

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE**COUNCIL MEETING****FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

Mayor Opelt opened the meeting on February 5, 2008 at 7 pm. A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Miesmer, Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King and Madaras. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Chief Jeff Molnar, Sentinel Tribune Reporter, Will Malone, Russ Eby, Solicitor Mike Marsh, Bud Kahler and the clerk.

Council approved the minutes to the January 15, 2008 meeting with one minor spelling correction.

Treasurer's Report: Council was asked to approve bills for payment amounting to \$8,310.55. Campbell made the motion to pay the bills and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Financial Reports distributed to Council were: Fund Status as of 1/31/2008, Cash Summary by Fund for January 2008, and Supplemental Appropriations for January 2008.

Special Guest: Lt. Charles Frizzell was given a proclamation from Mayor Opelt honoring Frizzell for 40 years of law enforcement service. Lt. Frizzell began his career in the Village of Pemberville and has been an outstanding citizen.

Ordinance 1416 – 1st Reading – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM, INCLUDING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE ITEMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Cox moved to suspend the rules and Bowman seconded. Roll call vote was: Cox – Yes, Bowman – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Miesmer – No, King – Yes, Madaras – Yes. The motion passed. Cox moved to pass Ordinance 1416 and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1417 – 1st Reading – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2008 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Campbell made the motion to suspend the rules and King seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Campbell made the motion to pass Ordinance 1417 and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 694 – 1st Reading – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO APPLY WITH STATE OF OHIO NATURE WORKS PPROGRAM FOR A GRANT FOR A NEW SWIMMING POOL DIVING BOARD. Madaras made the motion to suspend the rules. Campbell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Miesmer requested to have the insurance liability coverage reviewed for a new diving board because the high diving board was taken down due to problems with the liability insurance. King made the motion to pass Resolution 694 and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: The 2008 Committee/Commission/Board Appointments and Meeting Times list was reviewed and the following changes were noted: The Finance Committee will not meet on March 4, 2008. Streets & Sidewalks/Lands & Bldgs. will meet at 5 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Park/Rec Board will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month

at 7 pm. Furthermore, the Park/Rec Board will not be meeting in February. Keith Cherry should be added to the Planning Commission appointments. The Tree Commission will meet at 3 pm on the last Thursday of the month on an "as needed" basis.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor distributed some interesting newspaper articles for the Council to review concerning things other villages were doing.

Miesmer: The new restroom partitions will be put in tomorrow. There was a problem with the 6" baseboard molding that the original contractor installed. Our current contractor could remedy the problem by tearing off the 6" molding and put in 4" molding. Jake Grover's quote was \$475 to do this work in the men's and women's restroom. The Building Department would touchup the paint after the different molding was installed. Campbell suggested purchasing 4" molding at Home Depot and he would help to put the molding on. Miesmer said he would also help do this work. Thus, it was decided that Campbell and Miesmer would put the correct molding on the baseboard.

The Opera House roof repair job would be completed with a couple of good weather days.

TMACOG was holding an Elected Officials Public Records Training on March 15, 2008 at Owens Community College. If any of the elected officials were interested, they could get the information from Mr. Miesmer.

Miesmer distributed a Federal Fair Housing brochure to Council members. This brochure explains federal fair housing, equal opportunity and civil rights legislation. As elected officials, Village Council should be aware of these federal laws. The Village does receive federal funds through the CDBG Block Grants Program.

The Portage River Basin Council meeting was held January 24, 2008. The Portage River south of Pemberville is under ditch law petition for removal of obstructions in the river. The Portage River Basin Council went on record to request the Wood County Engineer to do minimal damage to the floor of the river. Miesmer would like for Council to also take a position on this matter and go on record with the Wood County Commissioners at their public hearing. He would like Council to formulate a resolution or letter stating Council's position much like the Portage River Basin Council has stated. Mayor Opelt stated that TMACOG has requested Council to have a resolution to turn in sometime in March.

The Personnel Meeting is February 14, 2008 at 7 pm.

Planning Commission will meet on February 20, 2008 at 7 pm.

Bowman: Signature Associates sent a six month real estate agent agreement to sell the old Ford garage for \$125,000. Joe Rutherford will be our designated sales agent. Bowman will be meeting with him on Saturday, February 9th. Bowman moved to issue a resolution to approve the six month contract with Signature Associates. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Solicitor, Mike Marsh, wanted it stated in the contract that any offers will have to be approved by Council.

