

The regular meeting of the Council began at 7:35 pm due to a Town-hall meeting held by the Wood County Commissioners. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

**Roll Call:** Brandt, Barnes, Campbell, Cox, Madaras and Miesmer. Others in attendance were Eileen Schuerman, Bud Kahler, Russell Eby, Doug Wegman, Gordon Bowman, Nedra Sheets, Vickie Knauss, Joanne Busdeker, Christian King, and Will Malone from the Sentinel Tribune.

Minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were approved by Council.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills amounting to \$8,807.70 were submitted for payment. Barnes made a motion to approve the bills and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Guest Presentation:** Paulette Stephens from Jobs and Family Services gave a presentation about the Protective Services Levy that is on the November ballot. A handout was distributed to everyone. The levy is a 1.3 Mil replacement for 10 years. There were 783 cases of child abuse in Wood County last year alone. Some of the available children services provided by this levy are foster care services, protective services and child abuse investigations. Also, the elderly receive essential services such as home health services, adult protective services investigations and home assistance services. Those in attendance were asked to sign a levy supporter list.

**Ordinance #1403 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.** This will increase the appropriations for the Drug Law Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$396.66. Brandt made a motion to pass this ordinance and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 1404 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Ordinance to Approve the Form and Authorize the Execution of a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power – Ohio, Inc. and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith Regarding the Prairie State Energy Campus.**

**Ordinance 1405-1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance to Approve the Form and Authorize the Execution of a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power – Ohio, Inc. and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith Regarding Hydroelectric Project Participation.**

**Ordinance 1406 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1380 By The Adoption of Section 13-A, Establishing Position and Compensation for the Water Superintendent II and Declaring an Emergency.** Brandt made a motion to suspend the rules and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brandt made a motion to pass the ordinance and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 690 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.** For Long-Term sources of power the Village will proceed and authorize AMP-Ohio to finance, construct and operate 100% ownership in American Municipal Power Generation Station. This facility is a coal-fired, steam and electric generating facility.

**Resolution 691 -1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Resolution Authorizing the Village Attorney to Petition the Wood County Board of Commissioners to Annex Property Recently Acquired from Mary E. Stein, Successor Trustee and Owned by the Village of Pemberville, Ohio.**

**Resolution 692 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. This must be certified back to Wood County by October 1, 2007. Barnes made a motion to suspend the rules and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Barnes made the motion to pass the resolution and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 693 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Pemberville to Prepare and Submit an application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required.

**Clerk's Report:** Margaret Wilka and Deb Cartledge will be attending a Northwest Ohio Tax Commissioners Association meeting tomorrow in Archbold, Ohio.

**Mayor's Report:** "BG Living" magazine had two featured stories of interest about the Pemberville Opera House and Artist Emanuel Enriquez, who is a Pemberville native.

Jim and Brenda Snyder sent a card of appreciation to the Village Council and the BPA for the quick response in cleaning up a sewage backup problem.

The Mayor asked Council to approve Halloween Trick or Treat for Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. At 7:30pm there will be a Halloween party at the Freedom Township Firehall sponsored by PIMA. Campbell brought up that he had residents requesting a longer time period for trick or treat such as an hour and a half to two hours. The Mayor reported that residents were asking him to reduce the time period to one hour. Brandt made the motion to approve the time at 6:30pm to 7:30pm and Barnes seconded. Roll call vote was: Brandt – Yes, Barnes – Yes, Campbell – No, Cox – Yes, Miesmer – Yes, and Madaras – No. The motion passed.

There will be an Eastwood Board of Education townhall meeting on September 24, 2007. They will be discussing the future of district facilities. The Mayor encouraged Council and residents to attend and ask questions about losing the Pemberville elementary facility. A handout was distributed with questions that should be asked at the meeting. The Mayor asked everyone to be a part of the process.

Council reviewed the October calendar. Barnes said there would be no Lands & Buildings meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leaf pickup will begin on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Halloween time will be changed to 6:30pm to 7:30pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The calendar was approved otherwise.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Brandt:** There has been more progress on the restroom project.

**Personnel:** The BPA interviewed five applicants for the new Water Superintendent job. They have approved hiring Gale Loebrich. His starting date is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed to pay for Gale's Cobra Insurance for the first 90 days of employment until our regular health insurance will be effective. Brandt made the motion to hire Gale Loebrich and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Barnes:** The Economic Development DVD draft was presented in the meeting. This is a promotional DVD for potential new businesses and residents. Bob Brandt and his son Carl did the DVD work. It was evident that a lot of work went into this project and they did an excellent job.

