

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2008**

Mayor Opelt opened the first meeting of 2008 on January 2, 2008, at 7 pm. Mayor Opelt opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Preceding the meeting, Gordon Bowman and Christian King were sworn in as council members.

**Roll Call:** Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King, Madaras and Miesmer. Also present were Mayor Opelt, and the clerk. Guests present were: Ashley Madaras, Will Malone from the Sentinel Tribune, Bud Kahler and Russell Eby.

**Minutes:** Council approved the minutes for the December 18, 2007 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills amounting to \$8,497.12 were submitted for payment. Cox made a motion to pay the bills and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports distributed to Council were as follows: Supplemental Appropriations, Fund Status Report, Cash Summary by Fund for the Month and Year-To-Date. All of these reports were for the month of December 2007. The Board of Public Affairs minutes for the December 3, 2007 meeting were also distributed.

**Election of 2008 President Pro Tempore of Council:** The duties of the President Pro Tempore were read. Cox made a motion to nominate Dave Miesmer and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2008 Committee Appointments:** Mayor Opelt distributed a list of the new 2008 Council Committee Appointments. They are as follows:

Cemetery Board: Dave Miesmer and Marge Cox

Economic Development: Gordon Bowman, Chairman and Christian King

Finance, Purchasing, Budget & Records: Marge Cox, Chairman and Mayor Opelt

Flood: Eric Campbell, Chairman and Keith Madaras

Park Board: Keith Madaras, Chairman

Personnel: Dave Miesmer, Chairman and Christian King

Planning Commission: Dave Miesmer, Chairman and Mayor Opelt

Public Lands, Buildings, Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Eric Campbell, Chairman and Gordon Bowman

Safety: Christian King, Chairman and Mayor Opelt

Tree Commission: Marge Cox, Chairman

Utilities: Marge Cox, Council Representative

Mayor Opelt explained the Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks Committee has been combined with Lands & Buildings Committee. The new title of this combined committee maybe changed to "Infrastructure." Marge Cox on the Utilities Committee would be council's representative who will be attending the BPA meetings. Campbell thought that the committees needed to have three people because the law requires a quorum. Mayor interjected that there are non-council members on the committees. If it is okay with council, we can add non-council persons to the committees. Mayor Opelt explained that he likes committees. The committees may need to change their meeting dates and times accordingly. This can be done in the near future. Committees do a lot of the work and bring ideas to Council to make decisions. Madaras made a motion to accept the appointments and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Calendar:** The Portage River Basin Meeting should be added to the January 2008 calendar. This will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Streets and Sidewalk, Lands and Buildings will change to Friday, January 18, 207 at 3 pm. The Rec Board will also change to Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Ordinance 1414 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1176 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR VILLAGE OFFICIALS.** Mayor Opelt explained that this increase in compensation will not be effective until after the next election which is two years from now. At that time, only those newly elected will receive the increase.

**Ordinance 1415 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH BUCKEYE SANITATION, INC., FOR TRASH REMOVAL IN THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Cox made the motion to suspend the rules and King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Cox then made the motion to pass Ordinance 1415 and Miesmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** None

**Mayor's Report:** Rob Evans wrote an appreciation letter to the Police Department. His son attended a party which was excessively loud and the Pemberville Police were called to the location. Evans complimented our policemen and said they conducted themselves properly and treated the kids in a respectful way.

**Committee Reports:**

**Bowman:** The Economic Development Committee will meet January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Campbell:** Campbell suggested that the unlimited trash pickup be moved to the Monday after the July community garage sale. Citizens had complained that the Monday after Mother's Day was not a convenient date. The community garage sale is planned for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Thus, the unlimited pickup date would be Monday, July 21, 2008. This date would have to be approved by Buckeye Sanitation. Cox made a motion to set the date for the unlimited trash pickup for July 21<sup>st</sup>, contingent upon Buckeye Sanitation's approval. Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Street Committee recommends starting a new calendar for the brush pickup. They would like to set the first Monday of the month for brush pickup. Brush and grass clippings will be picked up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The Street Department will continue to pickup brush and grass through the

entire town on these two dates per month. A notice has been put in the Sentinel in today's paper to let residents be aware of Monday's pickup. Grass clippings will not be picked up on the third Monday for the months of October through March.

An annual calendar has been created by Eric Campbell and Stephanie Bowe. This is a color coded calendar with Community Events and Village Services listed throughout the year. Campbell will be getting the cost to print the calendar in color for the next meeting. Mayor Opelt suggested to contact PIMA to see if they wanted to have additional copies printed for their organization.

The Snow Emergency street signs will be installed soon. Every street is a snow emergency street in town. Mayor Opelt stated that enforcement in a snow emergency is needed.

Cherry's Pub and Grub asked Council if they can place a dumpster on Walnut Street from Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Campbell made the motion to allow this request and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There will be a Portage River Basin Meeting on January 17, 2008 at 2 pm.

**Cox:**

Cox had received complaint calls from residents concerning the old Panning property. There was a lot of junk vehicles being brought onto the property. Miesmer stated that the Planning Commission has been trying to set up a meeting with Mark Gorney, the owner of the property.

**King:**

King shared with Council that he was honored to be on Council and looked forward to working with everyone.

**Madaras:**

Madaras shared that he also had received two complaint calls about the old Panning property.

There were also calls complaining about the village sidewalks not being cleared in a timely manner after a snowfall. The Police Station and the Ford Garage are properties of the village and they were let go until late in the day. The downtown business owners should shovel their sidewalks, but the village personnel also has helped to keep the downtown sidewalks cleared. Mayor Opelt added that we need to clean up the village sidewalks before we ask the residents to do the same. He also thought that some residents do not shovel their sidewalks at all. If they are senior citizens, is there something we can do to help them? Those people ignoring the law need to be notified.

Madaras extended a "Welcome" to the two new Council members, Bowman and King.

**Miesmer:**

Miesmer conveyed his thanks to the Council for the support in placing him as Council president.

Mayor Opelt mentioned three complaint calls about the poor conditions of the property and a tractor-trailer rig parked in the Martin Avenue neighborhood. The police were sent over to this location to talk to the property owners about some of the problems that need to be corrected.

Campbell announced a reminder that next Monday will be a brush pickup.

There was no other business to discuss, so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Debra L. Cartledge  
Fiscal Officer

James R. Opelt  
Mayor

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