

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

Mayor Opelt opened the March 4, 2008 Council Meeting at 7 pm. A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Meismer, Campbell, King, Madaras. Cox and Bowman were absent. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Gene Steele and the clerk.

Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the last meeting dated February 19, 2008.

Treasurer's Report: Bills amounting to \$5,552.15 were submitted to Council for approval to pay. Miesmer made the motion to pay the bills and King seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Financial reports were distributed to Council as follows: Supplemental Appropriations for February 2008, Cash Summary by Fund Report for Y-T-D and for the month of February 2008, Cost summary on the new public restrooms and BPA minutes dated 2/19/08.

ORDINANCE 1419 – 1ST Reading – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE OLD FORD GARAGE PROPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN AS 118 WEST FRONT STREET.

ORDINANCE 1420 – 1ST Reading – ORDINANCE TO AMEND PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 1413.

Clerk's Report: Stephanie Bowe and Debra Cartledge will be attending the State Auditor's Local Government Conference in Columbus. Bowe will attend the three day session March 26 to 28 and Cartledge will attend one day, March 27, 2008.

Mayor's Report: Council reviewed the March Calendar. The Personnel Committee meeting was cancelled on March 13, 2008. This should be rescheduled and announced later. TMACOG will be holding a general meeting on March 27, 2008 at 1:30pm. TMACOG has requested that a Pemberville representative attend the meeting. The Park and Recreation Board meetings are at 7 pm not at 6:30 pm. This should be corrected on the calendar.

Mayor Opelt will be out of town on March 6–9, and March 12-16. Dave Miesmer, President Pro Tempore, should be contacted in his absence.

Mayor Opelt read a controversial letter from the Ohio Citizens Action Group concerning the new Amp-Ohio Coal Power Plant that is planned to be built. The Sentinel Tribune reported that the PUCO approved the permit for the new AMP Ohio Plant.

Dave Marsh, President of PIMA, sent a letter to the Mayor asking Council to approve the Car Shows for this summer. He also asked the Village to sponsor the car shows so they will be under the Village insurance coverage. Campbell made the motion to sponsor the car shows and King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Village insurance company was notified of the dates and acknowledged that coverage was setup for the car shows.

Dawson Insurance was asked about the coverage on a new diving board that we are planning to purchase through a grant. If the diving board was replaced, but kept at the same height as the current board, there would be no increase in insurance cost.

Miesmer: There is a damaged door in the new restrooms that Jake Grover will be fixing soon.

A "For Sale" sign has been put up at the old Ford garage.

The Townhall roof repairs are completed.

There will be an elected officials records training offered at Owens Community College on March 15, 2008. This is a free event. Details of the training are in the TMACOG newsletter.

Planning Commission: The committee will be completing a boundary and annexation survey for the U.S. Census that will be taken in 2010.

The new public restrooms were vandalized over the weekend. Several suggestions were made such as adding a surveillance system, offering a reward for information on the vandals, or closing the restrooms down if the destruction continues.

Campbell: The Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Buildings meeting is on March 20, 2008 at 5 pm. There has been a shortage of street salt. Problems with some sidewalks replaced last year will be discussed at the next meeting.

Copper roof gutters on Townhall were quoted to cost \$9,700. Two \$500 donations were pledged by the Historical Society and an anonymous donor. So, the Village cost would be \$8,700. Campbell made a motion to hire Salgau Roofing to do the work and Madaras seconded. Roll call vote was: Campbell – Yes, Madaras – Yes, King – Yes, Miesmer – No. The motion failed.

The Flood Committee is writing a resolution agreement for Council to review and approve. This will state short-term and long-term plans on how the Village will handle flooding. This resolution is required before the Village can get financial help from the USGS. A standardized study of the river will cost \$33,000 and the USGS will pay 25% of this cost. The remaining \$24,750 will be due in three installment payments starting July 2008. Campbell also distributed a list of flood items that needed to be purchased. Items such as sand bags and special shovels to fill the sand bags were listed. There was a problem with dropped signals on the Village employee cell phones in the downtown area. This hindered communications during the flood. New cell phones that have better reception are being considered for the employees.

It was also brought up by Campbell that we may need to have a survey done behind the downtown businesses. The Village needs to know where the property line is to help with setting up a flood wall. It was estimated that a survey for this property would be very costly at about \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Council wanted a survey done for the Rees Road property. This is necessary to proceed with plans to develop the land. Madaras made a motion to have a survey done and King seconded. The motion passed unanimously. They also would like to check into the cost of having the Townhall and Downtown property surveyed. Feller, Finch and Associates will be asked to quote this work.

King: There is a Safety Committee meeting on March 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm. The Fire Committee will meet on March 12, 2008 at the Fire Station.

King asked about the old Panning Property that was purchased by Mark Gorney. There are a lot of junk cars on the property. The Planning Commission felt that the owner has not went against zoning laws and the property use is similar to the previous business. Gorney was asked to come to the Planning Commission meeting and has not yet attended. There was concern about the flood plain behind this property being kept clean.

Madaras: Two people on Water Street called Madaras complaining their brush was not picked up on the scheduled day in February.

Guest: Gene Steele is a homeowner who had flood damage in his house in February. He reported that Brian Heestand put dye in the house sewer line and found that the line was connected to the sanitary sewer line. Steele questioned why he has a storm sewer line but there are no storm sewers on his street. Campbell explained that many of the storm sewer lines are not mapped in detail. Currently, the BPA is looking into purchasing a line camera to run into pipes and to find storm sewer lines. Steele believes that the infiltration of river water in the system indicates that the lines are not connected correctly and are taking in massive amounts of rain and river water. Steele would also like to see pressure put on the government to clean out our bridges rather than doing a geological study. Campbell stated that the study will help people get flood insurance. Madaras and Campbell are working on getting the County Commissioners to pay for the study. Furthermore, Campbell suggested to turn over jurisdiction of the river to Wood County and petition Wood County to clean out the Village Bridges. Bob Latta may be able to help us get the County to clean out the bridges. The Village should also deal with CSX to clean out the CSX bridge.

Cartledge asked if Council could hold the joint meeting with the Union Cemetery Board in September rather than having it on the first May meeting. Council approved this change.

Campbell wanted to clarify the responsibility of opening and closing the public restrooms would be handled by the Police Department. This was recorded in the November 20, 2007 minutes. Council agreed as of Monday, March 10, 2008, the Police Department will have the duty to open and close the restrooms. Mayor Opelt stated that he wants the Police Department to have 24/7 coverage, but some mornings there is no police coverage until 10 a.m. The Mayor wants the police to be present when the school is opening and closing each day.

Madaras made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:30 pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:50 pm. Madaras made the motion to adjourn the meeting and King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor