

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2009**

Council President Bowman opened the May 19, 2009 meeting at 7 pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bowman, Campbell, Cox, King, Madaras and Miesmer. Others present were: Police Chief Bingham, Russ Eby, Gene Steele, Jordan Cravens, Tim Orabone, Debbie Obrock, and the clerk.

Minutes:

The May 5, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Campbell made the motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$5,147.34 and Madaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report: (Presented by Council President Bowman)

Bowman explained the Village received a copy of the EPA Permit to Install information that will be available to the community. This information is explaining the changes that will happen as a result of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. The information is available at the office for your perusal.

A letter received from Time Warner Cable, was read by Bowman. The letter explained the switch to digital will be on June 12 and the difficulties they are experiencing with WTVG analog.

Chief:

The 2008 condensed activity report for the Police Department was presented. The entire report is available upon request at the police department.

Interim Tim Orabone was introduced. Tim is a Senior Criminal Justice major at BGSU and will be working with the Chief as part of his education.

This weekend is the Danger Brothers Concert. The Police will be available & assisted by the auxillary. They will be covering the Memorial Day parade on Monday as well. Radios should be ready shortly.

Bowman:

Wood County Educational Center has a youth work program to assist the youth with job training. Wood County received stimulus funds to sponser this program. The Educational Center pays wages and provides uniforms but does not provide transportation. If the Village would like to submit a job opening with the center to allow the youth to work for the village, please speak to Cox or Bowman or contact the Educational Center for more information.

Campbell:

Nuisance lawn & grass cutting was investigated. Two quotes were discussed. If we hire a private company they would like to give quote. Then the quote would need to be presented to council for approval. Finally the job could be done. This would allow the grass to grow even higher and the cost could go up. Campbell recommends allowing the Village personnel to cut lawns and hiring out the other jobs. Properties in question include a Perry

Street address, a West Front Street address, and the back of a Water Street address. There was discussion as to what the current ordinance allows and how the council would like to proceed. Campbell explained that in the past elected officials have seemed reluctant to enforce the law. He continued to explain that he is disheartened by that lack of support from elected officials to resolve complaints of sidewalk repairs, nuisance lawns, and snow removal from sidewalks because it might upset someone. Due to the lack of enforcement, some residents are taking advantage of the Village by allowing their properties to be in violation of Village Ordinances. At this time, three properties are out of control and action needs to be taken soon. Numerous complaints have been received. Campbell moved to hire a lawn service company at the lowest bid to service nuisance properties as defined by Village ordinance. King seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

King:

The Village will be taking part in the Click It or Ticket program during the next two weeks. Council was asked to please take a Click It or Ticket sign and put in their yards. Participation in the program makes the Village eligible to win up to a new patrol vehicle. There will be extra enforcement in the Village over the next ten days for the program. Chief sent information about the program to the area news media.

The Village is also scheduled to participate in Over the Limit, Under Arrest campaign in August.

Madaras:

Madaras explained, the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends the hiring of Toledo Roadrunners Club to provide timing service and distribute race sheets. They also recommended hiring Active.com to provide online registration. Madaras moved to hire Toledo Roadrunners Club and Active.com to provide the discussed services. King seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Eastwood 6th grade students and their environmental science class will be coming to the Village on Thursday 5/22 from 12-2:30 to work on park development. All supplies will be covered by grants. Bourdo and Bruning were requested to be available during this work.

The stone on the ball diamond drive requires more attention due to settling. Madaras requested more stone be purchased to fill the low spots.

There are Grant opportunities available for safety & park development. All suggestions need to be given to Keith prior to next meeting on June 18th.

Miesmer:

Planning Commission will be meeting at 7pm to discuss Mr. Aring's rezoning request. There is a special council meeting on June 2, 2009 at 6:45pm for council to consider the rezoning recommendation.

Other:

Steele requested that council appoint someone to be responsible to obtain appropriate information from available sources regarding flooding situation.

Obrock explained she is starting a new business in the village where curves use to be. She will be providing rehabilitation in the form of Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy. An open house is scheduled for June 6 with the first day of business being June 8. Hours are to be determined.

Campbell inquired about the old Panning Tractor property on West Front Street. He wanted to know the type of business that has been opened there. He is concerned with the number of cars behind the building. Miesmer explained that he understands it to be a used car business.

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