

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Brandt offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Vandersall, Sharp, Brandt and Barnes. Brann and Donaldson were absent. Also attending the meeting were Solicitor, Michael Marsh; BPA members—Charles Aring, Chuck Schulte and Nelson Busdeker; Erika Ray from The Blade; Eric Campbell, Joanne Busdeker, Bud Kahler, Brian Miller, Adam Lorenzen, Nedra Sheets and Kathy Barnes.

The minutes from September 6, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as corrected.

Bills in the amount of \$3,651.35 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall moved, seconded by Barnes, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

BPA: Aring and Schulte wanted to bring Council up-to-date on the work they are doing in the Sewer Department. The BPA is considering two of the four different options presented to them by Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. for replacing the sewer plant. The plant is thirty-four years old and nearing the end of its life. Once an option is chosen, they can go ahead with the design work, get EPA approval, apply for grants, get financing in place and put it out for construction. The plant would be sized to allow for future growth and will handle peak flow as needed. They also need to evaluate the lagoon and will continue to work on the I & I problem.

Resolution #675, Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor, had its second reading.

A list of natural gas suppliers and rates were given to Council to select a supplier for the Village. Dominion offered the lowest fixed rate of \$1.2650 through September 2007. Sharp moved to go with Dominion East Ohio Energy for two years. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR: Received a letter of resignation from Part-time Police Officer Adam Lorenzen who has a full-time job with the Wood County Sheriff.

A letter from Chief Vespi recommends the hiring of Jennifer Kellogg to replace Lorenzen. Vandersall moved to hire Jennifer Kellogg as Part-time Police Officer. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

The Friends of the Library would like to use the front part of the "Old Ford Garage" during the Autumn Fest. There were no objections.

Is planning an Economic Development Mini Conference on October 28 at 10:00 a.m. to explain the CRA and Enterprise Zone programs. Businesses and

companies in our area will be invited along with the Wood County Economic Development Committee.

A newsletter will be sent out next month, which will include a survey on downtown revitalization. Roger Klee will donate \$100.00 for extra postage.

Talked to Mr. Kurtz concerning his trees. He believes there still are trees that need to be taken out and has five trees earmarked for removal that he would like replaced. Kurtz will have an expert look at them before he gives us a final number. The agreement was for sixty-inch trees and it was suggested transplanting some from the sewer plant. Barnes recommended holding off until we see what his expert says.

Donaldson arrived at 8:20 p.m.

A letter from Larry Moore is asking Council to pay \$410.00 for additional concrete and pay for four loads of dirt and the appropriate grading and leveling at his property at 360 E. Front Street, which he said was agreed to by the Village. This is in addition to repairs to the property that have already been made by the Village for storm water damage. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have the Mayor write a letter to Moore asking that he provide written documentation of the agreement he is referring to.

Discussed the operation of golf carts in the Village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VANDERSALL: The Personnel Committee is working on the Wage Ordinance.

Received a letter of resignation from Councilman Gary Brann effective September 30, 2005. The Mayor suggested the position be left vacant until after the November election and then appoint the top vote getter other than an incumbent to fill the vacant seat. Council agreed.

BRANDT: The Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks Committee drafted a Proposal of Sidewalk Repair Criteria to be used to access whether a sidewalk needs to be replaced or repaired. Vandersall moved to accept the guidelines for the Sidewalk Repair Criteria. Seconded by Brandt, the motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed the 162 manholes in town and made up a Manhole Evaluation and Maintenance Sheet for employees to use when inspecting the manholes so there will be a record of which ones need attention and when repairs were made.

BARNES: Has a list of Pemberville Downtown Steering Committee Homework and Timelines for Council to keep track of where they expect to be and when.

Vandersall moved to suspend the rules for Resolution #675. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously. Vandersall moved to pass Resolution #675. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Barnes let Council know that the Historical Society had a sign built for Elihu Mason Park and asked if the Village could plant the sign and keep it covered until the dedication planned for October 22 at the Autumn Fest. She was told to call the Street Superintendent and set it up.

A tentative "Meet the Candidate Night" for School Board and Council is scheduled for October 24 at the Legion Hall with Dave Marsh as Master of Ceremonies.

At 8:45 p.m. Vandersall moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Vandersall moved to enter into a purchase agreement with Mary Stein for the purchase of her property on Rees Road. Seconded by Brandt, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor

Clerk