

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE - COUNCIL MEETING February 20, 2007

The regular meeting on 2/20/07 of Council was called to order by Mayor Opelt. A prayer was offered by Brandt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for roll call: Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Madaras, Miesmer, and Partin. Also in attendance were Chief Molnar, Bud Kahler, Howard Shirling, Larry Moore, Joanne Busdeker, and Denny Henline.

The minutes from the February 6, 2007 council meeting were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$2,444.71 were submitted to Council. Brandt moved to pay the bills and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Madaras moved to pay the interest due on 3/3/07 to Union Bank in the amount of \$4,684.16 for the Ford Garage Loan. Miesmer seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The Council was also asked to authorize a principal payment on the same loan in the amount of \$32,000. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ordinance 1384 -2nd Reading – Declaring an Emergency – An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2007 Edition, As the code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Pemberville, OH and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance 1387 – 1st Reading – Declaring an Emergency – Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Note or Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$137,000 for Purposes of Acquiring, Improving, and Maintaining the "Old Ford Garage" Property on Front Street, and Declaring an Emergency.

Old Business: Special Use Vendor Permit/Ordinance – The Mayor and Chief Molnar researched the Special Use Vendor Permit and found there would be more risk of liability put on the Village if such a permit was allowed. There would be risk of damage, fire, etc., with the burden of responsible and insurance coverage for the Village. Barnes says he wants to support our own businesses in town, they pay the taxes, and they are part of our town. Our Solicitor advises to let out-of-town vendors setup their booths on private property that is zoned for that purpose. Barnes moved to restrict out-of-town vendors from selling. Partin seconded the motion. Roll call: Barnes – Yes, Partin – Yes, Campbell – No, Brandt – Yes, Miesmer – Yes, Madaras – Yes. The motion passed.

It was suggested to setup a document to allow participating organizations involved in special events in town (i.e. The Car Show) pay a small fee for liability insurance.

Mayor:

The Mayor extended a thank you to all Village workers for their hard work in cleaning the snow covered streets.

Bob Bruning sent a thank you concerning the expedient service from employees Brian Heestand and John Lockard for thawing out the pipes at his business on Cedar Street.

Newsletter – Corrections or additions on the newsletter should be given to Cartledge after the meeting.

FYI – The Advertising Director from *Fremont News Messenger* met with Mayor Opelt. The newspaper wants to begin a weekly newspaper in Pemberville. The paper will be mailed to every household free of charge.

Two sites are being presented to the Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCOA) this week. The First United Presbyterian and Bethlehem Lutheran churches are the two sites that will be inspected by WCCOA. The County wants an average of 25 people a day in the facility.

A new business called TJ's Treasures has opened in town. This is an EBay business. Two other businesses are looking to come to Pemberville soon.

The Mayor handed out a list of Ford Garage ideas.

Mayor left the meeting at 8:15 to meet with Bethlehem Lutheran Church about the Senior Citizens Center.

Partin stated that feedback from citizens made it clear they wanted the Ford Garage to be sold as is. Barnes wants to see downtown Pemberville preserved. Campbell was concerned that there was no guarantee that the Ford Garage would be a success. Miesmer agreed. Partin made the motion to sell the Ford Garage as is and Miesmer seconded the motion. Roll call on the vote: Partin – Yes, Miesmer – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Brandt – Yes, Barnes – No, Madaras – No. The motion passed.

Denny Henline shared with Council that they should not spend the citizen's tax money on property like the Ford Garage. The Village already owns 44 parcels around town that does not generate tax dollars for the Village. Whoever buys the Ford Garage can buy it and pay the real estate taxes. Henline believed it would cost much more than \$400,000 to renovate the Ford Garage. Henline and Shirling agreed with Council's decision to sell the Ford Garage. Henline says to cut our losses and get out of the real estate business. An open air garage like the one in Canton, Michigan would be a good idea for the Ford Garage. They have gatherings, flea markets, fruit market, Christmas trees, ice skating rink and events in this type of garage.

Henline also would like to see sidewalks installed on Martin, Joyce and Marshall in the new development. Howard Shirling wants to see the driveway at the ball diamond fixed. He would get a tractor and a truck.

Brandt: March 8th at 7 pm is the Personnel Committee meeting. They will be going over the employee handbook with the BPA.

Poggemeyer will be meeting with Brandt on Friday at 8:30 am to plan for the restroom work at the Street Garage.

Campbell: Utility Committee met February 12, 2007, at 7pm.

Madaras: The Recreation Board's next meeting is on March 1st. They will plan a tentative schedule for swimming lessons. Larry Moore mentioned the Swimming Pool being an asset to the community. Payroll costs for the pool last year were down from the past few years. Also, they will plan to begin development of Oberhouse Park which will cost zero dollars

Miesmer: The Planning Commission is still working on the language for the Home Occupation zoning.

Miesmer made the motion to appropriate \$1,000 for advertising costs to sell the Ford Garage. Partin seconded the motion. Roll call on the vote: Miesmer – Yes, Partin – Yes, Barnes – No, Brandt – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Madaras – Yes.

Chief Molnar: The Chief asked the Council to approve hiring part-time police officers Rick Miller and Andrew Polluf. They have both been auxiliary policemen. Miller graduated from Adrian College and the University of Toledo with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice. Polluf is currently finishing his Bachelors Degree at Bowling Green State University and has been in the auxiliary since April 2006. Miesmer moved to hire both officers for part-time positions. Madaras seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Madaras asked Chief Molnar for Police Department links for the Village website.

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