

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2009**

Mayor Opelt opened the February 3, 2009 meeting at 7 pm with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King, Madaras and Miesmer. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Charles Aring, Dean Krukemyer, Police Chief Bingham, Darla Baker, Dave Marsh, Denny Henline, Bud Kahler, Gene Steele, Russell Eby, Ed Wozniak, Jordan Cravens from the Sentinel Tribune and the clerk.

The Committee of the Whole met to discuss shovel ready projects. The regular Council Meeting was called to order after the discussion.

Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Council was asked to approve the bills amounting to \$4,696.86. Campbell made the motion to approve payment of the bills and Miesmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Financial Reports distributed to Council were: Fund Status Report as of 1/31/09, Cash Summary by Fund for January 2009, Supplemental Appropriations for January 2009 and Wages and Overtime Report for January 2009.

Guest: Tom Cavenish, Luckey, OH – Masonic Lodge Informational and Friendship Night. Cavenish invited everyone to come to the lodge's informational and friendship night. There will be a Lincoln Drama at 4 pm at the Opera House and then down to the Lodge (over the Forks) for a free dinner on Saturday, February 28th. Please RSVP your dinner reservation to Tom Cavenish 419-833-3761. The Masonic Lodge was chartered in Pemberville on May 2, 1877. The Lodge is very active in the Special Olympics fund raising program and the Shriner Hospitals.

Guest: Denny Henline was present to discuss the possible sale of the Old Ford Garage. Campbell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale of property. Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:45 pm.

Bowman made the motion to come out of executive session at 8 pm and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sale of Old Ford Garage:

Miesmer made a motion to place an advertisement for sealed bids on the Old Ford Garage in the Sentinel for four (4) consecutive weeks. The ad will begin around 2/6/09 for four weeks. The minimum reserve on the bids will be \$37,500. Bids will be opened on Friday, March 13, 2009 at noon in the Council Chambers. At that time bids can be raised. The winner of the bid must close by March 30, 2009. Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: None

Mayor's Report: The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Fiscal Officer, Debra Cartledge. She has accepted a new job for the City of Maumee. Her last day of work will be February 17, 2009. A new advertisement for the Fiscal Officer position will increase the salary to \$35,000 to \$40,000 based on qualifications and experience. Applications should be submitted by February 13, 2009 and employment would begin on March 9, 2009. The ad will be put in the Sentinel this week, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and again on Monday. There will also be a one day advertisement in the Blade on Thursday. Madaras brought up that he has wanted a Village Administrator in the past and would again like to possibly combine this job with an Administrator. Campbell thought this would be an option that should be considered. Cox thought that it was too much work load to combine both positions into one. Bowman agreed by saying that there are a pool of people who are specialized in accounting and business management. When you add another complete set of job skills of utility systems to this, those people hardly exist or are so rare, and would demand so much money, it is not a practical idea. We should secure good financial practices for the Village. Therefore, Bowman made a motion to place the advertisements in the papers and Campbell seconded. Roll call vote was: Bowman – Yes, Campbell – Yes, Cox – Yes, Madaras – No, King – Yes, and Miesmer – Yes. The motion passed.

Mayor Opelt asked Council to approve Stephanie Bowe working an additional two (2) hours per day during this transition period. The BPA should be contacted about this additional work load. The pay would be at \$13 per hour at ten (10) hours per week. Cox made the motion to accept this, King seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The February Calendar was reviewed by Council. The Economic Development meeting was on Thursday, February 5th at 7:30pm. The Tree Commission will hold a meeting on February 26th at 3:30 pm.

The Pemberville Opera House will be presenting "An Evening with Legends" on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 7:30pm, at a cost of \$10 per ticket. An Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner will be served at the Pemberville Fire Hall at 4:30 to 6:30 pm on the 7th before the show – cost will be \$8 per person. The "Love of Art" will have 2009 Student Art Exhibits in the Opera House on Saturday, Feb. 14th and Feb 21st from 10 am to 4pm. Admission is free.

Kevin Rahe sent a letter to the Mayor and Council about the snow removal of sidewalks. Chief Bingham has met with Mr. Rahe to explain the snow removal requirements for the Village.

Police Chief Report: Chief Bingham will hold a Girl Scout training session in March. The training will be on using the internet.

There will be Police Training this Saturday morning, February 7th, at the Town Hall.

Bowman:

Bowman attended the TMACOG meeting last week. He is interested in being appointed to a TMACOG committee. The meeting discussed the cooperation between business and educational organizations in the Toledo area.

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Campbell:

Fresh Cut Lawn mosquito spraying quoted six sprays for a total of \$1,374. Campbell sought quotes from three other companies, but none did municipal mosquito spraying. The Toledo Area Sanitary Division gave him some leads for potential use of equipment. We could look into doing our own mosquito spraying. An employee would have to receive the proper licensing to do this work. A decision for mosquito spraying would be discussed at a later meeting.

Campbell had two website links about FEMA-Floods that he would like Russ Eby to link to the Pemberville website.

Cox:

Cox asked Council to get their letters sent to the Congressmen and Senators concerning funding for the new waste water treatment plant.

King:

There will be a Safety Meeting on February 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

King would like to serve on the Park and Recreation Committee. Madaras welcomed his help on this committee.

Madaras:

Fee Schedules for the 2009 year were asked to be approved by Council. The fees were slightly raised for the swimming pool and shelter house. Madaras made a motion to accept the fee schedules and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Miesmer:

Marge Cox and Margaret Wilka helped in writing new policy for vacation pay and overtime pay for the Personnel Committee.

The boundary and information surveys were completed for the 2010 census.

The Zoning Board discussed a possible Bed and Breakfast home business.

GUESTS:

Gene Steele:

Steele asked if he could rent the Old Ford Garage to store his antique cars during a flood. Council suggested one of the Village parking lots instead.

Steele told Council that he has sent many letters to government offices about the flooding problem. He asked Council, "Who is in charge of the river? For a year we have spun our wheels and have gotten no where." Campbell thought that the Oak Harbor Branch of Army Corp of Engineers are in charge. Steele also asked, "Has the town made any preparation for flooding in the next few weeks?" Sand bags are available through the Wood County Engineer. Steele asked Council to sand bag the homes that are always flooded instead of the business parking lot. He shared that he took out a Flood Insurance Package from FEMA at a cost of \$388. All residents with flood damage should get this package. FEMA will have a record of the losses due to flooding in Pemberville if these residents would apply for this

insurance. Madaras felt that we did not have enough people last time to fill sand bags fast enough. We need to do a better job of planning for the flood. Darla Baker stated that the FEMA Flood Insurance does not cover any contents in a basement.

Ed Wozniak:

Wozniak questioned why there were less brush pickups on the Village 2009 Calendar than what was scheduled last year. He also wanted to know if the Village is planning to lay off due to the cuts in service. Campbell explained that the Village will see a savings in only having three scheduled brush pickups and the Street Department has plenty of back logged work that needs to be done. Other towns, such as Bowling Green, has two scheduled brush pickups per year.

Executive Session:

King made the motion to go into executive session at 9:25 to discuss litigation. Madaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council came out of executive session at 9:37 pm. Campbell made the motion and Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council meeting ended with a short discussion of snow removal from Village sidewalks and removal of cars from streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Clerk

Mayor