The Wood County Planning Commission met with several village officials to discuss plans for the ADA restrooms at townhall. Byron Schroeder from Feller, Finch & Associates was also present. The plans are to have the handicap ramp on the west side of the building and new ADA restrooms where the restrooms are located currently. They hope that the CDBG grant along with the anticipated Village share will come in close to the budget for the project.

The Economic Development Committee will meet on February 11, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Campbell: Campbell asked Council to schedule a Public Flood Meeting. The Council approved Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7 pm. They will develop a comprehensive plan for flooding. There are financial issues that also need to be discussed, and the public needs to voice what they would like to see done. The USGS has suggested to do a micro, year-long study of the river that would cost about \$33,000.

Signs for the new restrooms were purchased. Temporary signs with lamination will be used until we see the open and close times seem to be acceptable.

A new leaf pickup schedule was distributed by Campbell. This is for fall leaf pickup only. An actual starting date is hard to predict, but as the Fall Leaf Season begins, the residents will be notified of a start date for leaf pickup. Council agreed to have this schedule added to the website, www.pemberville.org.

The trade-in contract for new lawn mowers will be coming up soon. The cost will be \$3,155.91 from Bay Turf and Tractor. This contract will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

A quote for \$9,700 was received from Salgau Roofing for new cooper gutters on the Opera House. This was for 6" half round, seamless, 100% cooper, 16 gauge, with splash boxes and guards. The lifetime expectancy on the material is 80 years. Campbell had a quote from several years ago that was for \$90,000 for this same project. Salgau also provided brochures for roof shingles and roof vents. These shingles are Owens Corning material and recommended as the best shingle. Cox would like this presented to the Historical Society to see if they would contribute toward the cost. Campbell agreed to contact the Historical Society and then bring this matter back to Council at a future meeting.

Cox: The Tree Commission discussed making changes to the Tree Ordinance. They are trying to come up with a recommendation when a sidewalk is damaged by a good tree. The Commission would like to have the sidewalk replaced around the good tree.

A memorial tree on the west side of townhall may have to be moved due to the new ADA ramp construction. The Tree Commission will need to discuss the moving of the tree.

The Finance Committee met and recommended to move \$250,000 from the checking to short-term certificates of deposit. This will help increase interest earnings since rates have dropped the last few months.

King: There will be a Safety Committee meeting on February 19, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

Madaras: The Park/Recreation Board met on January 17th to discuss the upcoming pool season. The next meeting will be March 28, 2008 at 7 pm.

Question/Answer Session:

Q.) Madaras asked what the progress was on the Senior Citizen's Center. A.) Mayor Opelt reported that the center is planning to open in April 2008.

Q.) Madaras asked why there is nothing done on snow and ice removal on village sidewalks. There are a lot of sidewalks not cleaned after a snow or ice storm. A.) Mayor thought the police should give a first time request to have residents clean their sidewalks and then the second time is a warning. Senior Citizens should ask for help if they cannot clean their sidewalks. Madaras and Campbell thought a first time courtesy note put in the door, on the second offence the resident will be cited. The fine is \$100 for a minor misdemeanor. The Ohio Revised Code should be cited on the notice. The Police will determine when the snow fall or ice has accumulated and the time that sidewalks need to be cleaned. Those who are unable to clean their sidewalks could contact Eastwood High School. They have students that will provide community service. Campbell made a motion to follow this procedure and Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council wants the village property sidewalks cleaned first. There were a couple of sidewalks not cleaned after the last storm. Village employees will have to make a special effort to clean all village sidewalks.

Other items of concern were pointed out. Madaras reported that cars are speeding on Water Street where there are no sidewalks. This is dangerous for joggers. Campbell asked police to stop propping the back door open at the police station. There is a need to cut back on gas usage and gasoline usage in the village vehicles. There should not be vehicles sitting and running for a half hour. Trucks have been left running at Townhall. Mayor Opelt would like employees to share vehicles for a couple of days a week. There have also been complaints that people have been followed by the police.

Chief Molnar asked Council to approve payment of \$90 to a person who was stopped by the Village Police. The police left the person's wallet on top of the car and forgot it was there. The person asked to have the \$90 cash replaced that was lost. Madaras made a motion to pay the \$90 and Miesmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business to discuss so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Clerk

Mayor