

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2014**

Mayor Bowman opened the March 4, 2014 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 Campbell, Cox, Long, Opelt, Rothenbuhler, and Schuerman. Others present were Rebecca Pisula, Mary Jo Bish, Harold Brown – Sentinel Tribune, Kellie Duquette, Chris Duquette, Vic Schuerman, William Freeman, Kendra Freeman, Dana Nutter, Tom Oberhouse, Laura Oberhouse, Jennifer Rollo, Nicole Long, Ed Wozniak, Russell Eby, Chief Darling, Solicitor Marsh, and the clerk.

Minutes: Schuerman moved and Long seconded to approve the February 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rothenbuhler moved and Cox seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,843.25. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 731 – RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE EASTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPERATION AND BUILDING IN THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE. – 3rd reading

Campbell moved and Schuerman seconded to pass Resolution 731. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1520 - ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. –2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1521 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR APPROXIMATELY 19.46 ACRES OF LAND ON WEST FRONT STREET FROM “A” AGRICULTURAL ZONING TO “R-1” SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING. –1st reading

Mayor Bowman read a letter from Nick and Rebecca Pisula (letter is attached later). Rothenbuhler explained that Council has only begun to take the steps necessary for the project and Council has the best interest for all of Pemberville in mind. Opelt apologized and explained he did not mean to offend anyone by his comments at the Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor:

250 sandbags were distributed. While Pemberville did experience minor flooding, we were thankful no major flooding took place. A list of volunteers was compiled to help if flooding occurs in the future.

Skywarn Severe Weather Spotter's Training for Wood County is available on March 26 at 6pm at Elmwood Community Center. No pre-registration is required. This is presented by the National Weather Service, Cleveland, Ohio Office.

Rothenbuhler:

There will be a mandatory Personnel meeting on March 11 at 3pm for all Full time and Permanent Part-time employees. It is the committees desire to go over the Personnel Handbook.

Cox:

Tree Commission will meet March 13 at 3pm.

Long:

The BPA have scheduled the valve repair for March 17. This will require the water to be shut off to part of the downtown area and a boil advisory will be in effect after.

The BPA are discussing Well #5 repair options.

Planning Commission made the recommendation to approve the change in zoning for 19.46 acres of land on West Front Street from agricultural to single family residential as you saw with Ordinance 1521.

Schuerman:

At the Park and Recreation meeting, Mr. Oberhouse, North Branch Nursery, offered to assist in the development of the northwest park area. The Park and Recreation Committee would like to hold a contest to name the park.

Interviews were held for the Pool manager position on February 21. The Park and Recreation Committee recommended hiring Allison Volland as Manager at a rate of \$12.95 per hour and hiring Kristin Long as Assistant Manager / Water Aerobics Instructor at a rate of \$11.45 per hour plus give Kristin Long \$2 per participant that attends each Water Aerobics class. Rothenbuhler asked Solicitor Marsh if the \$2 per participant bonus has to be in our Wage Ordinance. Marsh said it did not need to be in the ordinance. Schuerman made the Committee's recommendation a motion and Opelt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

The Police Report for 2/19/14 – 3/4/14 was distributed.

Siek property update was given. The project is moving forward as expected.

Guests:

Mr. Duquette expressed concerns with the ingress and egress for the proposed Subdivision Development that would take place after the zoning change if Ordinance 1521 is passed.

Mr. Freeman expressed similar concerns.

Ms. Rollo explained that if Sycamore and Sherman streets are widened it would reduce the space between the road and houses. She encouraged Council members to inspect the area before they vote on the ordinance.

Mayor Bowman explained that the vote Council is considering is only to change the zoning. The Village has Subdivision Regulations that have to be met during the development stages.

Mr. Oberhouse explained the subdivision rules require the street for ingress and egress to be 24 feet wide. The Sycamore Street right-a-way is 50 feet and the Sherman Street is either 50 or 60 feet.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Nick and Rebecca Pisula
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Pemberville, Ohio 43450
March 2, 2014

Pemberville Council Members
115 Main Street
Pemberville, Ohio 43450

Dear Council Members:

My husband and I attended the zoning meeting on February 19, 2014 to learn more information about the potential subdivision. We chose not to speak that night, but can no longer remain silent about this issue. We understand how the council could see potential income in the growth of these new homes, but does that potential outweigh the cost to our community?

These new homes can severely affect the housing market in Pemberville. Pemberville is mainly a community of older homes, something we have been repeatedly told to celebrate as a community. However, this was no longer the case during the zoning meeting as Jim Opelt offensively pointed out that no one wants an older house. What will happen to these older homes as people continue to buy the new ones built in this subdivision? If the older homes cannot be sold they most likely will be rented out. When our town becomes full of rentals the community becomes transient. Transient populations do not have the same regard for their communities as those with solid roots. The people who want to stay in this community may find it increasingly difficult when they try to refinance their homes. The older homes will no longer have the value they once did because of the multitude of new homes in the area.

The village residents who live near this subdivision will also endure costs beyond drops in home values. This new development will reach into our wallets on a monthly basis as well. If there are to be 40-50 homes built then the sewer and water mains would have to be replaced. At the zoning meeting, Mr. Meisner stated that there is a possibility that the new lines could simply tie into the existing lines. I'm sure this eventually would be found as infeasible. So the people on Front Street would have to incur the cost of replacing the sewer and water mains. I am aware that these are not the newest, but as of right now they are working for us. So the only reason they would be replaced would be to satisfy the needs of Mr. Oberhouse's subdivision.

A growth in population that the subdivision could bring will greatly affect our schools. Eastwood is currently trying to seek the approval to build a new school – something that 49% of their surveyed population stated that they did not want to occur. With this new development it may force the issue. This may cause strained relations when it comes time to vote for school levies.

We implore you to deeply consider how this potential subdivision will affect our community not just the revenue that it might provide. Examine how it will affect our current homeowners and families. Look at the true costs of this development and how it will change our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick and Rebecca Pisula