

Council Meeting 1/16/07

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Brandt offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for roll call were: Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Miesmer, Madaras and Partin. Also in attendance were: Roger and Barb Klee, Joanne Busdeker, Russell Eby, Larry Moore, Bob Bruning, Bud Kahler, Mike Griswold and Tracy Griswold.

The minutes from the January 2, 2007 Council meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$2,617.20 were submitted for payment. Madaras moved to accept the bills for payment and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1383 – 3rd Reading - Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Property on Rees Road from Mary E. Stein, Trustee. Brandt made the motion to pass Ordinance 1383 and Miesmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor's Report: The Mayor presented his Summary of the Town Hall Meeting of January 11, 2007. Seven items were noted on the summary. One main item was to initiate a Flood Committee. Brandt and Campbell stated they would serve on this committee. It was also suggested to ask employees Brian Heestand and John Lockard to be on the committee. The committee also wanted several Village residents to be involved with the Flood Committee. Madaras suggested contacting Findlay, Woodville, and other towns that could give their input about flooding problems. TMACOG also has a Portage River Committee, Soil & Water has a Flood Plain Management program, and the Army Corp also could give their input on flooding problems.

Another item on the Town Hall Summary was development of housing. Mayor Opelt contacted Mr. Dold about their potential plans to develop. Currently, there is a four to five year farming contract on the land that Dold Homes has planned to develop.

A letter from Nigel and Trudy Davies concerning the Senior Center was shared with Council. The Davies listed some ideas to get the project started and emphasized sound financial, long-term planning. A temporary location, such as a church, would be best to get the Senior Center off the ground. Once the program is proven to be successful, then a fund drive would begin with the location and exact scope and nature of the capital improvement costs. All costs should be paid for with fund raising when the facility is opened. The Davies would be interested in helping with the fund raising program.

Mayor received a letter from the Downtown Stirring Committee about Downtown Revitalization from Lewis Renollet and Ms. Oberhouse from PIMA.

The Ohio Department of Transportation wrote the Mayor a letter and stated that new signs would be added to point travelers to Pemberville when they exited the Route 20 eastbound and westbound ramps at Pemberville Road.

The Mayor shared a letter from Modine Manufacturing concerning a March 23, 2007 layoff of 85 employees. Various groups responded to Modine's letter by sending several letters making various commitments to Modine to help provide cost savings to the company. Those who responded were the Council, Board of Public Affairs, Police Chief and Wood County Economic Development.

The Mayor's Association Dinner is being held on January 29, 2007 at the American Legion in Pemberville. Council members were encouraged to attend.

The Nature Grant is in the 13th round and will be decided soon. Feller and Finch will also apply for the 14th round in case we do not get into the 13th round award. The grant would be used on the Rees Road property.

Ford Motor Company sent a letter informing us of their new on-line grant application process. This grant application needs to be looked at.

The problem with parking on Cedar Street was addressed. Chief Molnar attended the Bethlehem Lutheran council meeting. They are working on fixing the parking signs to better accommodate the parking needs. Miesmer pointed out that the corner of Cedar and Front Streets needed to have more than a 10 foot No Parking Space.

An updated list of Committee Meetings was handed out to Council.

TMACOG was having a Conference on January 30, 2007. The conference focuses on attracting development.

Brandt: Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7pm. They will update the personnel manual.

The Street Garage roof repair is being completed.

Barnes: The Economic Committee discussed promoting Pemberville to industries and businesses since Modine has laid off employees. A video and brochure is being planned to promote the Village. The committee will be meeting with Wood County Economic Development to begin to plan the next five to ten years for the Village. Russ Eby would like to help with a special addition website focusing on economic development for the Village.

The February 8th Town Hall Meeting is cancelled.

Mayor Opelt brought up the subject of the Village Newsletter. He asked Council to share information that should be included in the newsletter. February 1st will be the issue deadline. The cost to issue and mail the newsletter runs about \$300. Volunteers could help defray those costs.

Campbell: The Utility Committee is planning to meet at 6:30 on February 12th. Streets and Sidewalks Committee will meet on January 18th.

Madaras: Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, January 25, 2007.

Miesmer: The Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Partin: Lands and Buildings Committee will meet Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7 pm.

Guests: Roger Klee would like to have Ordinances read in their entirety on the first reading. He would also like to see in-process Ordinances posted.

Russ Eby talked to Gary White about revamping the Pemberville Village Website. He needed to gather files of news and information. Eby also asked to have authorization to work on the website along with Gary White. Authorization was given.

Deb Partin thanked Russ Eby for moderating the Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor also thanked Russ for volunteering his time to update the website which is a huge project.

Larry Moore asked Campbell about storm sewer cleaning. One storm sewer was cleaned, but the one near Moore's property was not done yet. Moore pointed out the problem of erosion continues. Moore

suggested a catch basin near the parking area and running it through his property out to the river. Campbell emphasized the problem with funding of the storm sewers needed to be studied and a resolution found.

Tracy Griswold made it known that information was needed on community service for high school students. Students need hours throughout the year, not just during the Pemberville Fair. A list of community service opportunities would be helpful. Several events such as Autumnfest, Christmas in the Village, Wood County Animal Shelter, Otterbein Retirement Center, and The Love of Arts Festival were mentioned.

A thank you was expressed to Campbell and Chief Molnar on their actions to resolve the Cedar Street parking problem.

Larry Moore shared that PIMA was planning to run some regular newspaper advertisements to the *Sentinel Tribune*, *Perrysburg Messenger*, *Fostoria Focus*, and the *Suburban Press*. Doing so would begin the promotional branding of Pemberville.

Mayor Opelt shared a letter from the Mayor of Rodinghausen, Germany. He was happy to report how the economic development has blossomed in their town.

Madaras expressed his appreciation to the council members who helped set up the Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor and Council were very pleased to see the overwhelming turn out from the town folk. They felt some barriers were broken through that night by hearing from the residents.

There was no other business to be addressed so the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.