

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. He offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Panning, Brann, Donaldson and Barnes. Vandersall and Sharp were absent. New Council member Donaldson was sworn in by the Mayor. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Personnel Supervisor, Robert Vespi; Adam Wright from the Sentinel-Tribune; BPA members--Charles Aring, Nelson Busdeker and Chuck Schulte and residents--Eric Campbell and Sandy Jurack.

The minutes from January 4, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$4984.44 were presented for approval of payment. Brann moved, seconded by Panning, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

BPA: A letter was sent to the owner of 310 W. Front Street regarding an electrical problem that needs to be brought up to code.

Ordinance #1311, An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2005 Edition as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Pemberville, Ohio, had its second reading.

MAYOR: Asked for approval of Committee changes for 2005 as follows:

Replace Douglas Wegman with Brandon Donaldson on Utilities and Police and Safety Committees.

Replace Douglas Wegman with Gary Brann on Public Lands and Buildings Committee.

Replace Dave Miesmer on Planning Commission with an appointment to be made in February.

Barnes moved to accept the changes in committees. Seconded by Panning, the motion carried unanimously.

Business people are planning an appreciation party for volunteers that worked during the flood.

Is going to schedule a town meeting for sometime in February. It will be an informal situation for residents to come and talk about how things are being handled and share ideas.

Received a call from a company in Fremont looking for 28,000 square feet of space for a small manufacturing plant.

The Wood County RLF Committee moved to give our Village \$10,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund for drafting a downtown revitalization plan.

Money cannot be given from the Revolving Loan Fund for the (CRA) Community Reinvestment Area Program so Poggemeyer's will try another avenue for funding the \$4,000.00.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PANNING: Eric Campbell and Sandy Jurack, 110 Main Street, have problems with water in their basement, which they said has only happened since the house was taken down next door. Water runs toward them from the parking lot, which the Village could try to alleviate by draining it into the storm sewer. Panning moved to contact Poggemeyer Design about putting in a drain and come back with recommendations. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

There are five or six busted parking curbs in the parking lot from plowing snow.

BRANN: The resident at the corner of Pine and Cherry Streets would like to have her yard fixed in the spring that was damaged from the Village piling snow on it. She also asked that they would leave a space for her to get her husband who is in a wheelchair in and out.

Thank you's should go to Bobcat of Toledo for donating Bobcats and fuel, Morelock's who donated trucks and Palmer Bros. for donating stone during the flood.

BARNES: Is trying to find a date for an Economic Development meeting.

The Mayor asked the BPA to join Council to talk about the water problem in the valley. Some homes were flooded with raw sewage, one with \$15,000.00 damage and he feels something needs to be done. There were also other residents that had toilets backing up. Some of the comments made during the lengthy discussion were: This was one the highest water flows at the sewer plant on record; the sewer backs up if we get more water than the lift station is pumping; the BPA has done smoke testing, dye testing, videotapes--looking for issues and they will continue the I&I while looking at upgrading the sewer plant. They are having an engineering firm evaluate our system to determine our options.

Panning was approached about putting up a floodwall behind the businesses. He feels it wouldn't be fair to put one on the riverbank because it would push more water to residents. One could be constructed close to the buildings where the sandbags are with removable sections for walkways. The Mayor said he is waiting for a report from the Army Corps of Engineers.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Brann moved, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk