

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 17, 2008

Mayor Opelt opened the June 17, 2008 Council meeting at 7 pm with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King and Madaras. Miesmer came in late at 7:40 pm. Others present for the meeting were: Russell Eby, Bud Kahler, Gene Steele, Chief Molnar, Mayor Opelt and the clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting had one spelling correction. The minutes were approved with the correction made. The BPA Minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting were distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Council was asked to approve payment of bills amounting to \$8,510.89. King made a motion to pay the bills and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #1426 – 1ST READING – ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008.

ORDINANCE #1427 – 1ST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH MARY ELLEN POTURALSKI. Bowman clarified with the Council that Mary Ellen has written grants during her career.

ORDINANCE #1428 – 1ST READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER #5301 TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND NUMBER #4903.

ORDINANCE #1429 – 1ST READING – ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008.

RESOLUTION #699 – 1ST READING – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GREATER TOLEDO STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVE. Bowman explained that Governor Strickland has started a Regional Growth Initiative for small communities. TMACOG is spearheading this program at no extra cost to the communities. There is a \$80,000 grant available for a feasibility study.

TABLED 5/20/08 – ORDINANCE #1423 – ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CLEAN RENTAL HABITATIONS – Sent to Committee for further work.

Clerk's Report: The Estimated Revenues for Year 2009 were distributed to Council for their review. The Clerk asked Council to approve this budget at the next meeting on 7/1/08.

Mayor:

Time Warner Cable sent a letter on 6/12/08 announcing that Time Warner Inc. (TWX) plans to separate Time Warner Cable from TWX (the "Spin-Off"). Before the end of this year, 100% of the common stock of Time Warner Cable will be publicly traded. Time Warner Cable assures us that this Spin-Off will have absolutely no impact on the cable system or its operations.

The Mayor received a grant application packet for the TMACOG Transportation Enhancement Program. It was suggested to apply for added bike paths, walking trails or possibly paving of the walking trail. The deadline for the grant is September 12, 2008.

The Serenity Farms 2K Walking course was completed by Keith Madaras. There would be parking at the Elementary School and on College Avenue. The Serenity Farms group is working with PIMA for the event. Jamie Farr will open the 2K Walk which starts at 2 pm on July 12th. There is a \$10 entry fee and participants receive a T-shirt. This should not require additional police staff. The Pemberville Christmas in July event is also on July 12th.

Dave Steiner from Wood County Commissioners office has asked for Council to make a final decision on the plans for the Town Hall ADA Restrooms. There was a question on where Council decided to put the handicap ramp on the outside of the building. It was decided to put the ramp along the side of the building. Bowman said he would contact Byron Schroeder at Feller & Finch to get it finalized.

Madaras made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel matter. The time was 7:25 pm. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm. A letter of resignation effective 7/31/08 was received from Chief Jeff Molnar. He asked to be kept on as a part-time officer. A committee will be formed via the Safety Committee to search for a new Police Chief. Madaras wants to explore the option of using the County Sheriff to take over the Village police duties. Bowman also wants to look at all options. Miesmer and Cox would like to hold a public forum to inform the residents of the options available. It was agreed that a want ad would be put in the newspaper with a due date of 7/11/08. The public meetings would be held on Tuesday, June 24th and July 8 at 7 pm. The meeting will compare the two options of keeping the Village Police Department or changing to the Wood County Sheriff. The Wood County Sheriff will be contacted to see if a representative can come to the public hearings.

MIESMER:

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 18th. The zoning ordinance is being prepared to restrict street level apartments in the downtown business district.

Personnel Committee is working on updating the personnel handbook. The committee agreed to have the office staff coordinate multiple department work. This will prevent miscommunication and enhance coordination in daily schedules and materials.

BOWMAN:

Bowman will attend the TMACOG Regional Growth Initiative meeting tomorrow. He also plans to attend the PIMA meeting tomorrow night.

The Economic Development Committee is working on identification of companies for future growth in the Village. They are waiting to hear from Modine Manufacturing for further information on the closing of the company.

CAMPBELL:

Street Sweeping is planned for Wednesday at 4 am on June 25th.

The County will be moving a guardrail at the CSX crossing in July while the Bierley Street Bridge repair work is being done.

The Village has had several street signs missing. Campbell would like to see a community block watch program started.

There are several sidewalk repair jobs that are being worked on. A-1 Leveling will work on Hickory Street and the North side of downtown. Campbell is trying to coordinate several jobs together with a July 12 target date.

The Police Station roof needs to have the eaves cleaned out so the roof will not retain rain water.

There are several trees that need to be removed on the walking trail. Cathy Thomas would allow the Village to have access to her property to remove trees if the Village would in turn remove a cottonwood tree on her property. Campbell will have Alton Beeker look at the cottonwood tree to give a quote on the added work. Council would like to have a written agreement prepared between the Village and Cathy Thomas that allows the Village to be on her property. The tree removal work on the walking trail is quoted at \$4,500.

The Flood Plan Map Modernization meeting was attended by Campbell. There were many Village leaders at the meeting pointing out the problems to FEMA.

COX:

The Union Cemetery Board asked Council to fund \$2,500 to the cemetery. Freedom Township will also fund \$2,500 to the cemetery. Cox made the motion to pay this to the Cemetery and Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At last night's BPA meeting, Nelson Busdeker turned in his resignation as BPA Board Member effective July 31, 2008 (or sooner if a replacement can be found).

KING:

New tires have been installed on the Crown Vic Cruiser.

The equipment is here to put on the new cruiser that should be arriving near the end of June.

The Durango needs a new headlight assembly kit which will cost \$300.

MADARAS:

There is a Park & Rec Meeting on June 26th at 7 pm.

A thank you letter was sent to Pat Birney at the Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club for donating new tennis nets for Memorial Park.

Madaras asked Council to pass a resolution to place a park levy on the November ballot. August 21, 2008 is the filing deadline. There is \$1300 currently in the Park Fund. Campbell made a motion to have a .6 mil Park Levy and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Madaras asked to have the following items posted on our website and on the sign:

June 28th - \$1 Dollar Day Admission at the Swimming Pool

June 25th – Street Sweeping on Wednesday at 4 am

Madaras commented that Gale Loebrich is doing a great job at the swimming pool. There is a leak in the water supply line going to the baby pool. The BPA has already approved a leak detection company to come and check out the water line. Mayor Opelt also commented that many people have told him that the swimming pool looks like a new facility.

Campbell injected that A-1 Concrete Leveling quoted \$350 to repair the area of sunken concrete at the pool near the main swimming pool building.

Mayor Opelt also thanked Stephanie Bowe for the exceptional letter sent to the residents concerning the Power Outage Notice.

Chief Molnar informed Council of the department's involvement with the "Click It or Ticket" Program. There were 100 hours of enforcement dedicated to this program and 52 traffic citations issued. The department will receive free equipment for next year for participating in this program.

The MS Bike to the Bay will be in town on June 28th and 29th.

GUESTS:

GENE STEELE:

He has had a wild cat problem in his garage. It will require residents to hire a Licensed Nuisance Trapper to get the cats removed.

Steele can get very large mulch bags at Chrysler where he works. He would like to try to see if these bags could be used as a giant sandbag during flooding. He will look into this further.

Council asked Russ Eby to post the Grass Drop Off Notice on the website.

There was no further business to discuss so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor