

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 2010**

Mayor Opelt opened the December 21, 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 were Bowman, Bockbrader, Campbell, Cox, Fuerst, and King. Others present were Harold Brown, Marcy Abke, Russ Abke, Kent Schuerman, Lynne Bowman, Ray Schmeltz, Lonnie Karns, Cynthia Lohrbach, Bud Kahler, Ruth Phillips, Ed Wozniak, Russ Eby, Joesph Hirzel, Eileen Schuerman, Brandon Donaldson, Jeffery Bourdo, and the clerk.

Minutes: Cox moved and Bowman seconded to approve the December 7, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Bowman made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,896.82 and Campbell seconded. 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 – 3rd reading

Cox moved and King seconded to pass Ordinance 1475. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1477 – 2011 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREOF– 1st reading

Bowman explained the changes made to the previous 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
7. Section 3: Fiscal Officer increased pay \$1040 per year.
8. Section 7: Part-Time Police Officers increase each pay rate by \$.50 per hour.
9. Section 21: Deputy Fiscal Officer increase pay \$.50 per hour.
10. Section 5, 18, & 21: include *permanent part-time* in the description

Fuerst expressed concern with the raises, stating that last year the possibility of reducing hours for the position of the Streets, Lands & Buildings Associate was discussed. The clerk explained this was discussed because of a reduction in funding from the state that is used to support the fund from which the position was being paid. Mayor Opelt reminded council that budgets were cut in 2010 and it has allowed the Village to be in a better position than anticipated. Campbell stated that he is torn between fiscal responsibility and providing raises to those that deserve them. He suggested postponing the raises until next year when the financial impact of losing Modine and the economy could be more fully perceived. Fuerst stated he believes the proposed raises are unfair as only some employees are getting raises. Bowman explained the Village incurred an insurance cost increase of 22% for those full-time

employees that have elected to obtain coverage through the Village. Therefore in a way those employees did receive a raise. He continued by explaining the proposed raises are for the lowest paid employees who have never received an increase. Bowman moved to suspend the rules and Cox seconded. Roll Call: Bowman-yes, Cox-yes, King-yes, Fuerst-no, Campbell-yes, Bockbrader-yes. Cox moved to pass Ordinance 1477 as an emergency and Bowman seconded. Roll Call: Cox-yes, Bowman-yes, King-yes, Fuerst-no, Campbell-yes, Bockbrader-yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 722- RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTED REVISED DRAFT WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – 2nd reading

King moved to suspend the rules and Campbell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. King moved and Cox seconded to pass Resolution 722. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor:

The 2011 Events Calendar was presented to council.

Police Activity report was distributed to council.

An email regarding barking dogs was read asking Council to investigate a possible solution on this.

New furnace has been installed.

Campbell:

Campbell presented a donation from Jared Haas from monies left on the park project. These monies will be used for either Elihu Mason Park or another Eagle Scout project.

King:

There will be no park and recreation meeting Thursday.

The Village Council was asked if they would set up a skating rink for the winter festival. Problems were discussed such as a level area, how to remove the ice after, and the reduction in parking. There was discussion on who might pay for the supplies. Council encouraged the idea but thought there might be a more feasible place for the skating rink. It was suggested the tennis courts might be a better spot. Council decided not to allow the ice skating rink behind the businesses.

Other:

Kent Schuerman, Freedom Township Trustee, asked if Council would consider entering into an agreement with the Township to allow the village employees to dig graves at a price of \$100 per grave. It was estimated that it takes one hour to travel and dig the grave. There was discussion on the price and time constraints for digging. Bockbrader moved and King seconded to enter into an agreement with the township to dig graves for \$100 until Beeker makes a decision in the spring. Roll Call: Bockbrader-yes, King-yes, Fuerst-yes, Cox-yes, Campbell-yes, Bowman-no.

Mr. Hirzel explained that it is obvious that there is friction amongst the council. He said the one thing the council must not forget is their employees. He asked that each council member read a summation of the Web Book of Life. He distributed copies of the summation and encouraged council to purchase the book. Mr. Hirzel said he would be happy to discuss the reading with the council members after they read it.

Mayor Opelt adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.