

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:30 pm on September 4, 2007. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were said.

Roll Call: Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Madaras and Miesmer. Marge Cox was absent. Others in attendance were Russell Eby, Gordon Bowman, Marcia Cousino, Will Malone from the Sentinel Tribune and Chief Molnar.

The minutes from the August 21, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bills amounting to \$8,463.64 were submitted for payment. Meismer made a motion to approve the bills and Brandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1402 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 1329 which Amended Ordinance Number 630 Section 13(b). The ordinance was amended from the 2nd reading, therefore Madaras made a motion to amend the ordinance by substitution and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brandt made the motion to pass the ordinance and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1403 – 2nd Reading – Ordinance Providing Supplemental Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for the Village of Pemberville, OH, During the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2007 and Ending December 31, 2007. Chief Molnar explained that the funds would be expended for the D.A.R.E. Program and Red Ribbon Week.

Resolution 690 – 1st Reading – Resolution Approving Form and Authorizing the Execution of a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith.

Clerk's Report: The State of Ohio Auditor finished their audit of the Village financial records on August 23rd. The utility and income tax accounting software upgrade is being considered. Our current software provider, CMI, will be coming in October to give a demonstration of the new software program. Employee health insurance quotes are being gathered in the month of September.

Mayor's Report: The Wood County Commissioners will hold a townhall meeting on September 18, 2007 at 7 pm.

Brian Myers and JoAnne Busdeker have been recommended to serve on the Tree Commission. Brandt made the motion to accept the appointments and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Devon Howard was sworn in as a new part-time police officer. He has served in the auxiliary police and is from Perrysburg.

The Christmas street decorations are getting old and some have fallen apart. The cost for these decorations are in the tens of thousands of dollars. The Village will be budgeting some funds for this expenditure. The Mayor suggested a meeting with the downtown businesses to talk about them paying for half of the cost.

Pemberville Unwrapped:

Marcia Cousino was asked to address Council about Pemberville Unwrapped. Cousino reported that t-shirts were distributed to advertise the event. There are 55 businesses involved in the group and they were working on a town directory to be printed. The ads paid for the cost of the directory. Cousino asked if the town would promote a clean-up day before September 22nd. There was an exposed pipe on the sidewalk on Walnut Street. There was also a truck used as a waste dumpster on Walnut. She asked if all the businesses and residents could clean-up their yards and property for the event.

Cousino told Council that Pemberville Unwrapped needs \$900 for advertising the event in the newspapers. Cousino expressed that Pemberville Unwrapped has not heard from the town Council even though Council said at one time they would support Pemberville Unwrapped. Council did not even give \$25 to be put on the tour map. The Mayor explained that Council wore Pemberville Unwrapped T-Shirts during the fair parade and they did not pay the \$25 fee for the map because the Opera House was going to pay for this. Council had also decided to put money toward a DVD to promote Pemberville and the Pemberville Unwrapped group decided they were not interested in using the DVD. If Council would give any funds toward advertising, the newspaper bills would have to be turned into the Village and the payment would be made directly to the newspaper. Council needed to have Mike Marsh approve this procedure and also have Deb Cartledge verify if there were available funds for advertising. Madaras moved to spend up to \$900 for advertising contingent upon Marsh and Cartledge approving the action. Campbell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Madaras – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Brandt – Yes, Barnes – Yes, Miesmer – No. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Brandt: There will be a Personnel Committee meeting on 9/13/07 at 7 pm.

The new restrooms had new footers poured and plumbing is being installed.

Barnes: Economic Development Committee will meet on 9/10/07 at 7:30 pm. Jim Barnes plans to go with Marge Cox around the Village and show her some of the things concerning the Lands and Buildings Committee. They will be looking at the Village buildings and trails.

Campbell: The contract with MX Energy would be running out on 10/10/07. The lowest "Apples to Apples" quote was with Commerce Energy for a one year fixed rate. The savings would be about \$198 if we changed to Commerce. Campbell made the motion to make a new contract with Commerce and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There have been many requests for more mosquito sprayings. Campbell recommended two more sprays at \$220 each. Campbell made this motion and Brandt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next flood meeting is tentatively set for September 19, 2007 at 4 pm.

The Solid Waste District will be awarding the Village a grant of \$15,000 to apply toward the purchase of a wood chipper. The wood chipper that is being considered has a cost of about \$35,000 and is for a tier 3 emergency management rated chipper. It has an optional crane that can lift 2,000 lbs, pull up to 2,000 lbs 150 feet and load 15 inch logs from the river. If the chipper would cost \$40,000 there would be a trade-in on the old chipper and along with the grant we will receive will bring the net cost to the Village under \$25,000.

Vermeer Company offers a unit with a three day rental for \$500 that regrinds wood chips into mulch. The chipped wood could be ground into very good quality mulch. After about two years, this mulch would turn into good top soil.

There will be a Streets & Sidewalks meeting on Thursday, September 20th at 3 pm. This time was selected so the employees could attend the meeting.

Madaras:

Ann Michel and Keith Madaras received a grant from the Eastwood Educational Foundation to do work on Oberhouse Park's trail development. They will plan a day to have 60 high school students and 100 middle school students do various work such as spreading mulch. It would be nice to have Jeff Bourdo and Dave Bruning run any needed equipment like the tractor or dump truck that day. A date will be set this fall, but it will be flexible due to weather conditions. We need to have a waiver of liability signed by a parent or guardian for each student working on that day. Tom Oberhouse had put together a complete diagram for Oberhouse Park. The key is to decide what to do for the entrance off Bierley back to the park. This should be stone or gravel for emergency vehicles and it has a 20 foot passage. Signs would be needed for the driveway.

The Finance Committee met and went over a summary of costs for the North Water Plant. Contracts have been signed with Brooks Contracting \$339,000, Regent Electric \$36,300 and Marine Building Group \$38,000. The total cost of the project is at \$463,300. The amount appropriated in 2007 was \$459,146.

Miesmer: The Rees Road property that the Village purchased earlier this year needs to be annexed into the Village. A resolution will need to be drawn up in the near future.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7 pm.

Madaras asked if property such as the Frederick's farm were developed into residential properties, would it be annexed in pieces to provide village utilities to the homes. The Mayor answered by clarifying that the developer who purchased the property would be responsible to have the property annexed.

Chief Molnar: The police department website is being completed with the assistance of Russ Eby.

Campbell brought up that village residents have complained about the concrete debris and weed forest on Perry Street. It has been two years after a fire and the property needed to be cleaned up. There are complaints of rodents and wildlife around this area. A letter should be sent to Larry Moore to give him adequate time to clean it up. Chief Molnar reported that he has already approached Moore and will be sending out a letter to him. There is also another property on East Front Street that needs to have a letter sent.

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Debra L. Cartledge
Fiscal Officer

James R. Opelt
Mayor
