

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 14, 2014**

Mayor Bowman opened the January 14, 2014 meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bowman swore in Eric Campbell, Marge Cox, William Long, and James Opelt for their newly elected terms as Council members. Each member recited and signed their Oath of Office.

Roll Call: Present at the regular meeting of council was Campbell, Cox, Long, Opelt, Rothenbuhler, and Schuerman. Others present were Nicole Long, Vic Schuerman, Ed Wozniak, Russell Eby, Harold Brown – Sentinel Tribune, Chief Darling and the clerk.

**Minutes:** Long moved and Cox seconded to approve the December 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rothenbuhler moved and Schuerman seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,436.70. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 730 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING ASSURANCE TO THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF A SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO.** – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

Long explained this was to allow the Board of Public Affairs to apply for a loan for the design of improvements at the South Water Plant. It was then decided that the design could be paid out of existing village funds. Cox moved and Rothenbuhler seconded to pass Resolution 730. Roll Call: Cox-no, Rothenbuhler-no, Opelt-no, Long-no, Campbell-no, Schuerman-no. Motion failed.

**ORDINANCE 1517 – ORDINANCE DECLARING A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFIARS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SOUTH WATER PLANT WITHOUT ADVERTISING.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Long asked Solicitor Marsh why this Ordinance had to be an emergency. Marsh explained that since the Board of Public Affairs did not advertise for bids and wants to work with this company, this was the only legal way to proceed.

**ORDINANCE 1518 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1078 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, WITH RESPECT TO PERIODIC PAYMENT INSTALLMENTS OF COMPENSATION FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**Mayor:**

Mayor Bowman distributed 2014 Committee appointments.

**2014 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

\*Denotes Chairman of Committee

**Finance, Purchasing, Budget, & Records** – meets first Tuesday at 6:00pm  
Marge Cox\*, Randy Rothenbuhler, Stephanie Bowe, Mayor Bowman

**Flood** – meets as needed  
Eric Campbell\*, Gene Steele

**Parks/Swimming Pool** – meets fourth Monday at 3:30pm  
Eileen Schuerman\*, James Opelt, Mayor Bowman

**Personnel** – meets third Tuesday at 6pm  
Randy Rothenbuhler\*, Marge Cox, Dean Krukemyer

**Planning Commission** – meets third Wednesday at 7pm  
William Long\*, James Opelt, Dave Miesmer, Ed Wozniak

**Lands & Bldgs, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks**– meets third Thursday at 3:30pm  
Eric Campbell\*, William Long, Larry Bockbrader

**Safety** – meets as needed  
Mayor Bowman\*, James Opelt, Eileen Schuerman

**Tree Commission** – meets last Thursday of month at 3pm as needed  
Marge Cox\*, John Lockard, Ruth Phillips, Brian Myers, Terry Nigh,  
Dan Piotrowski, Pat Vandersall

**Utilities** – meets first and third Mondays at 7pm – (BPA meeting)  
William Long\*, Marge Cox

**Pemberville Union Cemetery** – meets quarterly (third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm)  
William Long (2 years remaining), James Opelt (3 years)

**Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Fund Board** – meets as needed  
James Opelt

**Pemberville-Freedom Fire Dept Fire Committee** – meets as needed  
Eric Campbell

Mayor asked for nominations for Council's President Pro Tempore. Cox nominated Rothenbuhler and Long seconded the nomination. There was discussion on the nomination and the requirements of the position. Motion passed unanimously.

Cox explained she would be changing the time of the Finance meeting to 6:00pm instead of 6:15pm.

Mayor Bowman thanked the Village Employees for all their hard work during the recent the snow storms.

The 2014 Events Calendar was submitted for approval to be dispersed. There were no objections or changes to the calendar.

Mayor Bowman thanked Buckeye Sanitation for the use of the dumpster for residents affected by flooding. They agreed to charge the village only for the tonnage and not for the dumpster itself.

Solicitor Marsh updated Council on the property at 810 West Front Street. The County Planning Director has received consent from the mortgage holder for demolition of the structure. The paperwork has been completed and is now on the way to hopefully being torn down this spring. Rothenbuhler asked if the mortgage holder released their rights completely.

Marsh said they did not and explained that the property most likely would continue to be abandoned until unpaid taxes become high enough for the county to foreclose.

Opelt moved to accept and distribute the 2014 Events Calendar and Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bowman recommended Brian Heestand to fill the position of Zoning Inspector. Opelt moved and Rothenbuhler seconded the recommendation. Long asked what the compensation was for position. Bowe explained it was \$120 per month according to the wage ordinance. Opelt explained Heestand did a nice job when he was in the position in the past. Roll Call: Opelt-yes, Rothenbuhler-yes, Long-yes, Cox-yes, Campbell-no, Schuerman-yes.

**Campbell:**

Campbell explained there was an accident with the 1-Ton. The tailgate was dented and will not operate. The cost of a new tailgate is \$980 and our deductible is \$500. There was discussion as to whether the accident should be claimed on insurance. Bowe will look into the results on future premiums if the Village decides to move forward with the claim.

Campbell explained that the big plow was down because the brake lines need fixed. Matt Lenke did this work at a substantial saving for the Village.

**Cox:**

Cox asked for approval to remove the large pine tree in front of the Town Hall. This was discussed last year but nothing was approved. It is the plan for the Tree Commission to plant another tree this spring probably 15- 20 feet. Campbell moved and Cox seconded to remove the tree. Motion passed unanimously.

**Long:**

The BPA elected Chuck Schulte as their chairman. They are considering a utility rate study. They had a brief discussion on the benefits of carrying an AED in their car. This is a safety recommendation. They are also starting discussions on a new water tower.

Next meeting will also include the Joint Cemetery meeting.

**Schuerman:**

Schuerman explained she spoke with Mr. Hirzel about additional cardboard containers and we are able to get more.

Schuerman questioned why the Village no longer sandbags. Campbell explains that sand and bags are available. The Fire Department had organized it in the past. It is Campbell's understanding that it was stopped because it helped only a few while possibly creating larger problems for residents on the other side of the river.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.