

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2007

Mayor Opelt opened the regular December 4, 2007 Council Meeting at 7 pm. A prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Barnes, Campbell, Cox, Madaras and Miesmer. Brandt was absent
Other guests present were: Christian King, Bud Kahler, Gordon Bowman, Brianna Greene, Police Officer Devin Howard, and Solicitor Mike Marsh.

The minutes to the November 20, 2007 meeting were approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Bills in the amount of \$5,504.87 were submitted to Council for payment. Barnes made a motion to pay the bills and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports distributed to Council are: Supplemental Appropriations for November 2007, and Cash Summary by Fund for November 2007 and for Year-to-Date 2007.

Ordinance 1410 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Accepting Annexation of the "Stein" Property Recently Annexed to the Village of Pemberville. Barnes made a motion to pass Ordinance 1410 and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1412 – 3rd Reading – Ordinance Establishing 2008 Municipal Employment Positions, Defining Duties and Providing for the Compensation Thereof Be it Ordained by the Council of the Village of Pemberville, Located in the County of Wood and the State of Ohio. Madaras asked if a reimbursement program should be setup for the health insurance. Miesmer reported that the Personnel Committee discussed this idea and did not think it was necessary at this time. The Personnel Committee met with the employees and recommended the MOP 7.5 Medical Mutual Health Insurance Plan for the employees for 2008. This plan is an incremental step down from the MOP 7 plan that the employees had for 2007 and would require the employees to pick up some more of the costs for their insurance. The employees have the option to move up to the better coverage with MOP 7 at their own cost. Miesmer made a motion to pass Ordinance 1412 and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Miesmer nominated Brian Heestand to be the Zoning Inspector and Debra Cartledge for Clerk of Zoning for the year 2008. Miesmer made this motion and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1413 – 2nd Reading - Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Pemberville, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008.

Ordinance 1414 – 1st Reading – Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1176 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Pemberville Relating to Compensation for Village Officials. Miesmer made the motion to table this ordinance and send it to the Personnel Committee and the BPA for their approval first. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Miesmer made a motion to accept the Medical Mutual Health Insurance Plan MOP 7.5 for the Village employees for 2008. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor thanked the Council for attending the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The Historical Society Gala is Saturday, December 8th in the Opera House. Council is invited to attend.

The Attorney General of Ohio held a Public Records Training Session today. Mayor Opelt, Keith Madaras, Stephanie Bowe, Gordon Bowman and Debra Cartledge attended the session. There was confusion on those who were voted into office beginning January 2008 if they would get credit for attending today's meeting. The Attorney General's office will have to be contacted to get clarification on the training credit. Mike Marsh stated that a designee can attend for the elected officials. The Police officers should also have the training. The credit for all officials will be checked during the audit by the Auditor of State which will occur again in year 2009.

Committee appointment forms have been received from everyone except for Mr. Miesmer. The Mayor will be working on these appointments for the new year.

The new restrooms will be finished in the next week or so. Final documentation of the grant between Wood County Commissioner and the Village needs to be finished by the end of the year.

Nedra Sheets sent a note to the Mayor and Council asking for tougher zoning laws to clean up the town.

Mayor Opelt and Gordon Bowman went to the ODOT meeting about the downtown revitalization grant. The project total would be \$423,000 with TMACOG paying \$303,000. The Village will be responsible for the remaining balance of \$120,000 plus engineering. This project will be moved up to year 2010 if the Village gets their plans ready to go.

Barnes:

The meeting time for the Economic Development meeting will be moved up to 7 pm, not 7:30 pm.

Campbell:

The last leaf pickup is December 14th.

The Snow removal of village sidewalks should be updated. It was decided to just follow the Ohio Basic Code that states all snow and ice accumulated thereon within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours after any storm during which the snow and ice has accumulated.

Campbell is getting estimates for the cost of new mats for the new restrooms.

Campbell had a contractor come in and quote the new restroom building to have insulation on the ceiling and walls which totaled \$22,500. To add a drop ceiling would increase the total job to \$35,000. The insulation would be a six (6) inch cellulose insulation. The Mayor questioned if the roof was even leaking. He thought it was side walls that leaked. Secondly, the Mayor brought out that there was no purpose for that building at this time. The Mayor did state that there was an interested organization that wanted to make a proposal around January 2008 for the use of this building.

Cox:

The Lands and Buildings Committee recommends accepting a new contract with Buckeye Sanitation for 2008. The prices for 2008 will be \$27.50 per quarter and \$1.25 per tag (or \$12.50 for a 10 pack). The ordinance could be written for a three year period and then the annual prices could be determined at a later date. This ordinance would have to be passed as an emergency to go into effect for January 1st.

The Lands and Buildings Committee will be meeting with Bob Mack, Signature Associates Realty, at the Old Ford Garage on Friday, December 7th at 4 pm. They will discuss putting the building up for sale.

Madaras:

December 13, 2007 at 7 pm will be the next Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Great Lakes Concrete has requested additional approval of \$4,995 to renovate the swimming pool. This was for an additional 100 sq. feet of concrete work. Cox made a motion to accept the cost and Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There were miniature stop signs on the walking trail that were missing. There was concern about the intersection at Kesson Road needing a stop sign. Barnes suggested offering a reward for information leading to the theft of street signs. A 60-day amnesty program was also suggested. The type and size of a sign was important because they would not be enforceable if they did not meet legal specifications. It was decided by Council to issue a press release in the Sentinel for a 60-day amnesty for returning Village signs. Madaras and Campbell will meet to discuss putting new signs up on the trail.

Madaras brought up the Park Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. There are some obligations on the grant documents that need to be addressed. One item was that a sign needed to be displayed at the park indicating that the ODNR contributed a grant toward this project.

Madaras made a motion to lease the farm land on Rees Road for next year. The BPA has met with Duane Martin concerning compliance with EPA regulations since there are water wells on the property. Madaras made the motion to allow Martin to farm the 10 acres and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Miesmer:

The Planning Commission has had a problem of getting a quorum because they need a third member. Mayor should recommend a person for this committee.

Quests:

Brianne Greene shared with Council that she appreciated the Street Department's leaf pickup and street cleaning. She wanted to tell them "Thank You." Ms. Greene asked if the Village offered mulch to the town people. Campbell said that Hirzel Canning recycles the wood chips currently at no charge. There may be a possibility in the future to have a mulch pile available for people.

Madaras questioned if new plastic needed to be put in the salt bin before another load of salt was delivered. Campbell will check into getting the plastic put in the bin.

Madaras wanted to know the status on the "Welcome to Pemberville" signs. These signs were delayed because the founding dates had to be changed, and there were different opinions on the material used for the signs. A decision on the location of three "Welcome to Pemberville" signs will have to be decided. Campbell says there are a lot of different signs that are ready to be put up as soon as the Street Department has time to do the work.

Madaras asked if the village snowplows are ready. Campbell answered that they are ready as far as he knows.

There were no newsletter articles except for one that Madaras wrote. It was suggested to enclose this with the next utility bill mailing.

Madaras made the motion to go into executive session concerning extenuating circumstances on an Ohio Police & Fire physical examination taken by an employee. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:15 pm.

Barnes made a motion to leave executive session and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:28 pm.

There was no other business to discuss so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor