

## COUNCIL MEETING 1/2/07

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Brandt offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for roll call were: Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Miesmer, and Madaras. Partin was absent. Also in attendance were: Larry Moore, Bud Kahler, Will Malone, Russell Eby, and Roger Klee.

The minutes from the December 19, 2006 Council Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills in the amount of \$3,232.55 were submitted for payment. Barnes moved to accept the bills for payment and Madaras seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Mayor Opelt presented the State of the Village address as follows:

### 2007 State of the Village

I am happy to report that the State of The Village is good.

Year 2006 began with the addition of four new council members, Campbell, Madaras, Miesmer and Mullholand.

Councilmen Brandt was elected President of Council and has served this council and village honorably and tirelessly.

In January the Pool Board resigned and the operation of the pool was taken over by the village. The pool had one of their most successful seasons led by manager Marcia Mazur and councilmen Keith Madaras. The time and efforts of all village employees and Councilmen Brandt also played into the success of the pool season.

The village hosted one of the highest attended Wood County Mayor's Association dinner and meeting in January.

Pemberville was ahead of the game when it came to the Ash Borer and received a \$10,000 grant to remove and replace trees throughout the village. John Lockhard and the tree committee were instrumental in the maintenance of village trees.

The Joint Parks and Recreation Board with the township was reactivated and new members seated. Unfortunately a park levy for the village was defeated.

Marigold Park asked for land to be rejoined for a senior complex but failed in securing funding for the project in April. Councilmen Miesmer continued to lead the planning commission by approving several rezoning projects and the updating of village zoning.

A large number of sidewalks were repaired or replaced. Councilmen Campbell led the successful project. A one-ton truck was purchased in August for the street department.

Police Chief Vespi resigned in March. Chief Pawlecki was hired in July only to resign in August. We then moved to what had always been the obvious and named Jeffery Molnar Chief August 12. Dennis Darling was promoted to Sergeant and the department received a \$900 grant for an additional bulletproof vest.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee spent hundreds of hours preparing a grant; however, the grant was not submitted. A new roof was completed on the old fire hall. All council members worked along side several community members to finish the project in one day. The \$50,000 grant to upgrade the restrooms in the old fire hall continues to be a work in progress. Councilmen Barnes continues to work with ODOT and the \$300,000 plus grant for a new downtown streetscape.

After much debate and research and to create additional needed revenue, council rescinded the one-half (½) percent income tax credit.

Councilmen Mullholand resigned. Several residents submitted letters of interest. Deb Partin was elected by council to fill the vacant seat in August and has proven to be an outstanding asset to this council.

The Clerk-Treasurer resigned and council voted to change the position to an appointed position. I appointed Deb Cartledge in October and she has proven to be a breath of fresh air to our team. Stephanie Bowe was hired to replace retiring clerk Marge Cox.

I performed two weddings, represented the village at several county and state meetings, anniversaries, Eagle Scout inductions and funerals.

Financially, actual revenues were 11% higher than budgeted revenues in 2006. Total revenues for 2006 were 14% higher than total revenues for 2005. Cash and investments as of 12/28/06 were up by \$462,833 compared to the beginning of the year on 1/1/06.

2006 was another great year for the Village of Pemberville and its' residents. The success of 2007 is only limited by our imagination. We need to continue work on the Ford Garage and keeping our downtown prosperous. We need to attract additional businesses and a long over due housing development. We must take care of our aging population by providing housing and a senior center. And we must take care of our families and youth population by providing recreation and similar activities.

We must continue to be careful in our spending but optimistic that money well spent will pay dividends.

As I have said so many times, we are the envy of most. We live in a safe, clean and enjoyable community. But, as we all know, there is always room for improvement and that is the task we have all pledged to work towards. We don't always agree, but we can continue to work together for the good of the village. Don't listen to rumors, because if you do, they will take all your time. Invite people to council, encourage them to get involved and be part of the solution.

I challenge you, council, and the employees of this village to work together as a team and to support one another. And I too look forward to continuing my work with you. Taking a quote from President Ford's funeral, "We are best when we come together." How well that statement fits the Village of Pemberville.

**Committee Appointments:** For the year 2007, a list a committee staff was presented to the council members. This list was accepted by the Council. The list is as follows:

**MAYOR, COUNCIL & BPA – 2007**  
**Mayor Opelt (419) 287-4388**

Bob Brandt	(419) 287-4411	Charlie Aring	(419) 287-4069
Jim Barnes	(419) 287-4996	Nelson Busdeker	(419) 287-3347
Eric Campbell	(419) 287-4768	Chuck Schulte	(419) 287-4519
Keith Madaras	(419) 287-4920		
Dave Miesmer	(419) 287-4710		
Deb Partin	(419) 287-3317		

**COMMITTEES -- 2007**

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Jim Witker*	Jim Barnes
Ellen Walston	

**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

Lewis Renolett*	Mayor Opelt
Jim Barnes	Other Community Members

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Jim Barnes*	Bob Brandt	Mike Dewyre
Roger Klee	Dave Miesmer	

**ENTERPRISE ZONE/COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING OFFICERS**

Roger Klee	Robert Bruning
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**FINANCE, PURCHASING, BUDGET & RECORDS**

Keith Madaras*	Debra Cartledge
Mayor Opelt	As needed: RECORDS—Marge Cox

**PERSONNEL**

Bob Brandt*	Dave Miesmer
Nelson Busdeker	Chuck Schulte

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Dave Miesmer*	Keith Cherry	Roger Klee
Ed Wozniak	Mayor Opelt	

**SAFETY**

Keith Madaras*	Chief Molnar
Mayor Opelt	

**PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS**

Deb Partin*	Jim Barnes
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**RECREATION BOARD**

Keith Madaras*	Mary Jo Bish
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Teresa Badenhop  
 Marcia Mazur  
 Matt Phillips  
 Mayor Opelt

Anne Michel  
 James Miller  
 Scott Muir  
 Jennifer Schuerman  
 Ellen Walston, Township Trustee

#### STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS

Eric Campbell\*                      Deb Partin

#### TAX COMMISSION (BOARD OF REVIEW)

Neil Badenhop\*                      Robert Bruning  
 Michael Marsh

#### TREE COMMISSION

Keith Madaras\*                      Marge Cox  
 Brian Heestand                      Darlene Lockard  
 John Lockard                          Ruth Phillips

#### UTILITIES

Eric Campbell\*                      Charlie Aring  
 Nelson Busdeker                      Chuck Schulte

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Joe Hirzel\*                              Melissa Sapp  
 Mayor Opelt                              Bud Kahler (Alternate)

**Election of Council President for year 2007:** Campbell nominated Miesmer for President. A second to the motion was not made. Barnes nominated Brandt for President and Madaras seconded the motion. Roll call: Barnes – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Miesmer – Yes, Campbell – No, Brandt – Abstained, and Partin was absent. There was a question if there was a quorum, so Brandt changed his vote to “Yes.” The motion carried.

**Ordinance 1383** – 2nd Reading – Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Property on Rees Road from Mary E. Stein, Trustee.

**Clerk’s Report:** No Report

**Mayor’s Report:** On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Wood County Mayor’s Association will be holding their annual dinner at the Pemberville Legion Hall. The Mayor invited Council Members to attend. Contact the office for reservations.

Mayor Opelt conveyed deepest sympathy for the death of former U.S. President Gerald Ford this past week.

