

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2012**

Mayor Bowman opened the January 3, 2012 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 Bockbrader, Campbell, Cox, Fuerst, Rothenbuhler, and Schuerman. Others present were Ed Wozniak, Vic Schuerman, Doug Wegman and the clerk.

Minutes: Bockbrader moved and Cox seconded to approve the December 20, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Fuerst made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$5,021.93 and Rothenbuhler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell asked that all motions be made verbally so that they would be part of the audio record of the meeting.

Mayor Bowman:

Mayor Bowman stated the utility employees have begun taking the Christmas decorations down and should finish this week.

TMACOG has requested the Village of Pemberville recommend a representative for the Portage River Basin Council. Mayor Bowman offered to be the representative as he is familiar with the council. Schuerman moved and Campbell seconded to send the request to appoint Mayor Bowman as the representative for the Village of Pemberville on the Portage River Basin Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Bockbrader asked if the Police Department had started the process to find a replacement for the Sergeant position. Mayor Bowman explained that the process would most likely run through the Personnel Committee in the near future.

Campbell:

Campbell had received a request from Gale Loebrich asking the Village to investigate options to reduce the keys that employees are required to carry with them. It was suggested to key all locks the same, have a key deposit available or some other system if available. The clerk was asked to work with the employees to determine the options available for the village.

Campbell would like the cleanup of the articles in the Walnut Street building to be a priority this year.

The dumpster in the Memorial Park area has not been picked up for the season and is being used for personal disposal of trash. The Police Department has looked into the issue. It was decided to have the clerk call Buckeye Sanitation and ask that the dumpster be removed at their earliest convenience.

Backhoe and equipment replacement were discussed. Campbell explained he feels that the deal given on a new backhoe is too good to pass at this time. The Board of Public Affairs had expressed concern with the purchase at this time as they have other projects that are of a higher priority. It was their suggestion that the big truck be replaced before considering the backhoe. Campbell again expressed a strong desire to move forward with the purchase of the backhoe. Resident Doug Wegman questioned why the village requires a 4-wheel drive and air conditioned tractor. It was explained that when employees are moving large amounts of snow the current backhoe does have difficulty when dumping the snow. Campbell stated that the repair costs are large and should be taken into consideration. Mayor Bowman asked Campbell to provide all the reasons and documentation of costs so that an educated decision can be made. Rothenbuhler suggested that the village prepare an equipment replacement plan, which would detail a priority list of equipment and approximate replacement cost to allow the village to better determine when and if a piece of equipment should be replaced. After further discussion, Campbell was asked to compile information regarding reasons for replacement, repair costs on the current equipment, and a priority equipment replacement list for the council's consideration at the next meeting.

Other:

Schuerman questioned today's court hearing regarding the village. Mayor Bowman explained it is in the hands of the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney and the court systems and out of the village's control at this time. The Village has adopted a policy of non-discussion of any pending litigation.

Mayor Bowman asked for nominations for Council President. Fuerst nominated Eric Campbell. Schuerman nominated Marge Cox. Bockbrader seconded the motion to nominate Campbell for President. No second was obtained for Cox. Roll was called for the nomination of Eric Campbell as Council President. Council unanimously passed the nomination. Mayor Bowman congratulated Campbell on his nomination President Pro Tem.

Campbell moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Rothenbuhler seconded the motion. Campbell asked if those residents present could stay for the executive session. Mayor Bowman stated the session would be closed. Council entered executive session at 7:53pm.

There was additional discussion regarding backhoe replacement.

Council entered regular session at 8:09pm.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.