

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

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

Roll Call: Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King, and Madaras. Absent: Miesmer. Others present were: Mayor Opelt, Police Chief Bingham, Russell Eby, and the clerk.

**Minutes:** Bowman asked that the minutes be corrected to state the website listing would only include business properties not residential properties. After the correction, Bowman moved to approve the minutes and King seconded. Council approved the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Council was asked to approve the bills amounting to \$4,408.41. Cox made the motion to approve payment of the bills and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Financial Reports distributed to Council were: Fund Status Report as of 2/27/09, Cash Summary by Fund for February 2009, and Supplemental Appropriations for February 2009.

**ORDINANCE #1441 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – ORDINANCE REGULATING PARADES AND ASSEMBLAGES** King made a motion to bring ordinance #1441 back to the table and Madaras seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Chief Bingham presented the requested changes he had received. Mayor Opelt explained these changes. There was discussion on the changes. Marsh explained that what the Village is trying to accomplish could be done by instituting a policy instead of a permit or Ordinance. Cox suggested the village approach those events that require extra police presence to set up an agreement with each event for repayment of excess costs. Madaras made a motion to pass ordinance 1441 and Campbell seconded. The motion was unanimously defeated.

**RESOLUTION #708 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DITCH PETITION PENDING BEFORE THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER SEEKING CLEAN-OUT OF THE SOUTH AND EAST BRANCH OF THE PORTAGE RIVER** There was discussion on what this resolution covered. This petition says the village agrees with the current petition but not that the village would join the petition. Marsh explained the Village has two options if they are considering continuing the cleanout of the Portage. Option one would be to pass a resolution asking the engineer to expand the area or option two would be to file our own petition. There was discussion on these options. Cox made a motion to table this petition and Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #709 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR DEPOSITORY** King made a motion to suspend the rules and pass this resolution as an emergency and Cox seconded. King-yes, Cox-yes, Bowman-yes, Campbell-no, Madaras-yes. Campbell made a motion to reconsider and Madaras seconded. This motion passed unanimously. Cox made a motion to pass resolution #709 as an emergency and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** The clerk asked Council to sign the monthly bank reconciliation.

**Mayor's Report:** A thank you note from Deb Cartledge was read. The Mayor informed the council the Annual NOMMA meeting is scheduled for March 12 at the Riverview Banquet Center in Pemberville. Council was asked to let the clerk know this week if they plan to attend. The council was also informed the Wood County Mayor's Association Meeting is at the Riverview Banquet Center on March 31. The Mayor asked that everyone try to attend. On Monday, March 30 at 11:30am the Senior Center will be celebrating their one year anniversary. The Mayor and Mr. and Mrs. Bowman attended the Mason's Program on Saturday. There was a play and a delicious dinner. The Mayor asked Cox what the Tree Commission's policy was for the cutting and replanting of trees. Cox explained the commission tries to replant one tree for each that is removed as long as it follows the ordinance. New plantings are normally done in the fall.

**Police Chief Report:** Chief explained as part of the stimulus plan, it is being offer that the stimulus funds would be available to cover police officers for three years and the Police Department would be required to keep the officer for a designated period after that three years. The Chief asked for permission to apply for this grant program. Cox moved to allow the Chief to apply for the grant program and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chief questioned how the wood from the trees that have been cut down are distributed. Madaras explained Lockard keeps a list of individuals that are interested in the wood and divides it evenly between interested parties.

**Bowman:** Bowman had submitted the initial stimulus application for the downtown streetscape project. He informed the council he had received a request for additional information on the project. Bowman thanked Russ Eby for designing the web page for the Economic Development Commission.

**Campbell:** Campbell made a motion to hire Fresh Cut for six mosquito sprays at a cost of \$1,374. Each additional spray would cost \$229. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Campbell requested the council look at the ordinance concerning obstructions on village streets and sidewalks because no penalty clause was included. He requested that this ordinance be amended. This will be brought to the next meeting after Marsh looks at it.

**Cox:** The Tree Commission decided to continue treating the Ash Trees. Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 24 with a tree planting. The Electric Department will be covering the cost to grind the stumps from the trees that were removed due to interference with electric lines.

**King:** King spoke with Fire Chief Martin. He will be coming to a council meeting next month to present the annual Fire Department report. The next safety meeting will be in two weeks.

**Madaras:** Madaras asked the Police Chief to investigate properties that had debris on their sidewalk since the last flood. Madaras asked that the one backboard be replaced. The pool may have a solar panel donated to them. Madaras asked if this would need to be approved by council. The council agreed this would not need to be approved if it was donated. The Mayor urged council to put more items on the stimulus site. Madaras explained that with the three grants received for Oberhouse Park, it is planned to begin clean up and construction of a trail. Ann Michels will be bringing somewhere between 150 – 175 students out to the park on either the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to start this project. Madaras asked if the employees could be available during the day throughout the day

**Old Business:** Bowman requested an update on the golf cart. Chief explained the cart is currently at Penta being painted. The village will be paying for the paint only. A radio was donated for the golf cart.

**New Business:**

Mayor asked if council would approve the selling of the push bar from the old police cruiser. This bar can not be used on any other car and the person who purchased the cruiser is interested in it. This was approved.

Bowman asked if council would support the continuing of the \$200 monthly credit for the Senior Center on the Bethlehem Lutheran Church utility bill. There was discussion on this. Bowman moved to continue the \$200 monthly credit on the Bethlehem Lutheran Church's utility bill in support of the Senior Center for one more year. King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As there was no other business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.