Feller and Finch sent a letter explaining the Nature Works Recreation Grant. The 14<sup>th</sup> round deadline to submit is February 1, 2007. The 13<sup>th</sup> round will be picked soon. If we received the 13<sup>th</sup> round grant (approximately \$21,000), it would help with purchasing the Stein property. Even if the grant would be received later, the funds could be used to develop the Stein property. Feller and Finch will tweak the 13<sup>th</sup> round submission and submit it for the 14<sup>th</sup> round submission due 2/1/07. We can pull out of the 14<sup>th</sup> round if we receive the 13<sup>th</sup> round grant. A motion was made to accept this plan by Madaras. Miesmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Wood County Planning Commission sent a letter concerning Midwest Construction backing out of the contract for the Street Garage Restrooms. The Wood County Planning Commission will be notifying the Wood County Prosecutor due to the unfulfilled contract by Midwest Construction. This could result in a penalty charge against Midwest Construction.

The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7 PM. Some citizens expressed that the stairs at the Opera House are inaccessible. Therefore, Council discussed to consider the Fire Hall, or the Legion Hall. Barnes and the Mayor would call on Wednesday to find a better location for the Town Hall Meeting.

**Brandt:** Chuck Schulte and Nelson Busdeker have requested to be on the personnel committee. A change in the time was needed to accommodate everyone. The meeting time has been changed to January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 PM. Future meetings will be at 7 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

**Barnes:** The Economic Development meeting will be on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Campbell:** It is necessary to order a vac truck for at least a day to clean out the storm sewer on Hickory Street. One day would be about \$1,000. There are other locations where the cleaning needs to be done soon. Funds in the Streets, Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund are limited. We need to be working on a way to appropriate funds into the SCM&R Fund. Miesmer suggested forming a committee to take the funding problem to the BPA and ask for their assistance by appropriating some funds for the vac truck from the Sewer Fund. Campbell and Miesmer will meet with the BPA.

The first quote on the roof repair of the Street Garage could not be accepted by the Village. Therefore, a second quote was submitted for \$900 from Lenke Construction. Lenke's quote was more than the first quote due to additional repairs on the roof. Brandt moved to accept the quote and proceed for the work to be completed by Lenke. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Madaras:** The Joint Parks Meeting will be Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 PM. Madaras was reviewing a list of things to be done at the swimming pool during the winter months. A carryover of \$15,000 from 2006 is in the Swimming Pool Funds.

The Finance Committee met tonight. The loan on the Ford Garage is due on 3/3/07.

**Miesmer:** The Planning Committee met last week, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee reviewed the zoning of home businesses.

**Guests:** Roger Klee mentioned that an Agenda with information of pending legislation should be distributed to the Village for future meetings.

Larry Moore asked for some information on the Senior Citizen Center that is being considered for Pemberville. The Mayor shared that he had been to two meetings with the Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCA). A list will be supplied from the WCCA of what is needed for the Senior Center. The Mayor collected about 230 surveys from area senior citizens. Once the Village knows what the WCCA is requiring, then the Village will bid for having the Senior Center. Moore asked what the financial obligations are to have the Senior Center. Mayor listed the following: (1.) The building is provided by the municipality, (2.) WCCA will staff the building daily, (3.) Most facilities have half of their utilities paid for by the WCCA, (4.) In one instance, the WCCA pays a low rental fee for the facility, and (5.) Whoever offers the best deal to WCCA would probably be awarded the Senior Center location. Moore thought the cost for such a center would be about \$30,000 per year. Brandt stated the restrooms at the American Legion Hall would not be adequate for the Senior Center.

JoAnne Bruning wrote a letter to council to emphasize the parking problem along Cedar Street. There are No Parking Anytime signs posted on this street, but every Sunday the street is lined with cars from the Bethlehem Lutheran parishioners. Bruning requests signs to be changed to No Parking from 8 am to 5 pm daily. It was brought out that Bethlehem Lutheran wanted No Parking Signs due to their Preschool. Mayor Opelt suggested having Chief Molnar look into the problem.

Brandt made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property and Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Council went into Executive Session at 8:55 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 9:42 pm.

Campbell shared with Council that the BPA pointed out there is a deed restriction on the Stein Property. This property is planned to be purchased by the Village. The deed restriction protects the village wells with a 500 foot isolation radius. A Dold Home development would have to run sewer lines around another way to avoid the water wells.

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer