

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2015**

Mayor Bowman opened the February, 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, Opelt, Sautter and Schuerman. Others present were Ed Wozniak, Jeff Bourdo, Vic Schuerman, N. Long, D. Johnson Chief and the clerk.

Minutes: Opelt moved and Schuerman seconded to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Opelt moved and Sautter seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,234.29. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor:

Mayor referred to Ms. Dyer to speak to council about the events calendar. Ms. Dyer stated the 2015 event calendar is complete with the exception of adding brush pick-up. Sautter moved and Opelt seconded to print and distribute the 2015 Village of Pemberville Events Calendar after adding brush pick-up dates. Motion passed unanimously.

Opelt asked Mayor if he could make a suggestion and ask to let Jeff Bourdo speak prior to the Mayor's report since he will more than likely have to get up early due to potential snow storm. Opelt felt it to be unfair to make him sit through the whole meeting. Mayor agreed and will post pone his remarks for after Bourdo. Mayor then asked Bourdo to give an update on the village.

Bourdo stated he had a couple things to report. Bourdo stated that the 2007 plow truck was broke down but that it was the plow that was broke not the truck in general. Bourdo stated the truck is currently in the fabrication shop and should be ready for pick-up by Thursday.

Bourdo reported that with the recent freeze and thaws, he had noticed a few pot-holes and once it dries up some he will get the material to fix them.

Bourdo stated that although it is a little early, Fresh Cut has sent over their 2015 quote for mosquito spraying. Bourdo explained that the price has not increased for 2015, and will remain the same at \$273.74 per application with a minimum of six applications. Opelt made a motion and Campbell seconded to accept the 2015 quote from Fresh Cuts for \$273.74 per application of mosquito spraying with a minimum of six applications. Motion passed unanimously.

Opelt asked Bourdo if there was a way to make sure downtown sidewalks are easily assessable from the curb side after snow falls. Opelt explained that there was a resident that had to cancel an appointment because they were not able to step over the snow mounds along the curbs. Bourdo explained that normally they will leave a wind row away from the curb to allow for them to come in the next early morning to get things cleaned up before businesses open. Bourdo explained that there is a new gentleman working for the state and that he came through and plowed everything to the sidewalks. Rothenbuhler suggested doing something similar to Perrysburg with putting in cut threw along the streets allowing individuals to get onto the sidewalks without having to walk through snow mounds.

Mayor asked Bourdo what our current supply of salt looks like. Bourdo answered that twenty-five ton was ordered early in the season, which is about gone, and last Friday there was another twenty-five ton delivered. Bourdo stated that we still have twenty-five to thirty tons available to us and will not be charged if we don't use it. Mayor explained that Toledo just got a ship load of salt from Morocco and it is

a reddish brown color and is rather interesting to see on the roads. Campbell explained that Theresa Pollock explained that they dye the salt so they can see it when applying to make sure it is applying correctly.

Campbell has a few issues he would like to address. Campbell stated an e-mail was sent out by Mr. Welker of Eastwood Schools. Campbell explained that the e-mail stated Mr. Welker drove around the school district and that all roads were fine until he reached Pemberville and therefore, postponed school due to the road conditions in Pemberville. Campbell stated he drove around after receiving the e-mail and everything appeared fine and was unsure of the issue. Opelt stated that the e-mail thanked the state, city and township but when he got to Pemberville the roads were a mess. Campbell stated that people don't often realize that he inspects all complaints received. Campbell stated that he had received a couple complaints on not putting down salt. He stated that he is unsure where that is coming from that the guys have put down plenty of salt and that it is currently melting on the roads now and once it turns to slush it is then removed and that as of noon today Wood County was still on a level 1 snow emergency. Campbell also stated that he needed to make all aware that salt will not work as effectively when it gets down to a certain temperature. Bourdo stated that when he arrived to work at 7:00am, Phil Donaldson, Eastwood maintenance man, was at the street garage. Donaldson, who is also good friends with Bourdo, told him that Pemberville does not look very good at all and that in twenty-six years they haven't really looked at Pemberville that it's usually somewhere else that is the issue, but today they had a two hour delay because of the road conditions in Pemberville. Bourdo stated that he has been communicating with Chief Darling, who was on duty until 1:30am and told Bourdo that everything looked fine at that time. Bourdo stated that it had rained earlier in the day and that he had salted at 3:30 before going home and assumed that the little bit of rain mixed with the salt would create a brine mixture and everything would be okay and told Chief to call if they needed anything. Bourdo stated that normally Angela from the Wood County Sheriff's office would call Bourdo every time the county would go out to plow to give Bourdo a heads up on going out to check the roads in town. Bourdo stated his son works in Gibsonburg and when he returned home from work at 9:00 pm Bourdo asked him what the roads looked like and his son answered they was fine. However, when Bourdo came in to work in the morning it wasn't until after coming over the tracks that he realized the roads were icy and salted immediately. He then contacted Phil Donaldson and informed him the road conditions in Pemberville changed to wet. Bourdo apologized for not getting out sooner. Chief Darling stated that the officer on duty Thursday night was advised to contact Bourdo should the road conditions change. Further discussion on cars parked during Snow Emergency's and how they are to be handled.

Campbell has one last thing he would like to address and that is the issue that was brought up over the weekend. Campbell stated it was brought up at the BPA meeting last night about village trucks going home with employees if the weather is calling for something that we know we are certain to get and that employees should be allowed to take trucks home. Campbell stated it was mind blowing to him the reaction of one of the board members and expressed the importance of our employees to get to town in bad circumstances such as water line breaks, sewer issues, to plow or whatever issues may arise and need to have their trucks at home if warranted. Campbell stated that he thought this issue was handled last year and it was confirmed by Dyer that it was and was stated the employees were allowed to take the vehicles home if the weather warranted them too. Opelt suggest that the Mayor send out a memo to all members and inform them that this would be allowed and this would be at the discretion of the Mayor.

Campbell wanted to personally thank Chief Darling for the open communication with the street department.

Mayor reported that the county is providing Sky Warn Severe Weather Spotters training for those who like to follow severe weather and alert to different agencies. The training will be Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm located in the Olscamp Hall.

Mayor stated that this year is notable for two reasons with our relationship with our sister city Rodinghausen. Twenty years ago the village signed a sister city agreement with Rodinghausen Germany to exchange cultural and friendship communications. A number of people in Pemberville have relatives

that they still contact and have relationships with. Mayor stated that he has exchanged letters with the Mayor each January. In addition to the twenty year anniversary, there is also a ten year anniversary. Mayor stated we have some individuals with us tonight who have made the trip to Germany where Rodinghausen dedicated a plaque in a small area in their downtown area called Pemberville Plots to commemorate the sister city relationship. Mayor and his wife will be taking a trip to France and Germany, specifically Rodinghausen the end of June, where they will be meeting the Mayor and taking a tour.

Mayor stated that he was forming an Ad Hock Committee to accomplish three things. First is to plan a small celebration to commemorate the sister city relationship that will happen around fair time either just before or at the fair; Second, to create a permanent marker of some sort with lettering indicating our sister city relationship; Third, to determine the location to place the marker. The committee members are as followed:

- Bob Bruning
- Anne Bruning
- Inga Offermann
- Jared Paul Haas
- Eileen Schuerman

Mayor stated that they will report to council as things come up.

Rothenbuhler:

Rothenbuhler has a couple things to report. First we are currently looking at anti-virus software for the computers. For the coverage of six computers, Rothenbuhler made a motion to approve the purchase of anti-virus software not to exceed \$200 Sautter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Schuerman asked if we was dissatisfied with our current software, Dyer explained that it has nothing to do with being dissatisfied, it is that it needs renewed yearly and the individual who came in to give us a quote recommended the AVG as a better anti-virus software for office computers.

Rothenbuhler reported that Finance met tonight but was not able to complete appropriations and will meet again Thursday, February 5th at 7:15 to complete permanent appropriations. Rothenbuhler stated a couple questions came up one of which was directed to the Chief about purchasing computer or software package. Chief responded that they recently received new computers for the cruisers through a grant. Rothenbuhler congratulated him for seeking the grant himself. Chief explained that there are no new upcoming needs. Rothenbuhler explained that we have made it a practice to start putting money aside for upcoming large expenses.

Opelt:

Opelt asked if the Mayor could send a letter to Toledo Council from Pemberville Council letting them know that we are sending good wishes to Mayor Michael Collins.

Opelt suggested a Town Hall meeting sometime in March or April. Opelt explained that the last one was held at the fire hall back in 2007 and the room was packed. This allowed for the residents to tell council what they would like to see happen in the village. Rothenbuhler strongly supports this meeting. Mayor stated that he will look into it.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.