

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Mayor Opelt opened the Village Council meeting of September 16, 2008 at 7 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Miesmer, Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King and Madaras. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Chief Bingham, Bud Kahler, Russell Eby, Chuck Schulte, Dean Krukemyer, Dennis Henline, Chris Swope from the Sentinel Tribune and the clerk.

Treasurer's Report: Bills presented to pay amounted to \$2,538.80. Bowman made a motion to pay the bills and King seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting and the September 8, 2008 special meeting were approved by Council. The Board of Public Affairs minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting were distributed to Council.

ORDINANCE #1432 – 2nd Reading – ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V. SECTION 500 OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE'S ZONING CODE ADOPTED IN 1998, AND AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, BY ADDING FOOTNOTE NUMBER 5. Miesmer asked to delay the 3rd reading of the ordinance to hold a public hearing on October 21, 2008 at 6:45 pm. Then the 3rd reading could be completed at the Council meeting on October 21.

ORDINANCE #1433 – 2nd Reading – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER-OHIO, INC. PURCHASES OF LONG TERM POWER RESOURCES FOR NWASG POOL.

ORDINANCE #1434 – 1ST Reading – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1412 (WAGE ORDINANCE) ADDING THE POSITION OF "UTILITY ASSOCIATE" TO SECTION 1 THEREOF. This would allow the Village to hire a utility associate to work with Brian Heestand and also begin the Class I and Class II license programs. The license programs require work experience of one year for Class I and up to three years for Class II. Miesmer made a motion to suspend the rules and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Campbell made a motion to pass Ordinance #1434 and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Public Affairs interviewed for the utility associate job and their recommendation was to hire Landry Sheets. Chuck Schulte took the BPA's recommendation to the Personnel Committee and the committee approved Sheets for the position also. Campbell stated the BPA made a fine choice to hire Sheets. Mayor Opelt asked the BPA to call or write a memo before the Council meeting on their hiring recommendations from now on. Miesmer made a motion to hire Sheets and King seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other concerns addressed to Chuck Schulte on BPA matters were asked. Madaras asked about replacing the bucket truck. Schulte said it is getting difficult to have the old truck serviced. He was attending a trade show soon to talk to people about this problem. Mayor Opelt said thank you to Chuck Schulte for his volunteer work at the fair. The Mayor complimented John Lockard and the other workers on keeping the trees trimmed. There were no trees or limbs down from the bad storm last week.

RESOLUTION #705 – 1ST Reading – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DOWNTOWN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. Due to the economic slow down in Pemberville, it would be best to delay this project for two years until we see how things turn out for the Village. The Grant would pay \$350,000 and the Village about \$200,000. Miesmer thought the Village should move up the project

while we have the finances. He said if we put it in reserve, the project will get bumped and we will lose our place in line.

Clerk's Report: The clerk asked Council to approve the contract with Morton Salt for winter season street salt. Campbell made a motion not to exceed 150 Ton quantity at the discretion of the clerk and Jeff Bourdo. Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor asked Council to approve the Village advertisement in the Wood County Township Association Booklet. The cost was the same as last year at \$25. King made a motion to approve this ad and Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Wood County Commissioners Ditch Petition for the Village to request further ditch cleaning was given to Campbell for him to check out.

Chief Bingham had reported at the last Safety Committee meeting several items that needed attention. (1.) The downtown business owners reported that there were too many U-turns on the downtown street and signs were needed. (2.) Signs were needed to prohibit skate boarding or bikes downtown, and signs were needed for timed parking in downtown business area. The Chief cannot issue a citation to people if there are no signs posted. (3.) A stop line needed to be corrected down at the elementary school. (4.) The Police Department will receive \$1261 restitution for damaged equipment. One of our officers had \$261 damage to his personal equipment that the Village will reimburse him for and the remaining \$1,000 will be used to purchase portable radios for the department. (5.) The Police Department needed to purchase tools and supplies for the police cars that cost about \$150.

Chief Bingham would like to start a citizen ride-along program. He will use flyers, radio and advertise in the newspaper. A waiver form will have to be signed to participate. Anyone of the age 15 or over can ride-along by calling several days in advance. The program will especially be available to village residents and then to Eastwood School students next. Others outside the village could also participate. Cartledge was concerned that the village insurance would not cover others riding along in the police vehicles. This would have to be checked out.

Chief Bingham would also like to start a Crime Stopper Drug Program. He would like to set up a reward fund for tips on drug crime and other criminal activity. A panel would be formed to determine the reward amount and they would meet four times per year. News media releases would let people know that a reward is offered for information about a crime that the Police Department needs help solving. The Chief has shared the idea with PIMA and some of the merchants were interested in the program and would like to contribute to the reward fund.

Time Warner Cable has offered to supply the Police Department free cable as a public service. This would help with severe weather alerts.

Sheriff Wasylyshyn has met with Chief Bingham and has been very supportive to our Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MIESMER: The Personnel Committee met last Thursday, 9/11/08. They approved Landry Sheets to take the new utility associate position. The committee worked on the wage ordinance job descriptions. Information on next year's health insurance will be worked on this month.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

BOWMAN: The Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

CAMPBELL: Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Bldgs. Committee will meet on Thursday, September 18, 2008.

COX: Bailey's Catch Basin is being worked on and should be done soon.

KING: The Police Levy presentation is being worked on. A public meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7 pm. The Safety Committee is in the process of forming a levy committee and also needed to purchase signs to promote the Police Levy. Donations were requested. They will also have a promo booth at the Autumn Festival.

The Safety Committee would like to sell the old police cruiser by selling it on a website called Gov Deals. The asking price will be about \$2,700. The Police Department would like to buy two golf carts with the proceeds of the sale. King made a motion to sell the cruiser on Gov Deals and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MADARAS: There will be a Parks and Rec Board meeting on September 25, 2008 at 7 pm. The Five-Miler event made a profit of over \$6,000.

The Sentinel Tribune reported that a Wood County Park District Grant was awarded to the Village swimming pool.

GUESTS:

Denny Henline has been serving on the Economic Development Task Force. He would like to see Council decide on what to do with the Old Ford Garage. The Signature Associate Realtor contract ran out in August 2008. Henline talked to Freedom Township Trustees to see if they would be interested in the property since it ties into the Fire Department property. They need room for salt bins and a voting area. The Township did not seem interested because of the cinder block and asbestos problem in the building. Henline believes that the building will not sell for \$100,000. The building currently is being used for storage.

Madaras made a motion to go into executive session at 8:25 pm concerning property on the Ford Garage, Personnel and litigation. Campbell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Campbell made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:55 pm and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Clerk

Mayor