

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 7, 2015**

Mayor Bowman opened the April 7, 2015 council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present as the regular meeting of council was Rothenbuhler, Campbell, Long, Opelt, Sautter and Schuerman. Others present were Ed Wozniak, Vic Schuerman, Rebecca Pisula, Larry O'Brian, Gene Steele, Jeff Bourdo and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** Opelt moved and Schuerman seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** Opelt moved and Sautter seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,771.82

**Mayor:**

Mayor stated that the Rodinghausen Memorial Committee met and covered a wide range of topics including their recommendation for the placement of the memorial. Mayor had originally suggested a place out at Northwest Park however the committee felt it would be much more appropriate to have in near town hall. They have selected a site which is out at the corner where the two sidewalks meet out near the flag pole to be designated as Rodinghausen Point and to have a memorial similar to the memorial Rodinghausen has near their Town Hall which they call Pemberville Plots. There is an inscription on the memorial stone that refers to people who emigrated from Germany to Pemberville to begin a new life. Mayor stated we will have some similar wording to that on this stone. Mayor stated we will have a more detailed to show council in a few weeks, including cost. The Committee is willing to do some fundraising to help finance the cost but it may be necessary to ask for some support from council. Mayor has been doing some endeavoring to come up with a gift that would be appropriate to present to the Mayor of Rodinghausen. They have been considering several options such as a book about Northwest Ohio, which is rather difficult to find or a duplicating our banner that we have hanging in council chambers.

Mayor stated he received an e-mail a while ago from a resident and apologizes he did not read it sooner but would like to do so tonight. The e-mail was from Pemberville resident Julie Coon with regards to the police department. The e-mail read "On Tuesday night around 9:30 I went to Steve's Car Care to pick my son who was dropping off his car for Steve to look at on Wednesday morning. As I was turning into Steve's as I turned on the left turn signal I accidentally put my bright lights on as well just as Pemberville police cruiser was passing me. I picked up my son and we started out on 105 toward Woodville when the police officer pulled me over. He was very polite and said he stopped me because he thought I might be signaling him with my bright and wanted to make sure I was OK and didn't need his help. When I told him what happened he wished me a good evening and went on his way. I neglected to get the young man's name, but I would very much appreciate it if you could pass on my thanks to him for taking the time to make sure I wasn't in trouble. He went above and beyond and I am very grateful to him for that...and to our wonderful police department for hiring such a diligent, respectful, and competent police officer. Thank you"

Bourdo reported he was in the bank the other day and was approached about the tree that is located behind the bank. Bourdo explained that since they had put up their flood wall, there are

two possible three sump crocks that are getting clogged with leaves and berries from the tree. Bourdo stated that the president of the bank informed him that if the tree was the property of the bank they will have it removed. However, if the tree is the property of the villages they would like it to be removed. Bourdo stated that Campbell checked and the tree does belong to the village. It was discussed that if the tree is removed, they would like to have the bank replace the tree within the village. Opelt moved and Long seconded to remove the tree behind the bank providing they replace the tree with a new somewhere else within the village. Motion passed unanimously.

Bourdo stated that there had been a water break that happened on College Ave that had disturbed the boulevard during the winter. Bourdo stated Greg Henline, a resident that was directly affected, had approached him about possibly replacing the area with gravel instead of grass for additional parking. Bourdo explained to Mr. Henline that he would need to write a letter asking permission from council. Council discussed the letter from Mr. Henline. Opelt is against making a stone pad on W College and feels that it would create additional issues with other residents wanting to do the same. Further discussion on whether or not this should be allowed. Marsh stated that every case is different and should be viewed as a case by case situation. Campbell moved and Rothenbuhler seconded to approve to allow Mr. Henline to put a stone pad on the RW for additional parking in front of his resident's on W. College Ave. Motion passed with a tie vote by Mayor: Rothenbuhler-yes; Campbell-yes; Long-No; Opelt-No; Sautter-Yes; Schuerman-No; Mayor broke tie with a yes.

Jeff discussed street sweeping and was asked by the Street Committee to obtain quotes for street sweeping. Bourdo stated that he received three quotes. Perfect Sweep quoted \$650 for the initial sweep and \$450 for each additional sweep; Progressive Sweep was \$1200 for initial sweep and \$600 for each additional sweep; M&J Snow & Landscape out of Port Clinton was, \$520 for the initial sweep and \$300 for each additional. Bourdo explained that M&J Snow & Landscape is the company the village used in the past and have the best price. Bourdo recommends that we continue with M&J Snow & Landscape. Long made a motion to accept the quote from M&R Snow and Landscape not to exceed fur sweeps in the amount of \$1420 for the year. Rothenbuhler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bourdo stated he has received back the contract from John Deere. Bourdo stated that for the last twelve years or so the village has dealt with Bay Tractor & Turf out of Elmore. Bourdo stated to trade in what we have now for a new outfit, that the smaller zero turn tractor would be \$800 and the bigger rider that is used for snow removal also would be \$1400. Bourdo continued to explain that the trade in is almost \$1700 less than last year due to the bigger rider changing configuration of the mower therefore, had to purchase a different weather enclosure. Bourdo stated that when he received the enclosure in late fall it did not have a fan unit for it yet due to the newness of the enclosure. Bourdo stated that they have always had a small unit in them to help prevent freezing and fogging. Bourdo stated that next year trade in cost will actually be less than this year. Bourdo explained that last year the cost was approximately \$3800, this year was \$2200 and he anticipates it being a little less next year. Long summed it up stating the village has got into a program instead of leasing, buying and trading back every year the mowers. Long explained that they give us a good credit for our trade-ins. Long stated when comparing to lease cost we are about dead even, in addition, it keeps the cycle going and we will always have new warrantied mowers. Long stated that if we would hold for two years it would take a pretty big hit on the trade-in value. Long supports the trade in program. Rothenbuhler stated that Finance Committee does take this into account and appropriates accordingly. Rothenbuhler made a

motion to approve and support the trade-in cost for the two mowers. Sautter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Rothenbuhler:**

Rothenbuhler reported that finance met tonight and the developer Tom Oberhouse, for the PemberGrove subdivision was in attendance. Oberhouse asked if finance could look at possibly helping with the cost of the street and storm sewers. Rothenbuhler stated Finance will take it into consideration and will be looked at a little deeper on the financial side and will bring back to council any recommendations.

Rothenbuhler stated that it was discussed at Finance about the splitting of cost for shared equipment and how the cost of repairs and maintenance are split. Rothenbuhler stated that the Mayor and finance committee will look at this as an equipment by equipment basis. Rothenbuhler stated the Mayor will be gathering a list and will bring back to council if anything else needs to be voted.

**Campbell:**

Campbell reported there has been some discoveries downtown that we have known to be in existent for a long while in connection with buildings, right away, coal shoots and extensions on basements. Campbell stated he was hoping was not as bad as he had been thinking it to be. Campbell stated there may be a lot of truth to the legends. Campbell stated that how the issue will be fixed is unknown at this time or what the cost will be with the major discovery that has been found or whether there are additional areas. Campbell stated that the committee had discussion about possibly taking a look at how we can ascertain what else may be there that we are unaware of. Campbell directed Long to speak on the issue. Campbell stated that when they come up with an approach he will let council know. Long stated that what Campbell is stating is there has been a void found under the sidewalk downtown which *is an* old coal shoot. Long explained they will need to determine if there are any additional areas and establish what the most cost effective remedy would be. Long stated there will be some minor engineering involved and will ask to spend a few dollars for a ground penetrating radar come in to take readings of the ground to locate any additional voids.

**Long:**

BPA met last night. Long wanted to emphasize that the village's water superintendent is good at identifying problems and not sugar coating them, he has also located large losses in water lines and is very impressed with the work he has performed in locating and fixing these issue. Long stated that the system use to regenerate two to three times a night and is now regenerating only once a night.

Long reported that the South Water Plant is now in the hands of EPA for their review.

Mayor stated that effective January 1, 2016 sewer and rate regulations will be put in place. Long stated that Pemberville is a target area.

**Opelt:**

Opelt reported that there was discussion about the pool liner and that they are leaning towards using one of the on-line fundraiser sites to raise money for a new line. Opelt stated that he has received a few offers of donations. Opelt stated that after the committee met they are leaning towards one of the on-line fundraiser sites such as gofundme or indigogo.

Opelt stated that in the Sentinel Tribune March 25<sup>th</sup> Edition, Rossford looks for cat solution. Opelt explained that he contacted Humane Ohio and what they do is ask us for the problem area and where most the complaints come from. They will personally contact the individual or business about the complaint. They ask for permission from the property owner to place traps on their property. They will get a signed release from them. Opelt stated that if they can't get anywhere with the particular individual or business then they will contact a neighbor to see if they are having issues with the cats coming into their yard and then ask for permission to trap on their property. They set a date for trapping which is set up at a week's time per problem area. The neighbors are notified of the trapping time frame. Once the cats are trapped they will transport them to the vet to be fixed, give them a rabies shot, ears notched, and released back to the area in which they were trapped from. If they trap kitten that are too young to be fixed, they will adopt those out. No cat is harmed in any way. They will also offer to cat owners a fee of \$45 to have their cat fixed. This is no cost to the village for the trapping, fixing, rabies shot and notching of the ears. Opelt stated that he wanted to do a pet food drive for Humane Ohio as a contribution to them for their help. Opelt challenges council to bring in something at the next council meeting.

**Sautter:**

**Schuerman:**

Schuerman would like to

Rebecca Pisula discussed issues with stray dogs and making the owners accountable for their animals and follows the ordinance the village has in place with leash law dog waste, stray cats, sidewalks and the cars that are parked blocking the sidewalk.

Larry O'Brian spoke of the pot holes on the west end of Perry Street. O'Brian has asked council to please consider fixing Perry Street. O'Brian explained at one time they use to obtain the street but it has been very many years since they have done so. He is discourage at the different names they consider his street as an alley, extension and no money or reasoning behind why they cannot do the same for Perry Street. O'Brian asked council to chip and stone Perry St and continue to maintain it.

Gene Steele asked if they could establish a plan from the flood committee in case of flooding. There was further discussion on the issue with no resolution. Campbell stated to Steele to get with him to see if they can discuss what he would like

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.