

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 21, 2007

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:30 pm. A prayer was given and Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Roll Call: Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Madaras and Miesmer. Others attending were Marge Cox, Bud Kahler, Ruth Phillips, Gordon Bowman, Ellen Walston, Joanne Busdeker, Jim Witker, Russell Eby and Will Malone.

Marge Cox took the Oath of Office and then took her seat as Council person.

The minutes from the last meeting, dated August 7, 2007, were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills amounting to \$4,168.62 were submitted for payment. Brandt moved to pay the bills and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Witker, Freedom Township Trustee, discussed Kesson Road repairs with Council. The cost to repair this road would be shared half and half by the Village and the Township. Witker reported that the County has a patching machine that cost \$1,000 per day material and labor. Patching the road would cost \$250 to \$500. Tar and chipping would last about 16 years. The patching along with tar & chipping would cost about \$4,000 total. The road would be repaired back to the barn which is about 3 tenths of a mile. Campbell moved to have the Village pay half, which is \$2,000, for the Kesson Road repair and Brandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell brought up that East Street needed to be repaired, also. He asked Jim Witker if the Township would pay half of the cost to repair. Witker responded by saying he would take the request back to the Trustees at their next meeting, but believed the Township felt there were other streets needing repairs more than East Street. The County will do the Tar & Chipping for about \$4,100 total. Campbell moved that the Village agree to pay half of the cost, which is \$2,050, to repair East Street contingent upon Township's approval to pay for half. Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Township Association Directory - Jim Witker also asked Council to put an advertisement for the Village in the Township Association Directory that will be printed and distributed around the first of the year. The directory lists all elected township trustees in Wood County. It also shows valuations. Costs for the ads are: ¼ page is \$25, ½ page is \$50, and a full page is \$100. The same ad would be put on the Township Association's website for \$25. Anyone putting an ad in the directory would get one. Others would pay \$3 for the directory. The ad needs to be submitted by the middle of September. Miesmer made a motion to put an ¼ page ad at \$25 in the directory. Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 689 – 3rd Reading – Resolution Declaring the Amount of Taxes that may be Raised by Levy at the Maximum Rate authorized by Law Without a Vote of the Electors to be Insufficient, and Declaring the Necessity of a Levy in Excess of Such Rate. This needed to be filed with the Board of Elections on 8/22/07. Barnes made a motion to suspend the rules and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion it was decided that it

was not necessary to suspend the rules, therefore Campbell moved to unsuspend the rules and Barnes seconded. Roll call vote: Campbell – Yes, Barnes – Yes, Brandt – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Cox – Yes, Miesmer – No. The motion passed.
Miesmer moved to accept Resolution 689 and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1402 – 2nd Reading – Ordinance Establishing a Water Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 1403 – 1st Reading – Ordinance Providing Supplemental Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for the Village of Pemberville, Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2007 and Ending December 31, 2007.

Clerk's Report – Council was asked to approve the increase of the Returned Check Charge to \$35, changed from \$28. The Village Office has experienced increased time to collect on NSF checks and this increase will help to cover these costs. Madaras made a motion to accept the charge of \$35 and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council was asked to approve the renewing of the Union Bank Loan of \$100,000 for one year at a rate of 4.3%. This loan is related to the purchase of the old Ford garage. Brandt made a motion to renew the loan and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Wilka and Debra Cartledge will be attending the Treasurer of State Continuing Education class at Perrysburg on October 19, 2007.

Mayor's Report – There will be a townhall meeting with the Wood County Commissions at 7 pm on September 18th, before the regular Council meeting. The Cemetery Board will move up the time of their meeting to 6:30 pm on that night.

The Mayor congratulated the Fair Board for a successful fair last week. A thank you was extended to Keith Madaras for his hard work on the Fair Board and for the successful 5-Miler.

The Pemberville Unwrapped organization asked who would have the liability insurance coverage if Pemberville Unwrapped used the school's buses for the event. Council believed that the school should carry the auto insurance coverage for the use of the school buses.

Committee Reports:

Brandt: Some concrete sawing was done at the old street garage.

Economic Development was making progress on the village marketing DVD. Pictures have been selected for the DVD.

Campbell: No report.

Cox: No report.

Madaras:

Free Fair – On behalf of the Fair Board, thanks to all those helping with the fair. A special thanks was extended to the village employees. John Lockard and Brian Heestand worked late into Saturday night so the tents could be taken down the next day. Thank you to the Police Department, also. There were trenches left from the fair and the Fair Board plans to roll out these and then seed them. Attendance at the fair was above normal. Council thanked the Fair Board for working 16 hour days during the fair.

The Mayor asked Madaras to check on the signs for the park levy. He thought the signs could only be posted 30 days before the election.

Swimming Pool – The swimming pool will be open in the evening starting next week. The pool will also be open on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Quotes are being accepted for sand blasting the pool. Council conveyed their thanks to Marcia Mazur for her work at the pool.

Miesmer: No report.

The calendar for August and September was reviewed by Council. Street Sweeping will not be on August 30th, but is scheduled for September 13th.

Flood Meeting on September 20th was called due to the heavy rains during the last few days. Fire Chief Martin, Mayor Opelt, Councilman Campbell, Brad Gilbert from Wood County, the township trustees, village police, and village superintendents attended the meeting. Ways to prepare for flooding was discussed. Sandbags were received for the village's use. The Mayor wrote a flood advisory letter to the residents who lived in the areas of potential flooding on Bridge, Bierley and Water streets. Residents were told to move items from basements and garages and sandbags were available for their use. If needed, the Village would register volunteers and place them in the proper areas. Chief Martin and Mayor Opelt would make the decision if sandbagging needed to be started. Council needs to talk in the next coming months about the cost to the village to protect the business area from flooding. The village incurred over \$2,000 in expenses when the last flood occurred.

Eric Campbell informed Council that he observed the flooding in the valley and found the sanitary sewer catch basin on the river side completely blown out and heaving water out. "We have had a breach of the sanitary sewer in the valley tonight," he said. Campbell wanted the citizens in the valley protected and asked the police to erect a sign or rope off the area to keep people out of the water. This afternoon, Campbell saw three young individuals swimming in the valley water and so he stopped to tell them to get out, go and bathe, and tell their parents. Campbell called Charlie Aring and Chuck Schulte down to observe what was seen and he thought they were pretty flabbergasted. "I don't know how any one feels about it, but I cringe at the thought of having raw sewage pumping into my back yard. I think it is time we stop burying our heads in the sand and hit the problem head on," Campbell expressed. He wants to

find a solution to the problem, because first and foremost is the protection of our citizens. He wants the valley roped off and manned if necessary to keep people out of that water because we do not know what's in it. Campbell contacted the EPA that day. "I am extremely concerned with this situation and I have had enough excuses. It's time to move forward," Campbell concluded.

Guests:

Bo Vespi addressed Eric Campbell to complain that the language Campbell used was totally inappropriate when he was talking to the youth swimming in the valley. Campbell apologized to Vespi.

Madaras asked Council if they could post the results of the 5-Miler on the village website. Awards for the 5-Miler could still be picked up at the village office.

There was no other business to discuss, so the meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor