

Pemberville Council Meeting– Minutes for March 6, 2007 Meeting

The regular Council meeting on March 6, 2007 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 Joanne Busdeker, Bud Kahler, Dale Bruning, Daniel Simpson, Russell Eby, Roger Klee, Will Malone, and Solicitor Mike Marsh. Chief Molnar arrived at approximately 7:45pm.

The minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$24,785.25 were submitted for Council's approval to pay. Miesmer made the motion to accept the bills for payment and Madaras seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer made a correction on the interest payment amount from the 2/20/07 meeting. The correct interest payment was \$5,754.82, instead of \$4,684.16. Brandt made the motion to accept the corrected interest payment amount and Madaras seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer asked the Council to approve the payment of \$32,000 principal on the Union Bank Loan for the Ford Garage. Brandt made the motion to pay this principal amount and Campbell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was: Brandt – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Barnes – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Miesmer – No, and Partin – Yes.

Ordinance #1384 – 3rd 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. Brandt moved to pass this ordinance and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #1387 – 2nd 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 \$137,000.00 for Purposes of Acquiring, Improving, and Maintaining the "Old Ford Garage" Property on Front Street, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ordinance #1388 – 1st Reading – Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Public Affairs, or its Designee, to Inspect Inter-Connections and Outlets to and From Municipal Utilities at Time of Account Transfer.

New Business: Daniel Simpson, Luckey, OH, asked permission to use the Village woods for his K9 Search and Rescue Training. The organization works with FEMA. The dogs will not be running loose in the woods. Chief Molnar reported of numerous times when Search and Rescue Teams were needed in the Village. The Mayor suggested a waiver form to be created for this purpose. The waiver should document the specific dates for the activity, the number of dogs, and the number of trainers. Barnes made the motion to have a Waiver Form established for this purpose and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Buckeye Sanitation has asked to have the unlimited pick-up day for the Village on Monday, May 21st. The unlimited pick-up costs the Village about \$4,000 to \$6,000. Miesmer made the motion to accept May 21st and Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: A Storm Sewer Project Proposal was handed out to the Council documenting the need for repair and maintenance work. A spreadsheet listed Short-Term and Long-Term Projects with estimated costs of \$34,500 and \$550,000 respectively. There has been no planned work setup for the

storm sewers since 1998. The proposal asked to issue an ordinance to have the BPA take over the operations of the Storm Sewer Department and setup a monthly charge of about \$3 per metered customer. Council thought a communication meeting for the Village was in order. We could ask the BPA to explain the need for the monthly charge and the needed repair work on the storm sewers. A motion was made by Brandt to write an ordinance for the storm sewer proposal and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Lion's Club was meeting tonight. They were taking a survey about the future needs in the community to assess how the Lion's Club could be involved.

NOMMA had a meeting last week at the Riverview Banquet Center in which the Mayor and Brandt attended. Senator Randy Gardner spoke and there were a lot of good comments about the meeting.

Time Warner Cable sent a letter explaining the changes in programming and the expiration of certain programming agreements.

The Tree Commission had four resignations: Marge Cox, Ruth Phillips, Brian Heestand, and Darlene Lockard. The Mayor asked Council to make some recommendations of citizens who could fill these empty seats on the Tree Commission.

Travis Lawrence, a Pemberville Teen, sent a letter to Mayor Opelt. He explained to the Mayor that there was no place to skateboard in town. He would like the Village to provide a skateboard park. This activity would help teens to be physically active and fight the dilemma of being over weight. This request was passed to the Recreation Board for their consideration.

There was a police training session last night in the Village. This was training on hostage negotiations for police and Swat teams.

Brandt: The contractor, Midwest Construction, will begin working on the Old Street Garage soon.

The Personnel Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 8th at 7pm.

Barnes: The Economic Development Meeting will be March 12th at 7:30pm.

Campbell: Utilities Meeting is Monday, March 12th at 7pm.

Streets and Sidewalks Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 15th at 5pm.

Madaras: The Recreation Board met last week. They have been compiling the surveys that were completed by citizens.

Madaras handed out the "Pemberville Community Pool 2007 Swim Team and Learn to Swim Programs" calendar. This also listed the prices for the 2007 year. Brandt made the motion to approve the Swimming Pool price list and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Madaras brought out that the Shelter House Price List needed to be updated with Village residents getting a price break.

Miesmer inquired about the Joint Recreation Board preparing a Tax Levy soon. If such a levy passed, then a two tiered breakout of residents and non-residents would be between Township and non-Township verses Village and non-Village. Based on surveys, user fees, grants and fundraising were

preferred over a property tax levy. The goal is to put together a tax levy for the November election. If the Township does not put a tax levy together, then the Village will.

A change in the Joint Recreation Board meeting is March 29th at 7pm.

The Tree Commission is planning Arbor Day and the Tree Planting Day with the kids. The Tree Commission also discussed tree replacements needed at two residences since these trees were cut down.

Miesmer: The Planning Commission is meeting on the Home Occupation subject matter. A public hearing is being planned. The Commission is looking to introduce legislation for a Zoning Ordinance. After the 1st reading of the Ordinance, notice of the public hearing needs to be within 30 days.

Partin: Lands and Buildings Committee is setting up a Spring Project List. They are planning to do a swimming pool spring project and a Walk of the Trail. These projects will be posted on the website.

Mayor: The Wood County Committee on Aging will be visiting the Village to inspect the two potential locations for the Senior Citizen Center. The two church facilities are Bethlehem Lutheran and the First United Presbyterian.

The Mayor asked if Council could not make it into the Village Office during office hours, to please make arrangements with the office if they need to sign any papers after the office is closed.

The Council will be honoring Marge Cox for over 29 years of service to the Village. This is planned for the April 17th meeting.

Guests: Roger Klee made various complaints. He believes: 1.) People in the Village are not made aware of the meeting agenda, 2.) Paying any principal on the Ford Garage loan is a terrible idea, 3.) It is illegal to spend money without an ordinance, and 4.) The Ford Garage is a restricted property by the zoning laws and we do not abide by the zoning laws.

Dennis Layman, American Legion Post No. 183, sent a letter asking Council for permission to close Memorial Drive on May 23 through May 27, 2007 for their fund raising event. They also requested use of the picnic tables from the park shelter house on Friday and Saturday. Miesmer made the motion to accept this request. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business so the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Clerk

Mayor