

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, December 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, Madaras, Mullholand and Barnes. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Personnel Supervisor, Robert Vespi; Adam Wright from the Sentinel Tribune; Sue Frizzell, Eric Campbell, David Miesmer, Marge Cox, Gussie Oberhouse and Bud Kahler.

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

Sharp questioned if there was any contact with Brian Heestand, current Zoning Inspector, before a motion was made to advertise for the Zoning Inspector position at the last meeting. She felt it was not handled in a very professional way, including the cleaning contract.

Bills in the amount of \$4,573.63 were presented for approval of payment. Brandt moved, seconded by Barnes, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations were made by BPA Clerk, Marge Cox, and former Mayor, Gussie Oberhouse to Ruth Phillips, retiring Clerk/Treasurer, and outgoing Council members Vandersall and Sharp for their service to the community. Mayor Opelt also expressed his appreciation to the three ladies for their combined 35 years plus of service. Mrs. Oberhouse also advised new Council members not to be afraid to do their own thinking, seek advice, do their homework and strive to make the Village look good regardless of what they personally want.

Ordinance #1344, An Ordinance to Authorize and Direct the Municipality to Execute A Mutual Aid Agreement with Interstate and Intrastate Participating Municipalities with Municipal Electric Systems In Order to be Able to Receive and Provide Mutual Assistance During Times of Emergencies through the Interchange and use of Personnel and Equipment, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1345, Ordinance Authorizing the Placement of Stop Signs for all Four Corners of Main Street and Oak Street, Making Said Intersection a "Four-Way Stop," had its second reading.

Ordinance #1346, Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for, and Enter Into a Grant Agreement or Agreements with the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Ash Reduction Grant and/or Ash Replacement Grant Funds, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1347, Ordinance To Authorize the Execution of the One or More Long Term Power Purchase Schedule(s), had its second reading. On the advise of Electrical Consultant, John Courtney, Vandersall moved

to table Ordinance #1347. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1348, An Ordinance to Make Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Pemberville, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006, had its second reading. Vandersall moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously. Vandersall moved to pass Ordinance #1348 as an emergency. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1349, Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Enter Into a Contract with Buckeye Sanitation, Inc. for Trash Removal in the Village of Pemberville, had its second reading. Vandersall moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously. Vandersall moved to pass Ordinance #1349 as an emergency. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1350, Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 1309 Concerning Compensatory Time, had its second reading. Sharp moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #1350 as an emergency. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Vandersall moved to take Ordinance #1342, Ordinance Establishing Municipal Employment Positions, Defining Duties and Providing For the Compensation Thereof and Declaring an Emergency, off the table. Seconded by Sharp, vote was as follows: Vandersall, yes; Sharp, yes; Brandt, no; Madaras, no; Mullholand, yes; Barnes, no. The Mayor voted no to break the tie. The motion did not pass.

A special Council meeting will be held to discuss the budget and finances on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR: Encouraged all Council members to attend the Wood County Mayor's Association meeting on January 24 at the Pemberville Legion Hall.

All newly elected officials and the Clerk/Treasurer will be sworn in January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Asked Council members to request the Committees they would like to serve on.

Asked the Sentinel reporter to remind Pemberville residents to have snow shoveled off their sidewalks within 12 hours of the last snowfall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHARP: Sharp moved to include the legal opinion from Solicitor Marsh for Military Leave in the Employee Handbook. Seconded by Vandersall, discussion followed. It was suggested that the wording in the Ohio Revised Code be used rather than include one attorney's opinion. Sharp changed her motion to put the wording from the Ohio Revised Code section on Military Leave for Public Employees in our Employee Handbook. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

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BRANDT: The Fire Committee met and discussed recommendations for personnel to give to the Township Trustees and reviewed the Personnel Handbook. They also established a chain of responsibility in case there is an accident or something happens to one of the employees or firefighters.

MADARAS: Asked if a public meeting has been set regarding ash tree removal, what happened to the Little League fence and if Council needs to discuss the pile of dirt that was mentioned in the Sentinel. The Mayor replied no meeting date has been set on the ash trees but Mr. Wilburn wants to share his point of view on their removal and the dirt situation has been take care of. Sharp gave Madaras her Wood County Park District file including information on the grant awarded for the fence.

The one-way street signs on Walnut Street near the Post Office are faded and cannot be read. Madaras also questioned if the "Welcome to Pemberville" signs on Bierley Avenue, Wegman Road, etc. that were damaged by the snowplow are going to be replaced. The welcome signs will be handled by the Public Lands & Buildings Committee.

Suggested sending the minutes to Council members via E-mail to save time and postage.

MULLHOLAND: Asked if the rumors he heard in the community about doing away with the Personnel Supervisor position are true. No one else heard the rumors.

Agreed with Sharp in the way the situation with the Zoning Inspector was handled and feels it was unfair to Brian Heestand. Mullholand moved to reappoint Brian Heestand as Zoning Inspector. Sharp seconded the motion followed by a lengthy discussion. Since Heestand is still Zoning Inspector under the old wage ordinance, Mullholand and Sharp withdrew their motion and second.

Vandersall wanted it known that the recommendation to advertise for a Zoning Inspector did not come from the Personnel Committee. Vandersall then moved not to advertise for a Zoning Inspector. Seconded by Mullholand, the motion carried unanimously.

The Personnel Committee and Personnel Supervisor will meet with Heestand to make him aware of any issues.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Brandt, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

Clerk