

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING
TO DISCUSS THE CAT ISSUE IN PEMBERVILLE
AND
COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2014**

Erin McKibben, Connie Cadwallader, Kay Chapman, Jan Harr, and Kathy Dean from the Wood County Humane Society attended the meeting. Chapman explained the benefits and process of a Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program. The Humane Society is asking for assistance from the Village with the program both physically and monetarily if started in the village. There was discussion on the number of feral cats in Pemberville, who would talk with residents that are currently feeding cats, how to determine which cats are pets and which are not. Opelt explained that the council is also looking at a leash law similar to Bowling Green. Chapman feels that this does not work. The Village would be responsible for the cost to neuter at \$25 per cat. This could be very costly the first year or two. Opelt reminded council that letters have been received asking for assistance with the ongoing issue. It was determined that more investigation was needed so Mayor Bowman appointed Council members Campbell and Opelt as well as resident Keith Madaras and Wood County Humane Society Representative Kay Chapman to a committee to look into options for the Village.

Mayor Bowman opened the July 15, 2014 regular council meeting at 7:15pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the regular meeting of council was Rothenbuhler, Campbell, Long, Opelt, Sautter, and Schuerman. Others present were Laura Oberhouse, Nicole Long, Erin McKibben-WCHS, Leslie Robinette, Keith Madaras, Connie Cadwallader, Kay Chapman-WCHS, Jan Herr-WCHS, Kathy Dean-WCHS, Rachel Latta- Feller Finch, Steve Darmofal-Feller Finch, Michael Spinger, Chief Darling, and the clerk.

Minutes: Opelt moved and Schuerman seconded to approve the July 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Campbell moved and Opelt seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,756.34. Motion passed unanimously. Opelt moved to approve the 2015 estimate of revenues as presented. Rothenbuhler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Feller Finch – Rachel Latta & Steve Darmofal – OPWC Issue I Grant for Front Street Improvements
Rachel Latta and Steve Darmofal explained what their recommendation to be submitted is. They distributed a breakdown of costs with different percentage of contribution. Feller Finch estimated the scoring on the project for the contribution rates. The Village could also take the 0% loan option to pay for part of the contribution or if they do not receive the grant. It is their recommendation to have a score of at least 83. A portion of the project that was submitted last year could not be included this year because it would make the project un-fundable. Therefore sidewalks and lighting, because they are not a roadway type project, will have to be eliminated from the grant application. Council decided to Finance committee look at the funding and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Mayor:

Mayor Bowman explained that there will be a funeral for a prominent citizen Dr. Tom Bowlus on Saturday as well as the Community Garage Sales. Chief was asked if has extra officers on duty. Mayor Bowman and Opelt asked that extra officers be available to assist with the procession. Chief will contact Dave Marsh to determine what is needed. **Opelt asked that the record show the**

appreciation of long time resident Dr. Tom Bowlus who was a founder of Portage Valley and a great community supporter.

Mayor Bowman read a thank you letter from the Tennis Players for the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Rothenbuhler:

The Personnel Committee is reviewing the handbook.
Finance Committee will meet next Tuesday at 6pm.

Campbell:

Campbell read a letter from Matt Meyer on behalf of Bethlehem Lutheran Church requesting the Village not to change Cedar Street to one-way.



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July 1, 2014

To: Village of Pemberville Public Lands, Building, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks
Eric Campbell, Chairman

From: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and President Matthew Meyer

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church has always been proudly supportive of being a part of such an outstanding community. We know the importance of its town council and the decisions it must make.

It has been brought to our attention of the possibility of making Cedar Street a one-way street running north. Through our discussions, we feel this would be a detriment to our property. If this would happen, most likely it would make our north parking lot a thoroughfare to Front Street leading from Cherry Street. There is a blind corner on the Northeast side of our building that has us concerned. We have had a number of close calls in that area in the recent past.

Safety weighs strongly on our minds, as well. We are concerned the increased traffic would put at risk preschool, extended care, and the elderly from the senior center, at a higher risk coming and going throughout the day.

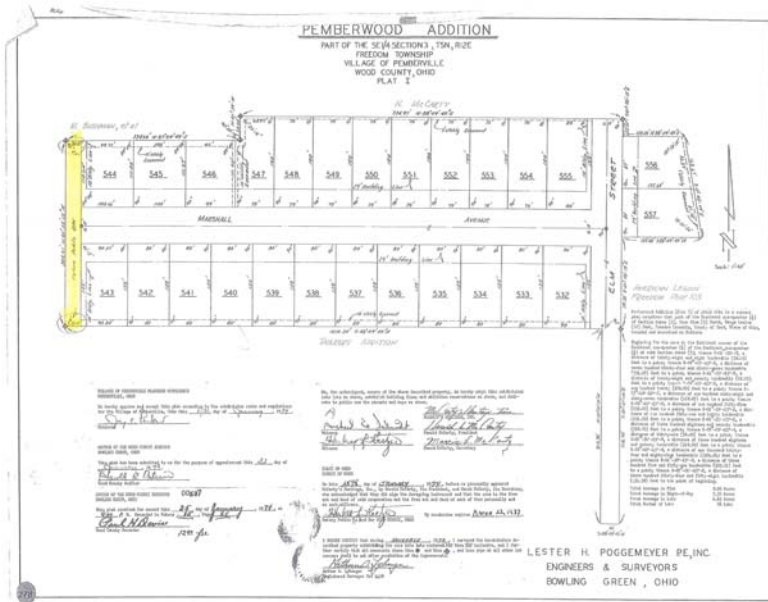
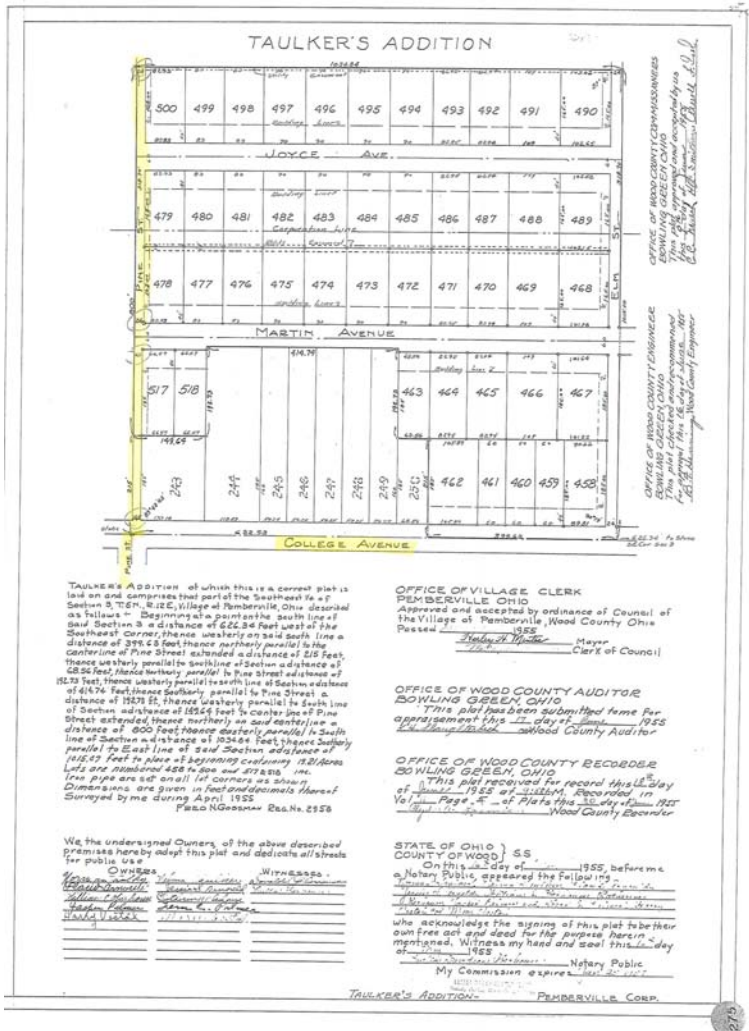
With increase of traffic, there will also be an increase of maintenance and liability on Bethlehem. These are only a few of our many concerns.

We would appreciate being involved in any discussions and decisions with your council regarding this matter, since Bethlehem would be directly affected.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Meyer, President
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Campbell explained that Solicitor Marsh called and explained that the Village owns a 16 1/2 Ft Wide Right of Way that connects Pine Street to Martin Avenue, at Martin it becomes 24' Wide and at the Pemberwood Addition (Marshall Avenue) it becomes 30' Wide.



Campbell was asked to bring estimates for an official survey to the next meeting.

Long:

Long updated council on the installation of the door at the public restrooms.

The BPA approved the street cuts and sewer line cross connections on West Front Street. They discussed PemberGrove subdivision.

The Planning Commission will meeting tomorrow to discuss the submissions from the departments for PemberGrove subdivision.

Opelt:

Cemetery meeting is tomorrow at 6pm.

Sautter:

Sautter explained she checked with the County Planning Commission about the Siek House. The bid opening is July 15. The project has to be completed by September 30.

Schuerman:

Water Aerobics classes are going well. Schuerman encouraged all to attend. The pool will be 60 year old in two years and she thinks that it might be an opportunity for the Village to do something.

The police report was distributed.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm