

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

Mayor Bowman opened the April 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 Campbell, Bockbrader, Cox, Fuerst, Rothenbuhler, and Schuerman. Others present were Chief Darling, Solicitor Marsh, Douglas Wegman, Gene Steele, Harold Brown, Stacey Flores, Ed Wozniak, Norm Romaker, Russell Morlock, Matty Rollo, Howard Shirling, Brandon Donaldson, Vic Schuerman, Mr. Little, and the clerk.

Minutes: Cox moved and Campbell seconded to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Rothenbuhler moved and Schuerman seconded to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Cox made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,391.67 and Bockbrader seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1500 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1493: 2012 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF – 3rd reading

Cox moved to table Ordinance 1500 and Rothenbuhler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1501 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PERIODICALLY EXECUTE A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOOD COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – 3rd reading

Campbell moved and Schuerman seconded to pass Ordinance 1501 as an emergency. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 726 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS – 1st reading

Mayor Bowman:

The Police report for March 7 through April 3, 2012 was distributed.

Chief Darling presented three quotes for two new computers at the Police Station. Chief recommended going with Virtual PC which the Village has used to purchase office and utility department computers. They have worked on the Police Department computers and are familiar with the requirements. The Police Department is currently running a \$5 million dollar system from OPLEG on computers from 2008 that are running very slow. Rothenbuhler asked if a quote was obtained from the local company he had mentioned before. Chief stated he had not acquired a quote. Cox explained that service is extremely important for the Village. Chief Darling explained the parts for the Virtual PC computers come with a three year warrantee. Schuerman questioned how long it would take to build the computers. Darling did not know what the turn-around on the computers would be. Rothenbuhler requested that a

quote be obtained through the local company before proceeding. Rothenbuhler will have the local business contact Chief to obtain the system requirements for quoting.

The first edition of the Pemberville Pride newsletter has been published. This was part of a campaign promise Mayor Bowman had made.

Efficiency Smart, an association with our electric provider, will be giving away energy-efficient light bulbs to Pemberville Municipal Electric customers on April 26 and 27.

The Wood County Commissioners will be holding a meeting on April 17, 2012 at 6:15pm in the Pemberville Town Hall.

Written confirmation was received from Matt Reger, Village of Pemberville's Prosecuting Attorney, to proceed with the clean-up of 810 West Front Street. The Street Department will work on the area.

Mayor Bowman recognized the work done by Norm Romaker, 828 West Front Street. Mr. Romaker explained the work that has been completed and what is still in the process. He asked that in the future a call be made to him if a problem exists instead of sending a letter or seeing it in the paper.

Campbell:

The Village received a letter from the Wood County Solid Waste District stating that a check in the amount of \$1,371 had been mailed to the Eastwood Band Boosters on behalf of Pemberville. This is done annually as part of a grant program for recycling. Information is provided by the village on recycling services.

Campbell presented two quotes for replacement of the Main Street awning on Town Hall. There were questions regarding the quotes. Campbell will look into the differences between the quotes and bring the information to the next meeting.

Cox:

Lockard is in need of a new chain saw. The chain saw is used to trim trees in the boulevards, walking trails, and in park areas. Cox recommended the council pay for this chain saw as the electric fund has paid for the ones in the past and it is used for more than electrical line clearing. Cox moved to have council pay for the chain saw at a cost of \$480. There was no second. Motion died. Campbell moved and Rothenbuhler seconded to split the cost between the lands and buildings department and the electric department. The motion passed unanimously.

Cox explained while repairing well 2 by the North Water Plant the casing broke apart. The project and well had to be abandoned. The Board is now investigating other options for a new well. They are working with the EPA to determine the next course of action.

Fuerst:

Chief, Fuerst and Ms. Rollo met to discuss the Little League parade route. It will be May 11 at 5:45pm. It will run from the Police station on Pine Street to the ball diamonds on College Avenue. Fuerst moved to accept the parade route provided by the little league and close Pine

Street and College Avenue in those areas from 5:45pm to 7pm. Campbell seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rothenbuhler:

The personnel committee asked council to review a memorandum to be distributed to the employees. This was discussed at a previous meeting. No action will be taken until the next meeting.

Schuerman:

Great Lakes Concrete completed the concrete restoration at the pool. Schuerman said she thought it looked good.

The Parks and Recreation Committee met and are recommending changes to the previously approved pool prices. Schuerman moved to change the Group membership rate to \$225 with a special early purchase price of \$200 if purchased prior to May 28. Wood County Educational Service Center rate was discussed. Rothenbuhler suggested a group rate would be a way to set a rate for large groups that would be interested in coming to the pool during normal operating hours. Mayor Bowman stated he believes the increased cost of the pool operation should be a shared increase for all users. Flores believes that the group would not come to the pool if the rates were raised. She also stated that in her opinion the pool would not make the \$1100 it brings in for the 6 Fridays the group is there if they did not come. Fuerst stated since they only use the pool for two hours, he believes the rate is justified. Rothenbuhler believes the recommendations he is receiving are contradictory. He says that we passed rates last time and now we are decreasing the group pass because the Village was grossly overpriced. He reiterated that he is for a group rate rather than a special rate for only one group. Fuerst moved the Wood County Educational Service Center be charged the same rate as last year, \$2 per person for the 2012 pool season. Bockbrader seconded the motion. Roll Call: Fuerst-yes, Bockbrader-yes, Campbell-yes, Schuerman-no, Rothenbuhler-yes, Cox-yes. Schuerman explained the Parks and Recreation committee had investigated 2012 pricing for area pools. It was their recommendation to increase the daily rate to \$3.50 per person daily admission and \$31.50 for the punch pass. Schuerman made the same a motion. Cox seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schuerman-yes, Cox-yes, Bockbrader-no, Campbell-no, Rothenbuhler-yes, Fuerst-yes.

The Park and Recreation Committee along with Ms. Flores have decided to close the concession stand during evening hours unless there are special circumstances. Mayor Bowman discussed the 2011 finances of the pool concession stand. A list of concession stand prices will need to be approved prior to opening.

Flores asked that council approve wages for the pool personnel as she is starting to hire guards and is unable to tell them what they will be making for the 2012 pool season. Flores had distributed the recommendations at the previous meeting. Flores believes the lifeguards should have an additional increase this year because minimum wage increased as well. If the village does not take this into account, the lifeguards returning for their second year will make the same as the new lifeguards. Mayor Bowman suggested that if in the past it was minimum wage plus the addition \$.25 per year they have worked it should continue this way. It was discussed adding the rates to the wage ordinance. It was decided to have personnel committee look into this and propose any changes they recommend at the next meeting. Mr. Wegman asked where the volunteers are now. He explained that was how things had gotten

done in the past. Flores asked that Greg Zink receive an additional raise for the work he had done last year and she would also recommend giving him the designation of head guard. This was turned over to personnel committee as well to bring a recommendation to council because this would be a new position.

The Pemberville Five Miler was discussed. Schuerman explained Madaras is requesting more funds than were appropriated for the Five Miler. Mayor Bowman explained that Madaras inflates his costs to allow for any extra cost due to an above average attendance. Schuerman explained Madaras wanted approval of the budget so that he may move forward with plans for the Five Miler. Mayor Bowman stated he does not see any risk in the race as the monies are collected via online registration. A check is mailed to the Village and therefore we have funds accumulating in an account and the bills are not due until the race is complete. All race costs are tied to the registrations. The Fiscal Officer explained the Village sets both revenue and expense budgets that are passed in council and then filed and approved by the county. Although these can be changed through the process of writing to the county to increase the amount of revenues we estimate to bring in and then passing a supplemental appropriation ordinance to increase the amount we can spend, it is time consuming. An expense budget for the Five Miler was set for the 2012 year that was slightly more than the expenses in 2011. The Five Miler expense budget was increased last year for the 30th anniversary and we were told it was just for that year. Bowe also stated it is against the regulations of the State Auditor to approve and expense amount larger than what Council appropriated. Rothenbuhler suggested it go to committee to discuss it further and work with Madaras on the budget.

Other:

Doug Wegman asked Chief Darling to discuss patrolling with some members at the American Legion. They are worried the strong Police presence is a detriment to their business. He also asked that the Village address the grass issues at area residents which are somewhat delinquent in the mowing.

Mosquito spraying was discussed.

Matty Rollo, an eighth grader at Eastwood, explained she is currently taking Agricultural Education. She would like to continue with this course in High School. A requirement to continue with the class is to complete a SAE project, Supervised Agricultural Experience. She is hoping to raise chickens and then sell the eggs to fulfill the requirements of the project. Ms. Rollo distributed a listing of Ohio cities and major US cities that allow chickens as well the requirements of their ordinances. Campbell explained he spent a long time to finding the Village of Pemberville regulations for such a project. Mayor Bowman asked Ms. Rollo if she was asking for a variance to allow her to raise chickens. Ms Rollo stated she was asking for that because she would like to start a pilot program. Mayor Bowman asked Solicitor Marsh if this was something that zoning would need to address. Solicitor Marsh stated the Board of Zoning Appeals has the power to grant a variance and that council does not have the authority to take any action on the request. Cox asked how many chickens Ms. Rollo was planning to have. Ms. Rollo explained she would have 6 hens but no roosters. Mayor Bowman stated this matter will need to be referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals and explained to Ms. Rollo she would need to present her information to them as well. Mr. Little, Agricultural Education teacher explained the requirements further. Mayor Bowman thanked Ms. Rollo and Mr. Little for bringing the information to council.

Mayor Bowman asked if there were any other comments from the audience, as no one spoke the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.