

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18, 2008

Mayor Opelt opened the March 18, 2008 meeting at 7 pm. A prayer was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Miesmer, Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King and Madaras were present. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Chief Jeff Molnar, Russell Eby, Gene Steele, Will Malone from the Sentinel Tribune and the clerk.

Minutes: There were corrections needed on the March 4, 2008 minutes. The cost for the study would be \$33,000. There are three installments totalling \$24,750 after USGS pays 25% of the cost. Council approved the minutes with these corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Bills submitted to Council for approval amounted to \$2,715.01. Cox made a motion to pay the bills and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1419 – 2nd 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 – 2nd Reading – ORDINANCE TO AMEND PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1413. This ordinance is due to Wood County Auditor on March 31, 2008 so King made a motion to suspend the rules. Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Cox made a motion to pass Ordinance 1420 and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 1421 – 1st Reading – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2007 CDBG FORMULA PROGRAM WITH THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$9,525.00 FOR HANDICAP ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE HALL INCLUDING AN EXTERNAL ADA ACCESS RAMP AND ADA COMPLIANT REST-ROOM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OVERALL CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED BY THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Opelt thanked Dave Miesmer for stepping in for him during his absence the last two weeks.

The Senior Citizen Center will open on April 1, 2008.

Miesmer: Miesmer thanked employees, Jeff Bourdo, Dave Bruning, Brian Heestand and Jeff Molnar for their hard work during the snow storms.

Miesmer attended the Public Records Training at Owens Community College last Saturday. This was presented by the Ohio Attorney General's office and was informative. The next

training session in our area will be April 29, 2008 at the Wood County Sheriff's Office from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The damaged partition in the new restrooms was replaced by Jake Grover. The Police Department has been setup to open and close the new restrooms.

There will be no personnel meeting for March.

The Planning Commission will meet tomorrow night, March 19, 2008, at 7 pm.

Bowman: The Realtor, Joe Rutherford, from Signature Associates was given a key to show the Ford Garage.

Bowman met with Tom Blaha, Executive Director for the Wood County Economic Development Commission. Bowman found out how the Wood County Economic Development office worked and the support that is given to the village. Blaha gave many helpful approaches to support local business and industry.

Bowman is getting up-to-date on the Streetscape program. He contacted representatives from TMACOG and ODOT. He is gathering more information on who will be our consultant engineer for the project. Poggemeyer Design Group had applied for the grant.

Bowman was the only one present at the last Economic Development meeting. He asked for those interested in serving on this committee to contact him. The meeting time has been changed to Wednesdays, so the next meeting will be April 2, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Campbell: Price quotes were received for the three surveys that were discussed at the last meeting. Surveys were needed for Rees Road, Town Hall and behind the downtown businesses. Feller, Finch quoted \$2,750 to do all three surveys and Poggemeyer quoted \$2,200. The clerk informed Council that the grant did not require a survey for Rees Road, but it did ask for an appraisal. Madaras thought we should have a survey done on Rees Road anyway, because we need to have it for future grants and for development of the property. Campbell made the motion to hire Poggemeyer Design Group for not to exceed \$2,200. Bowman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The replacement of copper gutters on the Town Hall was revisited. Campbell received two other quotes to compare to the Salgau quote for \$9,700. Crawford Eves quoted \$13,535 and Nordman Roofing quoted \$14,994. Bowman asked where the funds were coming from to pay for the work. Cartledge said there were funds available in Permanent Improvement-Other Capital Outlay, but this job was not included in the 2008 appropriations. Cox asked if the repairs were needed. There were several places on the gutters that were bad, so it would be best to replace the entire gutter system. Campbell made the motion to approve Salgau Roofing to do the job for \$9,700 along with accepting the \$1,000 donation offered by The Historical Society and an anonymous donor. Madaras seconded. Roll Call Vote: Campbell – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Cox – Yes, King – Yes, Miesmer – No, and Bowman – Yes. The motion passed.

The ODNR is offering a free flood study of the river, and ODNR will work in conjunction with FEMA. The USGS flood study would cost the Village \$24,750 in three installments starting the end of July 2008. Cindy Gricellius, from ODNR, thought that technically both studies were in our best interest because they go hand in hand. Campbell said that the ODNR rehashes old information and it will not be as thorough of a study as the USGS study. Both studies would facilitate the Village toward the goal of receiving all of the grants. There was contention that the studies would potentially redraw the flood lines and impact flood insurance premiums and affect home values within the flood plain. The Village is obligated to let people know where the flood plain lies. The contract with USGS needs to be agreed upon by April 1, 2008. If we wait until next year, the USGS will take their 25% match off the table and the cost maybe \$40,000 to \$45,000 to the Village. Campbell feels that if we do not approve the USGS study, it will halt the progress of any help with flooding. Madaras thinks that the Village needs an accurate map from the USGS with flood plain documented. This map will last 15 years before it needs to be updated. Miesmer explained that the USGS proposes to take data from the Woodville gauging station and make calculations to draw the map for Pemberville. Basically, if the Village works with ODNR and FEMA to update our maps and have it digitized then approach USGS to do their mathematical equations, it would be at a much lesser cost. USGS also states in their contract that if the costs are greater than estimated, the Village will be billed. Campbell would like to have another flood meeting where Meismer could question the USGS representatives. Cox expressed that financially the Village could not afford the cost of the study. Mayor Opelt suggested waiting on the USGS study and appropriate funds for next year for flood response costs. He also stated that our goal was to lessen the impact of the flooding upon the Village. Bowman wanted to see the Village be current on the flood maps to help with insurance requirements, but questions the USGS proposal. Mayor Opelt expressed gratitude for all the work that Campbell and Madaras has done. Madaras suggested to proceed with the ODNR study and then review the study. ODNR may do the study even this year. It can then be decided if the USGS study will be needed. Campbell was told that if Pemberville does not keep the studies up-to-date, other towns will get help and Pemberville will get passed up. To conclude, Council decided it is not in the Village's best interest to go ahead with the USGS at this time. The flood committee should go ahead with a list of items that the Village can currently work on.

The flood committee had submitted a priority list of things that needed work. Sand bags from Wood County are supposed to be returned to Wood County. The Village needs to purchase sand bags to have on supply and also return Wood County's sandbags. The Village has no plastic on hand and needs to purchase plastic to be used on the flood wall. Chief Molnar will be scheduling prisoners from the jail to come and help remove the sandbags from the downtown parking lot.

Cox: There is a Tree Commission meeting on March 20 at 3 pm. Cox made the motion to allow up to five committee persons to attend the Tree Commission Award meeting on April 16, 2008 from 9am to 2pm at Wapakoneta, Ohio. The cost is \$15 per person plus mileage. Miesmer seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Madaras and Campbell brought up that if there are employees on the committee, they should not be able to attend week day

meetings on Village time and next year they would not approve employees attending a week day meeting.

The Board of Public Affairs is working on regulations on storm sewers. This is similar to the sanitary sewer regulations. The North Water Plant construction is in process. The Waste Water Plant is still being reviewed by the EPA.

King: Information on the new police cruiser will be given at the next meeting.

There is a Fire Committee meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7 pm.

Madaras: People have been asking Madaras about another newsletter. It should include information like the swimming pool schedule, PIMA car shows, Senior Citizen Center, and Memorial Day Activities.

TMACOG is holding a meeting on March 27, 2008 and Bowman is planning to attend. Madaras may also try to attend.

Toledo is having a Town Hall Meeting and asking citizens, "How do you want us to spend your money?" This is part of the budget planning process. Madaras would like to have such a meeting this fall to plan the Village's budget for next year.

A Park and Recreation Board written plan was distributed to the Council. Madaras would like Council to look this over and approve the plan at the next Council meeting. He pointed out that one swimming lesson session was cut, so there are only three sessions now. This was done to cut costs and to offer lessons to fit the schedule of other events and the Eastwood school schedule. Swimming pool lesson sign ups are April 19th and May 17th at 9 am to noon at Pemberville Elementary school. This information will be posted on the Village website (www.pemberville.org) after Council approves the schedule at the next meeting.

Miesmer asked to have Jeff Bourdo and Dave Bruning cleanup the debris left from the swimming pool renovation.

Mayor Opelt informed Council of a buffet dinner meeting given by the Wood County Engineers. It will be on April 3rd at 6 pm, and they will be talking about the significance of contract documents.

A discussion on the appraisal of the Rees Road park property concluded that Cartledge should be authorized to have the required appraisal done to wrap up the Nature Works Grant. Madaras made a motion to this effect and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Jeff Molnar announced that Rick Miller and Andrew Pollauf has accepted new full-time positions and will be leaving the Pemberville Police Department.

One position will be filled next week.

Molnar completed a grant application for two new defibrillators.

The new police cruiser quote is complete and is being reviewed.

Guests: Gene Steele thanked Campbell for his work on the flood situation. He wrote letters to over 100 officials about the flooding in Pemberville. A copy was distributed to the Council. Steele believes that we should not be forced to pay for a USGS study before the Village can receive flood grants. Thus, he wants our state and local officials to put pressure on these federal agencies. He also took water level measurements and found that there is a problem at Columbus Street and Bierley Avenue location. Gale Loeblich plans to get a laser level and take measurements in this area to check the water level that indicates a problem in the sewer system.

There was no other business to discuss, so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor