

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, February 15, 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, Vandersall, Sharp, Brann, Donaldson and Barnes. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Personnel Supervisor, Robert Vespi; Adam Wright from the Sentinel-Tribune; Michael Black and residents-Larry Moore, Bob Panning, Eric Campbell, Roger Klee, Cynthia Lohrbach, Todd Sheets, Heinz Offerman, Nedra Sheets, Richard Morgan, Larry Bockbrader, H.C. Kahler and Tom Bowlus.

The minutes from February 1, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$49,629.09 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall moved, seconded by Sharp, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Vandersall moved to renew the Hardware Maintenance Contract with CMI from 3-14-05 through 3-13-06. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

The decline in the General Fund was discussed, reasons for it and ways to help generate income.

Ordinance #1312, Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 630 at Section 13(b), had its first reading. Vandersall moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #1312. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. This Ordinance allows the transfer of funds from Income Tax as 60% to the General Fund and 40% to the Capital Improvements Fund.

Ordinance #1313, 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, 2005, had its first reading.

The Economic Development Committee met, went over all pending grants and looked at a number of projects. They would like Council's approval to use the old fire station as a fact-finding mission to see what they could do with it economically, look at grants available and possible uses for the building. They will bring their ideas back to Council. No objections were aired. The Committee will meet the second Monday of each month with a special meeting on February 28.

Richard Morgan and Cindy Lohrbach expressed their appreciation for the public restrooms in the old Fire Department building, as they are runners and said it's nice to know they are there if needed.

MAYOR: Area businesses will sponsor an appreciation dinner at the Legion Hall on March 17 for everyone that helped with flood prevention and recovery. The Mayor will host a Town Hall meeting on February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers.

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Free tax sessions are being offered on March 30 and April 6 from 6-8 p.m. for residents needing help with their Village income tax.

The company that has been used to spray the Village for mosquitoes has gone out of business and is recommending Fresh Cut Lawn Services in Swanton who will spray for the same price that we paid last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PANNING: The Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee will meet Thursday and discuss streets that need repaired or paved.

SHARP: The Lands and Buildings Committee will change their meeting time to 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday.

BRANN: The Pemberville Freedom Township Fire Department will be receiving a once in a lifetime award from St. Vincent's for a Dramatic Save following an accident on Pemberville Road and Route 6 that involved fatalities.

POLICE AND SAFETY: The Committee discussed the one cruiser that has had several repairs lately and a future traffic study on State Route 105.

Larry Moore asked that an opening to his Laundromat be made in the sandbag wall since it is going to be left up for awhile. He also recommended that the pallet of sandbags be moved from behind Beeker's store to the southeast wall of Union Bank.

Bob Panning aired complaints about things he was told Village employees said about him. He and Eric Campbell made other accusations that were not verified and based on hearsay.

Vandersall moved that all Committee meetings should be taped. Discussion was held after which Vandersall withdrew her motion.

At 8:42 p.m. Vandersall moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

Donaldson will talk with Larry Moore about moving sandbags.

Dick Sheets, 430 Perry Street, talked to the Police Chief about the Moore property on Perry Street. Pictures have been taken and given to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Council discussed the Sergeant position in the Police Department. No decision was made.

Brann moved to have a traffic study done on Front Street at a cost of \$3,200.00. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

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Panning suggested selling stickers for brush and leaf pickup for additional revenue. Also, Council should review unlimited pickup at a later date.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Vandersall moved, seconded by Panning, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk