

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 Vandersall, Panning, Sharp, Wegman, Brann and Barnes. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor Michael Marsh; Jordan Fouts from the Sentinel-Tribune; Pool Board Representatives Beth Downey, Kathy White, Courtney Downey, Lisa Downey, Jennifer Downey, Barb Synder, Anne Michael, Jim Miller, Paula Radabaugh, Kim & Larry Tussing; Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council President, Vic Schuerman; and residents, Eric Campbell and Bud Kahler.

The minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$15,435.12 were presented for approval of payment. Brann moved, seconded by Vandersall, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

**BPA:** Sharp asked about the two properties that do not have to tap into the sewer. The Solicitor explained that if a property is more than 200 feet from the sewer, they don't have to tap in. They would have to if they are contiguous or within 200 feet.

Beth Downey and other pool supporters came to answer Council's questions regarding pool expenses, etc. They stressed the need to work together and told of the high level of pride in the pool. They give Red Cross certified lessons, support a swim team, physical education program, etc. Pools do not make money but are a service to the community. Sharp moved to give the pool \$25,000.00 as they have in the past. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Vandersall moved to have spring cleanup on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Barnes, the motion carried unanimously.

Panning moved to contract with Tonaco for mosquito spraying for \$210.00 per application on an Individual on Request frequency. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Dublin's prices to sweep the streets are the same as last year. Spring clean-up \$55.00 per hour not-to-exceed \$550.00 and additional sweeps \$55.00 per hour not-to-exceed \$330.00. Panning moved to contract with Dublin for three street sweeps the weeks of May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. The Street Department will clean the downtown area before the April 14<sup>th</sup> bus tour.

**MAYOR:** Received a thank you from the Wood County Prosecutor's office for the participation of Chief Vespi and some of his officers in the Wood County Youth Olympics.

Has had 8 people volunteer to serve on the Economic Development Committee: Tom Bowlus, Bob Brandt, Mike Dewyre, Denny Henline, Fred Kaseman, Roger Klee, Marcia Mazur and Matt Phillips.

Scheduled a fact-finding meeting with scouts, some seniors and other interested people on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Old paint can be taken to the Wood County Landfill if it is mixed with cat litter. They will also take batteries. There are gas stations in Bowling Green that will take oil and dispose of it. There is a plan to recycle anything and they are all listed on the County website.

Robert Kelly, 103 Joyce Ave., said he paid for curbing 15-20 years ago that was never installed on the last 20' of his property to the west. He would like this done if there will be curb replacement work done in connection with the Joyce Ave. Sewer Project. It is believed this wasn't done originally because it is a dedicated right-of-way and not really his property.

Letters were received from Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council, Pastor and Preschool teachers asking Council to reverse its decision to make Cedar Street one-way. Their concern is that the church parking lot would be used as a street for access to Front Street and that would put the preschool children in danger along with others that use the parking lot for play. Church Council President, Vic Schuerman, concurred with the perceived danger of the street being one-way north and making it one-way south would create a problem for handicap parking and interfere with Fire Department emergency responses. Vandersall moved to rescind the motion to make Cedar Street one-way. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously. Suggestions were to make the parking spots on Front Street, west of Cedar, "For Compact Cars Only" and to put up a mirror to help see oncoming cars.

Asked Solicitor Marsh to explain the responsibilities of the Mayor and Council regarding who has the authority to do what. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer for the Village and has ultimate authority over the Police. The Police Chief reports to Council in his capacity as Personnel Supervisor but also has responsibilities to the Mayor and should work together with him on personnel issues that don't relate to the police. Council makes the decisions to hire & fire the Personnel Supervisor, evaluate and give him directions on what they want him to do.

Doesn't want to overuse our executive sessions and that as much as possible be talked about in open forum. Under ORC 121.22 the wording that allows executive sessions for personnel reasons: To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected officials removal from office.

Bud Kahler aired concerns about the possibility of moving the Police Station to another area. If there is any thought of this, he is very much against it. In the 32 years he was in business in the center of town, he had several break-ins - one in the front door and one on the side and at that time the police station was on Main Street out of sight. He feels that if you can see the Police Station it deters a lot of things from happening.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PANNING:** Received prices from three contractors for replacing sidewalks ranging from \$4.00 to \$7.25 per square foot. Scott Sheets had the lowest bid, which included cement with fiber and he was going to finish and seed everything that was torn out. Panning moved to contract with Sheets to do concrete work for residents who don't have their sidewalks done. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Our mowers are going on their 5<sup>th</sup> year of use and the one that does most of the mowing can be replaced for \$2,400.00 at Buhrows, Inc. They will give us \$3,877.00 for the old one. They also suggested we get on a rotation plan at a cost of \$500.00 per year which would give us a new mower each year under the State program. Panning moved to purchase a 737 John Deere mower with a 54" deck from Buhrows for \$2,400.00 and get on the rotation program with them. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

There are two new designs for signs for the three entrances to Pemberville that need them. Panning moved to go with three signs with the Ohio Bicentennial Logo. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

**SHARP:** We are going to invest in two-six month CD's at the Exchange Bank in Luckey and asked Fifth Third Bank for a depository agreement.

Received two bids for the Town Hall parking lot: \$8,600.00 from Morlock and \$9,495.00 from Rutter & Dudley. Sharp moved to go with Morlock Asphalt to pave the Town Hall parking lot. Seconded by Wegman, vote was as follows: Sharp, yes; Wegman, yes; Vandersall, no; Panning, no; Brann, yes; Barnes, yes. The motion passed by majority vote. Tyler Bowlus is going to do plantings around the paved areas as part of his Eagle Scout project. It was decided the scouts could not install the brick walkway because it has to follow ADA requirements.

No one remembers when the church signs were put up on Front St. but it is believed it was done by the Civic Club. The Mayor said he wrote to the Pastors of the Pemberville churches regarding a facelift for the church signs. It was decided to see how the Pastors reply to the Mayor's letter and take it from there.

The Park Board will meet Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 at the gazebo.

Will not be able to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> because of a training session at Wood County Park District Headquarters the same night that is required for anyone requesting grant money.

The Mayor suggested a contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, having them write a report on the history of Pemberville and suggest a name for the Town Hall Park.

**WEGMAN:** Asked the status of the old street garage. The Mayor explained he will send a letter to the Planning Commission on behalf of Council requesting that the property be rezoned from Residential to Commercial. If approved, there would have to be a public meeting for anyone to come in and voice objections. If there is no opposition to the change of zoning, it would be put up for auction and any restrictions would have to be decided on.

Asked where we are going with growth. The Mayor responded he has talked with Roger Burtchin and Kim Long about developing their properties. Long is planning to develop at a later date and Burtchin will discuss it another time. Long has had a problem with the contractor building across the road parking vehicles on his property leaving ruts. It is actually Village property that he maintains for us. The contractor will fill in the ruts with dirt.

**BARNES:** Gave update on grants available for downtown development. The \$15,000.00 matching grant is first of a three-tiered grant. Tier I is all for preparation, which would give \$30,000.00 to complete a development plan, surveys, design, etc. This is a Business/Village co-operative effort and the two have to work together and be part of the planning. A lot of legwork has to be done before submitting for the up to \$400,000.00 grant. The Village would have to match 10% of the amount asked for. Businesses can also contribute if they want to use some of the money. Barnes will have a representative come to a Council meeting to explain it further.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Panning moved, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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