**Campbell:** The Flood meeting will be postponed until some time in November. A more local flood meeting is being planned for October with our Freedom Township Trustees.

Streets and Sidewalks meeting will be held on October 18, 2007 at 3pm.

Campbell announced that the Village received a check in the amount of \$15,000 from the Wood County Solid Waste District. This is a grant towards the purchase of a wood chipper.

The last brush pickup for 2007 will be the first full (7-day) week in October, (October 9<sup>th</sup>). Leaf Pickup for 2007 is also scheduled to begin on October 9<sup>th</sup>, (if needed) and will continue through the second full week in November.

The county has been notified of the tree in the river at the Bierley Avenue bridge that needs to be removed.

Campbell passed around a signup list to Council for them to help with Pemberville Unwrapped. Help was needed at various locations around town.

Campbell pointed out that Mike Fritz has been our Water Superintendent for 30 years and it would be nice to bolster his pay for his last few months of employment. He felt such a pay increase is deserved and earned. Currently, Fritz's pay per hour is almost the same as the new water superintendent that was just hired. Brandt brought out the newly hired Loebrich has many years of experience in water, plumbing and piping, and engineering. The wage is competitive with Loebrich's experience. That is why Loebrich's starting pay was very close to Fritz's.

**Cox:** The Tree Commission would like to attend a Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar held in Findlay on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$9/person plus mileage. Cox made a motion to approve this cost and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Madaras:** Jeff Baney, Wood County Park District, notified Madaras that we are the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$1,448 for trash receptacles on the trail and northwest park.

The Recreation Board will have a meeting to review the swimming pool year.

Madaras asked Council to donate one to two hours of time during Pemberville Unwrapped. They needed Council to help answer questions about the upcoming park levy. They will also be selling swimming pool passes for the next year at a discount. There will be signs to hand out supporting the park levy. Balloons will also be handed out. The booth will be in the firehall.

Madaras proposed a new fee schedule for the shelter house rental. Residents would be charged \$25 and non-residents \$35. There would also be a \$30 charge for the key and cleaning deposit. Cleaning rules will be written and posted. John Lockard or any other employee cleaning the shelter house would receive \$30 for cleaning the shelter house, but only \$10 if the shelter house did not need to be cleaned. Madaras made a motion to accept the proposal and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **Guests:**

**Eileen Schuerman** asked Council to signup for Pemberville Unwrapped. She was appalled that Council voted to have trick or treat on Wednesday night which is a church and Catechism night. She also stated that the shelter house was not clean for the Bruning reunion. She had to clean cob webs and wash the tables.

**Doug Wegman** wanted the property cleaned up on Perry Street. The police department has sent a certified letter to the property owner. The owner has told the Village that he would clean up the property. Two other property owners were also sent certified letters to have their property cleaned up.

**Vickie Knauss** pointed out that kids have been playing on the Perry Street property that needs to be cleaned up. This property is a danger to anyone because of steel rods in concrete, junk, and rodents.

The condition of Perry Street Extension is in need of repair. The potholes need to be filled. Campbell brought out that Perry Street Extension needed to be determined to be a Village street or an alley owned by the residents. Solicitor Mike Marsh stated that Perry Street is not a dedicated right-of-way, it is a private drive and the property owners were responsible for any repairs. Presently, the homeowners own the alley, not the Village. To change this legality, the property owners should petition Council to repair the alley. The property owners could also give the alley to the Village by collectively deciding how much footage they will give the Village, getting a surveyor to write a description and then turn it over to the Village. The Village would ask for about a 30 foot wide right-of-way for the street. Once the street is turned over to the Village it would be maintained like all of the other streets in the village.

**Eileen Schuerman** asked about the weeds along the alley from Hickory Street to the church. Homeowners are not aware of the tall weeds. Brandt added that the weeds collect a lot of litter. Campbell stated that the Village has ordinances in place and can take action if there are complaints about tall weeds.

**Madaras** informed Council that the Park Committee has an opportunity to apply for a piggy-back grant to create an attractive frontage at Oberhouse Park. They will be planning to do this work next spring. Signs to keep people out of the private property around the Oberhouse Park entrance will be put up.

**Executive Session:**

Brandt made a motion to go into executive session to talk about property. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There would not be any decisions made tonight, so the meeting was considered to be adjourned after executive session.

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Fiscal Officer

Mayor