

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2008

Mayor Opelt opened the October 21, 2008 meeting 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, Russell Eby, Gene Steele, Bud Kahler and the clerk.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 7, 2008 Minutes were approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Approval was needed to pay bills in the Amount of \$ 12,947.00. Miesmer made a motion to pay the bills and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The September Wage report was distributed.

ORDINANCE #1432 – 3rd 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. Cox made a motion to pass Ordinance #1432 and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #1435 –2nd Reading – ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING SECTION 75.07(F) AND SECTION 75.08(E) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, RELATING TO RECKLESS OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND RELATING TO RIDING OR PARKING ON SIDEWALK AREAS. Clarification needed to be stated on the Ordinance that this restriction was only for the Downtown Central Business area. Mike Marsh will be asked to revise the Ordinance for this change.

ORDINANCE #1436 – 1ST Reading – 2009 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION . This ordinance gave a 2% across the board raise to all Village employees. New positions added to the ordinance were: A Utility Associate, a Back-up Operator and a Backflow Prevention Program Development Coordinator & Inspector.

ORDINANCE #1437 – 1ST Reading – ORDINANCE AWARDDING CONTRACT TO MOSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS. Moser Construction was the lowest bid at \$34,473.00. The CDBG Funds for this project will be a total of \$46,400 grant and then the Village will have to pickup any amount over the \$46,400. King made a motion to suspend the rules and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Bowman made a motion to pass Ordinance #1437 and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #705 – 3rd Reading – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DOWNTOWN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. Passage of this resolution would reserve status of the grant for two years and thereby delay implementation of the downtown street enhancement project grant at least until that time. The Economic Development Committee thought about turning down this grant due to the poor economy. It was noted that this two year delay could jeopardize receiving the grant. Bowman made a motion to pass Resolution #705 and Madaras seconded. Roll call vote was: Bowman – Yes, Madaras – Yes, Miesmer – No, Campbell – No, Cox – Yes and King – Yes. The motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Margaret Wilka and Deb Cartledge will be attending Auditor of State training on Monday, October 27th.

There is a Budget Working Meeting on October 30 and November 6 at 1 pm.

Mayor's Report: Matt Reger will be the new Village Prosecutor effective 11/1/08.

Mayor Opelt has received several complaints about the poor condition of the railroad track crossing. New metal steel bars needed to be installed on the crossing. Campbell was asked to look into this.

Trick or Treat will be on Thursday, October 30th from 6 to 8 pm.

Council Reports:

Miesmer: The Personnel Committee met and worked on the Wage Ordinance. The next meeting is November 6th at 7pm.

The Planning Commission had a Zoning hearing tonight at 6:45 pm to review Ordinance #1432 which prohibited ground floor or street level structures in the C-3 District to be used as dwelling.

Bowman: The Wood County Committee on Aging asked for participation from Council to deliver meals on wheels on October 29th. Mayor Opelt and Bowman volunteered.

The Economic Development meeting is on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:30 pm.

Campbell: Signs were being constructed by David Eaton for his Eagle Scout Project. The Welcome Signs will be on the East and West sides of the Village. Eaton asked if the Village would apply a sealant on the wood signs in the spring. Mike Marsh donated \$300 for the signs.

Campbell reported that ODOT wanted the Eastwood School signs that were attached to the ODOT posts to be removed. ODOT does not allow any other signs put on their sign posts. The signs were to be removed from ODOT signs and put on the new Welcome signs that were being constructed.

Campbell would like to write a letter to the Scout Masters to give them a list of Eagle Scout projects that the Village would like to have done. Instructions on time constraints would also be noted in the letter to avoid last minute project due dates.

Bradley and Christina Yaniga requested that the Village write a letter explaining that the previous homeowner did not repair their sidewalks in 2007 according to Village ordinance. It was determined at the May 6, 2008 Council Meeting that Yaniga's had to take their dispute up with the Thornton's who sold the house to them in 2007. This matter does not involve the Village. Council decided to have Mike Marsh write a letter to Yaniga's concerning the noncompliant sidewalks.

JoAnn Busdeker asked if Bourdo could move the picnic tables out of the shelter house for the Autumn Fest event. Campbell and Madaras said that Busdeker should be given the key so she can move the tables out herself.

Hickory Street sidewalks repaired by A-1 Leveling had dropped back down. A-1 Leveling came back out and repaired this work at no cost.

The Parking Lot lines have been painted.

The Wood County Board of Commissioners sent a letter about ditch improvements. The cost to file a petition would be \$500 to file and \$2 per parcel of and in excess of 200 listed parcels. The Mayor wanted to find out if Freedom Township will petition for the ditch improvements. Campbell was asked to find out more information about this matter.

Campbell thought there was a lack of enforcement when it came to the Snow Ordinance. Campbell and the Chief plan to educate the residents about the Snow Ordinance and will knock on doors to remove cars from the streets in an emergency. Even with these actions, there comes a time when the Snow Ordinance has to be enforced. They are considering the need to be able to tow cars, and possibly impounding cars and towing charges.

Cox: The BPA will find out in November if they will receive the OPW Grant for \$400,000 to help with the new sewer plant.

The Tree Commission reports that North Branch Nursery is donating five trees to the Village. The Commission is planning to plant about 11 new street trees this fall.

King: The Police Levy flyer was completed. This flyer will be handed out to several organizations and posted throughout the town. The Police Levy Committee will meet on October 22 and an Information Meeting is scheduled for October 23rd at 7 pm. Any donations to the Police Levy Fund would be appreciated. Chief Bingham wrote an editorial letter that will be in the three local papers.

Madaras: Mayor Opelt asked Madaras to contact the Soccer Organization and those interested in a skateboard park about using the new Pemberville Park property.

Guests:

Gene Steele: Steele does not endorse Mark Wagoner (Ohio Senator) and Jim Carter (Wood County Commissioner). Steele has not received one response from his three letters he wrote to Wagoner about the Portage River cleaning. Steele reported that he approached Jim Carter in town one day to take two minutes to talk about the river cleanup and Carter said he couldn't and walked away.

Bowman brought up that several people have complained that the two hour downtown parking was too short. Some groups come to town and are here for more than two hours. Pat Rollins had contacted the Chief about this problem. The Police Chief said he would be meeting with Rollins to resolve this matter.

Eby suggested that when we write the Scout Masters about Eagle Scout Projects, we need to explain the time deadlines that Council will require to approve any future projects.

There was no other business to discuss, so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Debra L. Cartledge

James R. Opelt

Clerk

Mayor