

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2010**

Mayor Opelt opened the December 7, 2010 meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the regular meeting of council was Bowman, Bockbrader, Campbell, Cox, Fuerst, and King. Others present were Ed Wozniak, Bud Kahler, Ruth Phillips, Marcy Abke, Russ Abke, Joanne Busdeker, Sergeant Ed Zeman, Tom Reiter, Terry Nigh, Douglas Wegman, Eileen Schuerman, Vic Schuerman, Max Long – The Union Bank Co., Theresa Long, John Lockard, Darlene Lockard, Bob Bruning, Joe Hirzel, Harold Brown – Sentinel Tribune, and the clerk.

Minutes: Campbell moved and Fuerst seconded to approve the November 16, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Campbell made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$8,539.55 and Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports distributed to Council were: Cash Summary by Fund, Wages and Overtime Report for November 2010, Fund Status Report for 11/30/2010 and Supplemental Appropriations for November 2010.

ORDINANCE 1472 – 2011 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREOF– 3rd reading

Bowman explained this ordinance was an annual ordinance providing job description, duties, and wages for village employees. The following were the changes made to the current ordinance.

1. Section 1 added electrical lineman and wastewater treatment plant operator –level II
2. Section 4: Police Chief increased pay \$500 per year
3. Section 5: Police Sergeant increased pay \$1 per hour to \$15 per hour
4. Section 12: Replaced job of electrical helper with electrical lineman
5. Section 14A: added new section for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator-Level II
6. Section 18: increased BPA clerk \$2 per hour to \$15 per hour

Bowman explained the two employees that would receive raises have not received raises since taking the positions. The Mayor explained the Police Chief's raise is in his contract. Mr. Wegman asked where the additional funds would be coming from. Mayor Opelt explained the Village has spent conservatively over the last few years and although the Village is not abundant in money it is financially sound at this time. Mr. Wozniak asked if the BPA had approved the raises for the board employees. Bowman explained that a member of the Board of Public Affairs sits on the personnel committee and reports to and from the board. The Personnel Committee spent numerous hours going over the wage ordinance. Campbell moved and Bowman seconded to pass Ordinance 1472. Roll Call: Campbell-no, Bowman-yes, King-no, Fuerst-no, Cox-yes, Bockbrader-no. Motion failed. Mayor Opelt asked what those that voted no wanted changed on the ordinance. Campbell stated it had already been discussed. Campbell explained he would like to see either across the board raises or no raises. He also believes there is a lack of job descriptions such as an Administrator/Police Chief and an Administrator. He would like these added to the ordinance to allow for the

possibility in the future. Bockbrader stated the Police department does a good job. Mayor Opelt questioned why these items were not discussed in the 6 weeks that this ordinance has been in council. Fuerst thought the monies for the police raises should be used for training. King would like to see all employees receive a slight raise. Mayor Opelt believes the proposed raises would even out the pay differences somewhat. Mayor Opelt and Chief Darling both expressed the need to provide benefits and wages that will keep quality employees in the Village of Pemberville. The ordinance was sent back to Personnel Committee. King asked that all officers receive a raise. Cox praised Marcy Abke on her excellent job with the utilities and believes she deserves a raise.

ORDINANCE 1473 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL, AT SECTION 14.01 THEREOF, WITH REPECT TO RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS – 3rd reading

Bowman explained this ordinance was in lieu of raises for all employees as discussed previously. Cox moved and Campbell seconded to pass Ordinance 1473. Bowman questioned whether this should be addressed at this time. He suggested that this be reconsidered. Roll Call: Cox-yes, Campbell-yes, Bowman-no, Bockbrader-yes, Fuerst-yes, King-yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 1474 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1305 AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY CHARGE FOR MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND REPAIRS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM – 3rd reading

Cox explained this was the first increase on the monthly usage charge in six years. It was explained this increase was two-fold. The first increase would be \$1 per month on the base charge (first 1000 gallons) which would go into effect with January billing. This would increase each resident's bill by only \$1.00. The second increase would go into effect in 2012 and would increase the charge on each additional 1000 gallons by \$.50. The increase is needed due to increased costs to run the sewer system. Campbell stated this is a big increase. Bowman stated it is only \$1 per month. Bockbrader asked how this was going to be explained to the Senior Citizens who are on a fixed income. Mayor Opelt asked those present if they had any comments on the proposed rate increase. Ms. Phillips didn't see how that should be a problem for anyone. Mr. Wozniak asked why council was questioning this small increase if it was recommended by the Board of Public Affairs. Other residents agreed that the increase was reasonable. Mr. Hirzel recommended the increase and believes it is extremely conservative. He cautioned the council on being too conservative on this issue. Cox moved and Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1475 – ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 – 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1476 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH BUCKEYE SANITATION, INC., FOR TRASH REMOVAL IN THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE – 1st reading

King moved and Campbell seconded to suspend the rules. The motion passed unanimously. Campbell moved and Fuerst seconded to pass Ordinance 1476 as an emergency. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 722- RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTED REVISED DRAFT WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – 1st reading

Max Long from the Union Bank distributed drawings of the proposed flood wall project behind the bank. He asked that council look over the drawing and advises him of their decision for the flood wall.

Mayor:

A letter from Time Warner Cable was received explaining upcoming changes.

The December calendar was presented. King cancelled the Park and Recreation meeting.

The biweekly Police Activity Report was distributed explaining the activities from November 17 through December 7.

Committee request forms were distributed and the Mayor asked they be returned at the end of the meeting.

Cox made a motion to nominate Gordon Bowman as President of Council and Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call: Cox-yes, Bowman-yes, King-no, Fuerst-no, Campbell-no, Bockbrader-no. Mayor Opelt asked if there were any other nominations. King and Campbell asked that this wait until the first of the year.

Cox moved and Campbell seconded to continue the employment of Mike Marsh as the village's legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Bowman:

Bowman explained he was approached by the Boy Scouts. They are interested in constructing a new building and are looking for support from the Village of Pemberville so they might pursue funding for the project. Bowman will be presenting a resolution in the future.

Campbell:

The furnace that heats the council chambers needs to be replaced. It was repaired last year and is again having problems. Three quotes were presented. The best quote was from Gearhart. Campbell moved and King seconded to purchase the single stage furnace from Gearhart at a cost of \$1658. The motion passed unanimously.

Cox:

Two quotes were presented for the purchase of trees. The lowest quote was from North Branch Nursery for \$1800. Cox moved and Bowman seconded to purchase the trees from North Branch. Roll Call: Cox-yes, Bowman-yes, King-yes, Fuerst-no, Campbell-no, Bockbrader-no. Since there was a tie the Mayor voted to purchase the trees from North Branch. Motion passed.

Other:

The clerk had distributed the requested additional breakdown of costs to add optical coverage for the employees. The yearly cost to the Village would be \$435.24 while the employees would cover \$1306.08 of the cost. Eight employees were interested in the coverage. Bowman expressed concern with passing this as the wage ordinance is still being discussed. Campbell moved to offer Option 2 Optical coverage with the Village paying 25% of the cost and each employee would pay 75% of their cost. King seconded the motion. Roll Call: Campbell-yes, King-yes, Fuerst-yes, Cox-yes, Bockbrader-yes, Bowman-no. Motion passed.

Mr. Wozniak expressed disappointment with the way council handled the nomination of council president. Campbell explained Bowman is the President of Council until the end of the year and Council would hold the election at the first meeting in January. Mr. Schuerman adamantly reminded council that election time is coming up and that the residents can put someone else on council. Mr. Wegman praised Mayor Opelt, Gordon Bowman, and Marge Cox on the job they are doing on behalf of the village. He expressed dissatisfaction with the rest of council. Ms. Busdeker expressed concern that some on council were not working for the betterment of the village but were rather working for each other to do something. She praised Bowman and Cox for working for the village.

Ms. Schuerman explained three fair board members went to the Ohio Festival Convention. The Pemberville Free Fair was recognized for meritorious achievement and is recognized for 65 years of exemplary community service.

Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.