

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE – COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1, 2007

The regular Council meeting on May 1, 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: Solicitor Mike Marsh and Chief Molnar arrived at 7:40 pm.
The Cemetery Trustees, Jim Witker, Ellen Walston, and Keith Avers, arrived around 8 pm for the annual joint cemetery meeting.

Minutes from the April 17, 2007 meeting were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$4,215.16 were submitted to Council to pay. Barnes moved to pay the bills and Partin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1392 – 1st Reading – Ordinance Providing Supplemental Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Pemberville, OH, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007 – Storm Sewer Appropriation.

Resolution #687 – 1st Reading – Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Application for Capital or Buy Recycle Grant Funding – Solid Waste District Grant for a Wood Chipper. This grant was filed on May 1, 2007 and needed to have the resolution to complete the application. Campbell moved to suspend the rules under an Emergency. Brandt seconded the motion. Roll call: Campbell – Yes, Brandt – Yes, Barnes – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Miesmer – No, and Partin – Yes. Campbell moved to pass Resolution #687 and Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance is on May 15th at 7:15 pm.

Mayor's Report: Modine Manufacturing has announced that the Pemberville Plant has signed a five year contract. The Pemberville Plant will be taking jobs from another Modine Plant that will be closing. The work will be transferred in six to seven months from now. Modine may call back laid-off workers.

Hercules Stamping is expanding their parking lots and may add a third shift.

The Pemberville Library addition and rededication will be at 2 pm on Sunday, May 6, 2007.

The May Calendar was approved by Council.

Committee Reports:

Brandt: The Village had an arborist review the trees that needed to be removed. Most of these trees were taken down by John Lockard. Four trees needed to be removed by a tree service that has the proper equipment to handle 100 feet trees. Three bids were collected and Brandt recommended accepting the Beeker Landscaping bid for \$3,650. This bid included the removal of four trees plus removal of the wood. Funds of \$2,000 from the Contingency Fund

needed to be approved by Council to use to help pay for the tree removal costs. Madaras made the motion to use the Contingency Fund and Brandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brandt moved to use Beeker Landscaping and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Brandt met with the contractors concerning the plans for the restrooms at the Old Street Garage. Council had given the Wood County engineers information on the changes needed to complete the restrooms. The contractors will give the additional costs (approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500) to Council soon. Therefore, Barnes made a motion to approve the additional cost not-to-exceed \$3,000 for the restrooms. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell: A Flood Committee Meeting date was decided for May 17th at 7 pm. This will be advertised on the sign and the website as a Community Input Meeting – Flood Committee.

Madaras: The Park & Recreation Board has changed their meeting to May 31, 2007 at 7 pm.

The Council Meeting went into recess at 8:10 pm for the Annual Joint Cemetery Meeting.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

Campbell: There was discussion on tar and chipping of Village streets. Bergman, Gary Britton, and Shelly Co. were suggested for getting bids. Perry Street, East Street, and Forest from Bierley to the corner, and Kesson Road were being considered for tar and chipping or asphalt. Campbell wanted some ideas on Kesson Road since it gets a lot of heavy use with trucks from North Branch Nursery. There is no drainage or base. It was suggested to have Tim Murphy, Wood County Engineer, look at this and advise with needed work and estimated costs.

Barnes: The Wood County Planning Commission will have a meeting on June 5th concerning the CDBG Handicap Accessible Grant. Barnes will attend the meeting and ask Feller & Finch to be there to represent the Village, too.

Campbell: The Street Garage has had very high heating bills the last few months. Campbell would like to convert the heat to electric by installing several units at \$1,560 each.

The Street Sweeping Schedule is as follows:

May 24, June 21, July 19, August 9, August 30 (or September 13), and October 18.

The Mosquito Spraying dates are to be determined.

Replacement of the Town Hall sidewalks was discussed. Some of the sidewalks are currently flagstone and needed to be replaced. It was brought up about the historical value of replacing the sidewalks back to flagstone, which would be more costly than concrete sidewalks.

Madaras: The Joint Park and Recreation Board met last Thursday. Anne Michel and Madaras are applying for grant money to provide a workforce to mulch the walking paths at Oberhouse Park.

The Swimming Pool wiring was completed by John Lockard. The concrete contractors need to start doing their work soon. The Swimming Pool signup is on May 19th. This needs to be put on the sign. June 11th is set for opening day for the Swimming Pool.

Council was asked to approve a cost not-to-exceed \$300 for a scoreboard driver part at the ball field. The total cost of the part is \$525, of which the Little League will pay for the balance over the \$300. Madaras moved to approve this cost and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Little League still had about \$2,000 to spend to use up the remaining matching Wood County grant. It was suggested to purchase a defibrillator, which costs about \$2,000. This would be a safety capital expenditure. The Little League has asked if the Village Lands and Buildings Department would be able to do more repairs and painting on the bleachers if they would supply the materials. Campbell stated that he had no problem with this arrangement.

The Park and Recreation Survey results showed the top three items that citizens wanted from the Parks and Recreation Department. 1.) To maintain the parks with walking and running paths. 2.) To maintain the swimming pool. 3.) Community Center and/or Senior Center. Citizens did ask that these services be funded with user fees rather than a tax levy. The deadline for a park levy would be around the middle of August. If Council would initiate a tax levy, Miesmer wants to have three readings on such an Ordinance. Madaras would like to have user fees increased to out-of-town residents. Also, the Little League may have to begin to pay for expenses that the Village has paid for in the past, such as the electric bill for the concession stand. Rental fees for the shelter house also needed to be updated. The Village may want to increase rates. The Park and Recreation Committee would still like to implement a tax levy.

Madaras moved to renew the National Arbor Day Membership at a cost of \$25. Campbell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A Village tree was cut down by Tom Rahe. Currently, there is a fine of \$100 for this offense per the Village ordinance. John Lockard thought it was not necessary to replace this tree with another one, because it was not a good location for a tree. Madaras would like to see the ordinance have a higher penalty for cutting down trees. It was agreed to have the ordinance reviewed and brought back to council for changes.

Madaras would like to have more than three people on the Tree Commission. He asked if Council could make some recommendations of people who would like to serve on the commission.

Miesmer: The Planning Commission needs a new person to set on the committee. This would be a six year appointment. The Mayor asked council for suggested names.

Madaras asked for additional speeding coverage on Water Street, especially during 6:30 am and 7:30 am.

There was no other business to discuss, so the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor