

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2015**

Mayor Bowman opened the January 20, 2015 council 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 Rothenbuhler, Campbell, Long (came in later) Opelt, Sautter and Schuerman. Others present were Ed Wozniak, Russell Eby, Vic Schuerman and John Lockard.

Minutes: Opelt moved and Rothenbuhler seconded to approve the January 6, 2015 minutes with the correction of the dollar amount spent on paint. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Opelt moved and Sautter seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,360.12. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor:

Mayor stated that he would like to write a letter and send out by e-mail to all of the residents and inform them of what activities would be happening this year in hopes to get more of the community involved. Rothenbuhler suggested that he post the letter on his Face book page so it can be liked and shared. Sautter asked that the Mayor speak with County-Line to make sure they are okay with being mentioned in the e-mail letter.

Mayor stated he has other good news to report. Mayor stated that with the help of some people at TMACOG he complained about the rough railroad crossings here in Pemberville and received a response from Jim Connelly who is the CSX area supervisor controller for repairs and maintenance on the lines. Mr. Connelly told the Mayor that they will be rebuilding the crossing on Bierly and State Route 105 this summer. Mayor stated that the work is scheduled to begin July 13th. It is scheduled for this summer and they do intend to reinforce and rebuild, making them smoother. Schuerman asked what crossing on Bierly. Mayor responded it is the one by the baseball field.

Rothenbuhler:

Rothenbuhler stated that Dyer was out sick so finance did not meet and will be rescheduling to work on permanent appropriations.

Campbell:

Campbell stated that he called Feller and Finch last week and spoke to Dave Kuhn about getting together to discuss this pending State Route 105 project to get on board with what we have to do as a village on our end pending the schedule. Campbell stated he knew we were pressed to talk to them last year and don't want it to slip from us. Campbell stated that once things are set-up for a meeting he will forward an e-mail to all with the date and time. Campbell stated he wants to try and schedule for the evening so that all could attend. Campbell stated he would like Finance Committee, Long and the Mayor to attend and whoever else that would like to attend so we can nail down the time frame parameters as to what is going to happen and what hurdles we have to cross on the villages end before they okay the project. Campbell stated we still have questions on the electrical that we have to tackle before going into this project and would like to ask John Lockard to attend the meeting as well.

Long:

Long stated that in January council votes to continue or not the \$200 credit to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on their monthly electric bill for the Senior Center. Opelt moved to approve the \$200 credit for the Senior Center. Rothenbuhler agrees it is a very positive thing to have in town and supports and seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Schuerman:

Schuerman stated that Adkins came out to camera the pool. Schuerman stated that there was no standing water in pipes which indicates there is no leaks but couldn't make the curves around the T to get a real accurate view. Mayor stated they used the camera line to come in at both the filter pit and went to the return pipes under the diving board. Mayor stated that in the first case they came upon a second valve they couldn't get through when in the filter pit so they got in about fifteen feet and didn't notice any bad parts of the pipe or any collapsed pipes and when they got down to the deep end of the pool there are two screens where the water returns to the filter room and they come together and form a T. Mayor stated they got inside the line but couldn't make the curve. Mayor stated that Schuerman was correct they didn't have standing water so whatever leakage is there is apparently minimal. Mayor stated that although this doesn't solve the mystery of the standing water under the diving board they don't believe there is a major problem there. Mayor stated that they did notice that there is a point where cast iron pipe meets plastic pipe so they theorize that could be a place where there could be some leakage. Sautter asked if there was a solution there. Mayor answered not without digging it up. Mayor informed council that the company who builds and installs pool liners has a contractor in Columbus who is willing to come and speak with Park and Rec Committee on February 3rd at 2:00 p.m.. Mayor stated he did give an tentative okay for that date and time and all are welcome to come. Mayor did ask two of the members of Park and Rec committee if it would be okay to post-pone the Park and Rec meeting next week, January 26th, in favor of meeting on February 3rd. Opelt and Schuerman agreed. Mayor stated he will send out the appropriate notice to all of the committee members. Mayor feels the representative with the knowledge on the pool liners would be beneficial to the committee.

Other:

John Lockard stated he heard there was controversy over the skating rink whether people were not notified or not happy and would like it clarified. Opelt responded it was the process. Opelt explained that no one was upset and that he was one hundred and ten percent in favor but feels it should have went through the proper procedure. Opelt explained it should have went to Parks and Rec. Opelt stated that he found out about it in the newspaper and feels it's hard to justify to others when asked how it came about and when he is on Parks and Rec and knows nothing about it. Opelt continued to explain that the process is a project is to be brought by a resident to Parks and Rec and from there they take it to council for approval and then personnel would put out the need and contacted by Mayor with permission to go ahead and believes that procedure was not followed as he understands it. Opelt stated that if he is incorrect on how the process happened then please notify him of such. Lockard stated that he had a conversation with the Mayor about contacting the solicitor, and the solicitor stated as long as a sign was posted to skate at your own risk . John stated that he took that as it had already been discussed. Campbell stated he was only concerned about which hurdle was put in position because he was under the impression that, that conversation for permission was obtained after the skating rink went in. Campbell stated council was aware it was going in behind the Fire Station on Township property, until it was put in and all drove by it and assumed someone else had been on board with it being on village property. Campbell stated that was the only question council had was the procedure. Council was a hundred percent behind the skating rink it's just the procedure. John stated that he thought it was okay based on the conversation he had with the Mayor. There was a lot of miscommunication because it didn't go through the proper procedure. John stated the original location was behind the Fire Station. However, the terrain would have made it more difficult. Schuerman stated that she did see about seven to eight big kids skating. Opelt emphasized everyone was behind it, it's just the procedure. It was asked if the procedure is to be done annually for skating park. Opelt and Campbell emphasized that the procedure needs to take place annually so all of council is aware, it can be voted on and supported and move on. Opelt stated to Lockard that if he was to go back and listen to the previous minutes he would hear Opelt stating that Lockard does a ton for the community and appreciated him for being a part of it. Opelt knows there is a lot he does that people are not aware of. Opelt stated to Lockard that this was nothing personal they just need procedures to be followed so everyone is aware.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.