

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE – COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17, 2007

The regular Council meeting on April 17, 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, Campbell, Madaras, Miesmer, and Partin. Barnes was absent. Also in attendance were: Joanne Busdeker, Russell Eby, Will Malone, Frank Murna, Jr., and Hope. Chief Molnar came into the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Minutes from the April 3, 2007 meeting were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$2,497.02 were submitted to Council to pay. Brandt moved to pay the bills, and Partin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1389 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Establishing the Storm Sewer Enterprise Fund. Partin moved to accept Ordinance 1389 and Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1390 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Establishing a Storm Sewer Management and Operations Fee and Providing for the Supervision and Management of Storm Sewers in the Village. Madaras commented that he would not approve of the \$3 fee charged to residents. He would like to have this cost paid by the income tax collections, due to the elimination of the half percent credit for other municipalities. Campbell moved to accept Ordinance 1390 and Partin seconded. Roll call on the motion: Campbell – Yes, Partin – Yes, Brandt – Yes, Miesmer – Yes, and Madaras – No. The motion passed.

Ordinance 1391 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Amending the Village of Pemberville Zoning code by Adding the Definition of "Home Occupation." Miesmer commented that the Planning Commission recommended this ordinance. The motion was made by Miesmer to table this ordinance until the May 15th public hearing on this ordinance. Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The Economic Development Committee is working on the selection of a realtor for the sale of the Old Ford Garage.

Clerk's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The May 2007 Calendar was presented and accepted as submitted to Council.

The Unlimited Trash Pick Up day is May 21st.

The Mayor handed out a letter from supporters of Pemberville concerning an informational meeting to discuss "A Progressive Taste of Pemberville" event. These meetings will be on May 9, 2007 at Marcia's Kitchen. There are two meeting times: 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This event is designed to attract visitors to Pemberville and entice them back to reside, shop, eat, worship, and enjoy a variety of services.

A letter (Appendix A) from Dale Bruning concerning the date that Pemberville was founded was received. The current date used on our signs uses the incorporation date. Bruning suggests that we should use the date that the village was plotted. Most of the other towns in the area use the plotted date. This would involve making changes on the signs that are posted around the village. Council wanted to ask Mike Marsh about the legality of this before anything would be changed.

The Mayor announced that the Wood County Commission on Aging has decided to give both Pemberville and Wayne the opportunity of operating a Senior Citizens Center. The reason for having two separate sites was for travel safety, because of Route 6 running directly between the two locations.

The centers would operate 20 hours per week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. The centers will probably not open until April 2008.

Committee Reports:

Brandt: The Personnel Meeting was cancelled for April 12th. The May meeting will be on May 10th at 7 p.m. Brandt met with contractors on the restroom construction. The blueprints and bids disagree with what we thought. There will be further review on this matter.

Campbell: There was no report for the Utilities Committee.

The CDBG grant needed to be submitted by May 18th. This would be for handicap accessibility at the Town Hall building. The grant is a no match grant of \$50,000. Feller and Finch would be able to resubmit the application from last year's submission that was not received. Brandt moved that Feller and Finch apply for the grant and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A draft letter was handed out concerning the repair of sidewalks. This letter would be the "Second Notice" letter that would be sent to residents when repairs would be needed to sidewalks on their property.

Mosquito spraying quotes from Fresh Cut Lawn Services and Mayer Lawn Care were presented to Council. Campbell recommended Fresh Cut which was the lower quote at \$220/each application with a minimum of six applications. Total cost would be \$1,320. Partin made the motion to accept the Fresh Cut quote and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Street sweeping quotes from Progressive Sweep, Perfect Sweep, and Dublin Services were presented to Council. Dublin Services was recommended by Campbell. The cost would be \$780 for the initial sweep (13 Hours) and five additional sweeps not to exceed \$540 each (9 Hours). Campbell suggested having the streets swept before and after the Pemberville Fair. It was suggested that the Street Department coordinate with the Police Department to help with getting cars off of the streets. Brandt made the motion to accept Dublin Services and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Streets and Sidewalks Committee will meet on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 5 p.m.

Also, Campbell is currently seeking estimates for concrete sidewalks at Mason Park, Town Hall and the Swimming Pool. It was asked to coordinate the concrete delivery with the concrete needed at the new restrooms at the street garage.

Tar and chipping estimates are also being gathered for East, Forest, and Perry Street extension.

Madaras: Swimming Pool sign ups are on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 9 a.m. to noon. This will be held at the school. A second signup will be held on May 19th from 9 a.m. to noon. The clerk was asked to put this announcement up on the Town Hall sign.

Miesmer: Planning Commission will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Partin: No report.

The Mayor concluded the meeting by conveying our sympathy to all those who have been affected by the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Clerk

Mayor

APPENDIX A: Dale Bruning Letter on Pemberville Founding Date

4-17-07

Mr. James Opelt, Mayor of Village of Pemberville
Members of the Council of the Village of Pemberville

There has been concern and discussion as to the correct historical founding date of the Village of Pemberville. To many persons the date of founding was not in June 8, 1876 when the Village was incorporated. This date of incorporation means that the Village became a governmental unit. The actual founding of the Village is many years prior to 1876.

I am submitting the following for your consideration because new signs are going to be placed on the streets/roads entering the Village, and to clarify the date of the founding of the Village of Pemberville.

The Bowling Green Sentinel of Tuesday, March 6, 2007 contained the following article:
"BG to celebrate 175th anniversary of city settlement" "Known as a terquascentennial, (Mayor) Quinn said the event would mark the building of a cabin by Elisha Martindale in March and April of 1833 in what is now the 600 block of Haskins Road, not far from the Conneaut Elementary School." (This would be 2008). Residents of Bowling Green have generally chosen the 1833 settlement date as the "celebration" date.

If Pemberville followed the pattern of Bowling Green we could also say that Pemberville will "celebrate the 175th anniversary of village settlement in 2008." We could do so because Asahel Powers has the honor of being the pioneer settler of Pemberville. (Originally called The Forks). " He entered his tract of land in August of 1833. He then returned to his home in Lorain County. In November of that year, 1833, he returned with his wife, sons Hiram and Herman; sons-in-law James Pember and Benjamin Waite and families. He built his cabin on the bluff beyond the ravine, where Mr. Oberhause's dwelling is located." (Now the site of Freedom Post #183). This information is from an article by J. R. Calkins.

When entering the Village of Woodville, the entrance sign reads, "Woodville, Founded---1836," and when entering the Village of Elmore, the entrance signs reads, "Elmore, Founded---1851.

In checking with officials, both in Woodville and Elmore, and inquiring what each founding date represented, this is what each entrance signs represents:

"Woodville, Founded---1836" means that Woodville was first platted on June 13, 1836. Woodville was not incorporated until 1884, six years after the incorporation of Pemberville.

"Elmore, Founded---1851" means that Elmore was first platted on February 10, 1851.

If Pemberville followed the pattern of the above Villages, and many others, the entrance signs should read:

"Pemberville, Founded---May 24, 1854."

James Pember had a tract of land in Section 10 in Freedom Township platted into 26 lots by Samuel Bell, the County Surveyor. The survey was duly recorded on the above date and Samuel Bell, the Surveyor, gave this platted areas in Section 10 of Freedom Township, the name of Pemberville.

Again, I submit the following information for your consideration and possible action.

Sincerely,

Dale M. Bruning
511 Water Street
Pemberville, Ohio 43450