

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, February 17th, 2004 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 Panning, Sharp, Wegman, Brann and Barnes. Vandersall was absent. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Safety Director, Robert Vespi; Fire Chief, Herbert Martin; 1st Assistant, Duane Martin; Jordan Fouts from the Sentinel-Tribune; Pool Board Representatives, Beth Downey and Jim Miller; Boy Scout Troop #344 with Scoutmaster, Matt Meyer; Leader, Dan Magrum; Badge Counselor, Joe Frederick; Linda Hall, Mike Atherine, Jack Jones and Richard Hertzfeld from Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc.; residents—Dennis Henline, Eric Campbell, Larry Bockbrader, Dale Bruning, Bob Bruning and Nancy Schulte; and BPA members—Charlie Aring, Nelson Busdeker and Chuck Schulte.

The Mayor recognized the Boy Scouts who are working on their communication badge.

The minutes from February 3rd, 2004 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$2,482.95 were presented for approval of payment. Brann moved, seconded by Wegman, to approve payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #661, Resolution Accepting Bid for Depository (Exchange Bank of Luckey) had its first reading. Sharp moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously. Sharp moved to pass Resolution #661. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance #1289, Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 630 Concerning the Village Income Tax, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1290, 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, 2004, had its first reading.

BPA: Received a proposal to replace the Bridge Street lift station for less than \$25,000.00.

Herbert and Duane Martin presented the 2003 Annual Fire Department Activity Report. They also informed Council of the need for a new ambulance to replace the old one. They want to keep two of them in use as the #2 ambulance had 51 runs last year in addition to 235 runs for ambulance #1. They would also need a new defibulator.

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Each of the four representatives from Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. gave a presentation for their company, explaining what they have to offer and stating they would like the opportunity to work for the Village.

Beth Downey thanked Council for its support of the swimming pool in past years and wanted to confirm the receipt of \$25,000.00 from the Village this year. It will have to be determined if the money is available now or after the permanent appropriations are approved in March. For the Joint Recreation Board to get started, the lease between the Pool Board and Village needs to be terminated. The Board will commit to two fundraisers per year; this year being the Danger Brothers and a golf tournament. Sharp commented we are committed to helping the pool remain viable and appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Board.

Dennis Henline questioned Council's goals and plans for future growth and development including the water tower project, downtown streetlights, sidewalks and curbs for everyone. Nancy Schulte agreed that the sidewalk issue needs to be addressed, as there are a lot of areas in town that have no sidewalks. This will be discussed at the next Streets, Alleys & Sidewalk Committee meeting.

MAYOR: There are two groups looking at development in town but people don't want to sell their properties. There are also several businesses that would like to locate in the Village. He wants to work with community committees and groups to develop plans and bring to Council for approval.

Thanked all volunteers that worked on "For the Love of Art."

A letter was delivered to the Keller's on February 10th by Chief Vespi. There has been no response as yet.

Wood County Landfill will now take wood chips and BGSU has a wood kiln and could use wood from trees cut down.

Doug Ruck agreed to a meeting with the Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens representatives and representatives from the Library regarding one building for all to use.

Anyone that wants to solicit in town must get a peddler's permit from the Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PANNING: The Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks Committee will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The sidewalk letter has been drafted.

SHARP: The Lands & Buildings Committee will meet Thursday, February 26th, at 4:00 p.m.

At 9:25 p.m. Brann moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

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Sharp moved to have the Village Supervisor look into solutions and suggestions for cutting overtime use because of the excessive amount of overtime paid last year. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

A new pickup truck for the Water Department was discussed. The BPA would like to purchase a ¾ ton two-wheel drive extended cab truck. They pointed out if the truck was used to plow snow, they could not get the same life out of it as the old one, which is 14 years old. Also the Village has no need for another vehicle to remove snow since they already have five pieces of snow removal equipment and five employees. It was agreed to purchase the truck for the best price possible and not limit the search to just Eisenhours.

The old electric line truck will be used for the Joyce Avenue sewer project and then sold.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Wegman moved, seconded by Brann, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk