

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Brandt offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Sharp, Brandt, Donaldson and Barnes. Vandersall was absent. Also attending the meeting were James & Martha Dobson, Joanne Busdeker, Bud Kahler, Eric Campbell, Andrew Brickner, Kathy White, Beth Downey, Courtney Downey, Dale & Ann Bruning, Jim Miller, Nedra Sheets and Keith Madaras.

The minutes from September 20, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$39,800.69 were presented for approval of payment. Brandt moved, seconded by Donaldson, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

The natural gas supplier (Dominion) chosen by the Village at the last meeting was offering the rate of \$1.2650 per Ccf only to residential users and have since discontinued any offer to Columbia Gas customers. The two lowest offers on a new comparison chart shows MxEnergy at a fixed rate of \$1.3690 for three years and Direct Energy at \$1.3790 fixed rate for three years. Sharp moved to try to get our gas supply from either MxEnergy or Direct Energy. Seconded by Donaldson, the motion carried unanimously.

Beth Downey thanked the Village for the opportunity to volunteer on the Pool Board for the last twelve years and she and Kathy White will be stepping down the end of December. She feels the jobs they do should be a paid position and they would be happy to work with a new person. They are also still committed to involvement in fundraisers for the pool, which is in the hole financially. Ownership of the pool needs to be determined and revamping the Recreation Board was suggested. The Mayor said he is committed to keep the pool going.

Ordinance #1335, Ordinance Amending & Adopting Section 75.40 at seq. of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Pemberville, with Respect to Licensing and Registration of Golf Carts, had its first reading.

Ordinance #1336, Ordinance to Authorize the Executive of a Master Services Agreement, had its first reading.

Ordinance #1337, Ordinance to Authorize the Execution of the Combustion Turbine Power Schedule, had its first reading.

Ordinance #1338, An Ordinance to Authorize the Execution of a Power Purchase Schedule to Sell the Municipality's Project Share of Output from the Combustion Turbine Project to American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and to Approve the Repurchases of that Project Share of Output by the Northwest Area Service Group, had its first reading.

MAYOR: The storm sewer on College Avenue has been fixed and is working well.

There will be a "Meet the Candidate Night" October 24 at the Legion Hall and an Economic Mini Summit is scheduled for October 28 at the Town Hall.

The Village website is being updated and new features added by volunteer Mike Van Alstine.

RoMarc is asking for permission to cut the curb at 218 Vine Street for a driveway. Brandt moved to allow the curb cut. Seconded by Barnes, the motion carried unanimously.

We are still negotiating on a price for Mary Stein's property on Rees Road.

A letter of resignation was submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Ruth Phillips effective December 31, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHARP: The Finance & Purchasing Committee discussed the decline in the SCM&R Fund and presented to the BPA the possibility of keeping the kWh tax in the General Fund instead of transferring it to the Electric Fund. The BPA had to raise the electric rates 1/2 cent per kWh because of a SECA charge which will continue for one year. They wanted to drop that increase after SECA is paid in full but would not be able to if the kWh tax is kept in the General Fund. This affects the large power users the most such as Modine, IGA, Countyline Co-op, Inc., etc. some of whom are struggling. Keeping just 50% of the kWh was suggested as a compromise. More information will be gathered before a decision is made.

Heating the old street garage was discussed with the BPA. They think it can be closed off just heating the area needed by the Water Superintendent, waterlines blown out and anti-freeze put in for the winter. They will take a look at it and make sure it will work.

The cost of a police cruiser is \$7,000.00. They will allow a \$500.00 trade-in for the wrecked car. The insurance settlement is \$6,110.00 and it will cost \$250.00 to have it striped and marked. The additional money can be taken from the Federal Drug Fund after the County is asked to increase the Certificate of Estimated Resources and a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance is passed. The light bar etc. will be used from the wrecked car.

BRANDT: Had a request regarding the catch basin that was repaired across from Mr. Moore's house on Front Street. It was indicated that

water gets caught in the basin but does not move out of the basin so there may be some plugging in the pipe. It will have to be checked out.

At the last Council meeting the BPA presented the Preliminary Feasibility Study and General Plan for the Improvement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They recommend the Village apply for a planning and design loan from OWDA in the amount of \$200,000. Council agreed to proceed.

Brought up the compensation for persons called to active duty. He proposed that a person called up should be compensated by the Village the difference between his/her service pay while serving and the regular pay they would have received if working. Since Council members had varying information on what our obligations are, it was decided to get a written opinion from our Solicitor as to what we can or cannot do. The Mayor stated he has nothing against serving in the military but feels Council should be good stewards of Village money and not ask taxpayers to pay out of both pockets beyond what is required by law.

BARNES: They are still working on the "Old Ford Garage" and hope to have renters in there by Autumn Fest.

Dale Bruning asked if anything is being done about more new entrance signs to the Village and commented on the unsightly property on the west end of town.

Nedra Sheets aired concerns about the BPA being forced to raise rates and accountability for spending Village money.

Joanne Busdeker asked to have the bridge on Bridge Street checked. The Mayor will contact the County.

Eric Campbell complained about the leaves, etc. that were left behind when employees were chipping at Mason Park.

As there was no other business to be brought before Council at this time, Barnes moved, seconded by Donaldson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk