

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE    COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

Mayor Opelt opened the November 4, 2008 meeting at 7 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Miesmer, Campbell, Cox, King and Madaras. Bowman was absent. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Chief Bingham, Russell Eby, Bud Kahler, Bradley Yaniga, Dennis Henline and the clerk.

**Minutes to the Previous Meeting:** The October 21, 2008 minutes were approved by Council. Board of Public Affairs minutes of the October 6 and October 20, 2008 meetings were distributed to Council.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills amounting to \$4,422.44 were presented to Council for payment approval. Cox made a motion to pay the bills and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The following monthly financial reports were distributed to Council: Fund Status, Supplemental Appropriations, Cash Summary by Fund, Wages and Overtime Report

**ORDINANCE #1435 –3rd 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.** Campbell made a motion to amend Ordinance 1435 by substitution to revise the wording. King seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Campbell made a motion to pass Ordinance 1435 and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #1436 – 2nd Reading – 2009 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION.**

**RESOLUTION #707 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION OF THE VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY ON DECEMBER 26, 2008.** Cox made a motion to suspend the rules and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Cox made a motion to pass Resolution 707 as an emergency and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** Cartledge and Wilka will be attending Auditor of State- UAN training on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor's Report:** The Tree Commission will not meet on November 20, 2008. There will be no Park and Recreation Board meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Chief's Report:** The Police Department employees were in four hours of training on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is continuing education required by the Ohio Police Officer Training Association. Matt Reger, Village Prosecutor, spoke on legal updates and the Chief spoke on several topics including Investigation, Traffic Crashes and Railroad Crossing

training. They also went to a shooting range and held Hand Gun training. Mayor Opelt observed the class and thought it was done very professionally.

Due to the Nature Works Grant restrictions for the park land on Rees Road, we will have to notify Duane Martin that the property cannot be farmed next year. A letter will be sent to Mr. Martin soon. The Park and Rec Board needs to plan on how to maintain the new park property named Northwest Park. Mayor Opelt suggested contacting the Soccer and Skateboard organizations. The Wood County Parks have had success with their Friends of the Park Program. Miesmer suggested contacting Wood County Parks about this program.

A letter was sent to resident Brad Yaniga concerning the problem with their sidewalks that were not compliant with the Village sidewalk ordinance.

We have received a letter from the Ohio Public Works Commission awarding a \$400,000 grant to the Village toward a new wastewater treatment plant.

Teri Hansen, residing at 114 Joyce Street, sent a letter to Mayor Opelt and Council. She expressed her disapproval of having Trick or Treat extended to two hours and on a week night. She listed reasons why the Village needed to go back to one and one half hour Trick or Treat time.

**Miesmer:**

The Personnel Committee met and reviewed the Health Insurance proposal. The new proposal for 2009 health insurance coverage requires spouses who are eligible on their employer's coverage would not be eligible for the Village health insurance. Campbell asked about primary and secondary coverage for employee's spouses that would not be on the Village insurance. The primary and secondary coverage would have to be questioned with our insurance agent, Deb Kos. Bingham asked if the Village could give the employees \$200 to \$400 to help with the higher insurance deductible. Madaras questioned if the Personnel Committee had considered paying an incentive to any employee who would change over to their spouse's insurance coverage. Campbell also questioned if the compensatory time could be carried over for any snow plowing overtime incurred in December 2008. He would like to see an extension of compensatory time into January 2009 to allow for snow plowing overtime. Campbell expressed disapproval on giving a 2% pay increase across the board to all of the employees. This is somewhat unfair because the higher paid employees receive the lion's share of the pay increase. Mayor Opelt felt there would have to be a policy developed on determining a specific raise for each employee according to merit or other criteria rather than a percentage raise across the board. The Mayor shared that he appreciated the Personnel Committee keeping the increase at 2%. These questions will have to be discussed at the next personnel meeting. Cox stated that she will not be attending the next Council meeting, but wanted it known that she agreed with the 2% pay increase and the health insurance proposal that has been recommended by the Personnel Committee.

**Campbell:**

Ray Huber, Wood County Engineer, told Campbell that the Village could piggy back on the current ditch petition and leap frog over a section and then come into Pemberville. The other option would be to treat it as a separate project. The cost of the project is assessed across the entire parcels in the project which could extend clear back to Hoytville. It would cost the

Village \$500 to file the petition and we would be the soul petitioning party. Campbell recommends waiting after tonight's election to make a decision.

Bradley Yaniga, 412 Pine Street, needed a letter sent with more detailed description of his non-compliant sidewalks. Council will ask Solicitor Mike Marsh to write this letter.

**Cox:**

Cox wanted to say thank you to North Branch Nursery for donating five trees to the Village.

**King:**

There will be a Safety Committee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Madaras:**

There is information for any Council member interested in serving on the TMACOG Board.

Madaras wanted to thank Laurel Hill Tennis Club for donating a new tennis net at Memorial Park tennis court.

A new basketball backboard is needed at Memorial Park. It would cost about \$300 for the backboard, but Madaras wanted to wait to see if the park levy passed before any purchase would be made.

Madaras asked Dennis Henline and the Council about the proposed lease agreement between the Village BPA and Alton Beeker. Henline explained that years ago there was a restriction of about six inches over the well, but now the EPA requires a 300 foot restriction. Beeker is asking for this lease to help with the loss of income from trying to farm with the 300 foot restriction. Henline suggested trying to sell the property to Wood County Park District.

Campbell made a motion to go into executive session at 8:20 pm to discuss selling property. King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council came out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

Council decided to sell the 1990 Chevy Pickup by issuing a public bid notice in the newspaper. There would be a reserve of \$600 on the selling price. Miesmer made the motion to sell the pickup truck and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PIMA has decided to display their own Christmas decorations and asked the Village not to put up the Christmas wreath decorations. PIMA would like to see the Town Hall decorated with Christmas Trees and lights. Council will be meeting with PIMA to make further plans.

There was no other business to discuss, so Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

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Clerk

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