,500.00.

Ordinance #1253, Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Execution of a Base Load Developmental Cost Sharing Agreement by the Village of Pemberville with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc., had its first reading. Sharp moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #1253 as an emergency. Seconded by Wegman, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1251, Ordinance Adopting Section 76.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Pemberville, Concerning Parking During Snow Emergency, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1252, An Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of

Pemberville, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003, had its second reading. Vandersall moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously. Vandersall moved, seconded by Sharp, to pass Ordinance #1252 as an emergency. The motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR:** The NOMMA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pemberville Legion Hall with Marcy Kaptur as guest speaker. Reservations need to be in by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor passed out a copy of The Guidelines for Council Meetings and asked Council members to look them over and make any corrections or notes of changes that are needed by the next Council meeting.

She also shared a copy of a resolution passed by the City of Findlay regarding the Municipal Income Tax Reform.

Mayor Oberhouse passed out an informational sheet about the bell casting, which will be held in our community during the Fair.

The Ohio Bicentennial Committee started the celebration in our area by raising Ohio Bicentennial Flags at the Pemberville and Webster Elementary Schools on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students also released red, white and blue balloons.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SHARP:** The Lands and Buildings Committee met Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Tony Hernandez, representative of the Pemberville Baseball and Softball Association, shared his concerns regarding the Danger Bros Concert to be held on the ball diamond. Sheryl has been in contact with Jeff Ford and he assures her that the field will have grass by spring. The PBSA would also like to upgrade the dugouts. Sheryl would be incorporating these costs in the Wood County Park Grant.

The corner lot at Pine and Main Streets was discussed. However, until the weather breaks and a walk through can be done, the project has been put on hold.

The new scout building was discussed. The scouts would like the approval of Council before they continue with the project. The estimated cost of the building is \$60,000.00. They would not start the new building until the all the money was raised. They would like the Village to continue as in the past with the payment of the utilities, insurance, etc. The Scouts would like the building to be used by other community organizations, but would like to be in control of the scheduling. Because of the increase in size and the addition of restrooms, kitchen and water/sewer needs, the need for a users fee was discussed. This would not be for scouts, but only other groups in the community. Sharp moved to give the approval for the Scouts to go ahead with the new building. Vandersall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The scouts would also like the opportunity to decide where the old building will go.

The old street garage was discussed and it was brought to the attention of the committee that the utilities (gas only) for the past two months have cost approximately \$700 - \$800. Also the waterlines for the restrooms are in the ceiling and therefore the heat would have to be on all winter long unless the restrooms were closed during the winter months.

**BRANN**—Wanted to know what should be done regarding residents not cleaning sidewalks after a snow. He drove around town and reported there were 25 homes and 1 commercial business that had not cleaned their walks. First offense would be a written notice and the second offense would be a citation. Vandersall recommended that possibly the scouts could help the elderly as a service project. Wegman suggested that a notice could be placed at the high school where students would be able to receive service points for helping the elderly. Mazur also felt the elderly should be helped in some way.

**WEGMAN**—Had no report, however the Keller's contacted him regarding the letter they had received about connecting into the village sewer. Solicitor Marsh stated they had agreed to do so approximately four years prior when they first came to Council in connection with developing their farm.

Mayor Oberhouse stated that the Scout program in this area should be commended as there are two young men becoming EAGLE Scouts this weekend.

Eric Campbell questioned the bright light from the Town Hall sign. Mayor Oberhouse stated she felt the sign should be lit when there are activities.

Johnson stated that the BPA has put the new trucks on hold until the costs can be checked out further.

**ACTING CHIEF ROCHA:** The Police Office flooring has been laid and all that needs to be done is the molding put down.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Vandersall moved, seconded by Sharp, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.