

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2019**

Mayor Gordon Bowman opened the December 17, 2019 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 Rahe, Angel, Bailey, Long, St. Louis, and Yaniga. Others present were, Tom Mauk, Tom Oberhouse, Gene Steele, Josh Jacobs, Keith Madaras, Dean Krukemyer, Zach Bingham, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Bailey moved and Yaniga seconded to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Long moved and St. Louis seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$8,871.52. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1588: 2020 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF. 3rd READING

Rahe moved and Bailey seconded to approve ordinance 1588. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1589: ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. 3rd READING

Rahe moved and Angel seconded to approve ordinance 1589. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1590: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1414 OF THEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR VILLAGE OFFICIALS. 3rd READING

Angel moved and Rahe seconded to approve Ordinance 1590. Motion passed 5/6 vote. Angel-yes; Rahe-yes; Yaniga-yes; St. Louis-yes; Long-no; Bailey-yes.

Mayor:

Mayor received and read a letter from the President of Eastwood Softball & Associations.

Dear Community Supporter:

We would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the Eastwood Baseball and Softball Association and our annual Reverse Raffle.

We continue to strive to make each summer the best for all of our athletes, and with your generous donation, we were able to raise money that will go towards bettering the baseball and softball knowledge of over 300 Eastwood youth and help those kids learn invaluable skills of teamwork and decision-making.

For all of our athletes, coaches and board members, we would like to thank you for supporting the EBSA and our efforts and look forward to partnering with you again next year!

Thank you!

Mike Porter
President, Eastwood Baseball and Softball Association

Mayor explained that the village did not give them money however, we did repairs to the scoreboard and lights and Home Depot did some repairs as well.

Rahe:

Rahe thanked Mayor Bowman for his years of services and thanked Ms. Yaniga for her service on Council and committees.

Finance: Rahe stated that the village was approved for the loan to replace the waterlines on College Ave. with a 1.8% interest rate for 20 years.

Street Committee: College Ave. Roadway Improvement: Rahe stated that Feller Finch is about 80% complete with the drawings and plans for the College Ave road improvement project and would like to schedule a meeting with the Street Committee before the end of the year to go over the plans. Rahe continued that right after the first of the year, before finalizing the plans and putting it out to bid, Feller Finch would like to hold another meeting for the residents of College Ave. to hear more about the project.

Angel:

Angel thanked Mayor Bowman and Councilwoman Yaniga for their years of service.

Bailey:

Bailey thanked Mayor Bowman and Councilwoman Yaniga for their years of service.

Lands & Buildings: Bailey stated that Lands and Buildings met and discussed a lot of different topics but did not make any decisions on anything. Things discussed were the magnets for the recycling bins so they stay closed, status of fencing and cleaning up the area around the Municipal building, the Bridge St. bridge, and other small projects they would like to look at doing. In addition, they discussed looking at prices for a drop box to have outside of town hall for utility payments.

Bailey announced that Angela Witker won the window.

Bailey stated that judging of the lights contest began yesterday and will be completed tomorrow.

Long:

Long asked what the time line was for filling the upcoming empty council seats. St Louis stated that letter were to be submitted by last Friday and then requested those interested to attend tonight's meeting to have a small discussion with them and then hopefully make the decision at the January meeting. Mayor asked if council would like to set up interview dates and times at a later date.

Madaras asked about the expectations, as he was on council before and spent full-time hours volunteering and wanted to know if these things have changed. The clerk stated that it has changed, that we have a good group of employees that handle a lot of the things at the pool. Madaras stated he just wanted to make sure that was not the expectation before he officially put in his interest. Mayor Bowman added that a few years back he had implemented a Pool Manager that handles a lot of the things Madaras mentioned in his concern.

Long asked Josh Jacobs if he had any questions or concerns, Jacobs reply was that he thought he had the understanding of what is expected from council members.

Zach Bingham stated that he does come from a background of Fire and EMS and feels he would bring that safety aspect and knowledge. In addition, he also has lifeguard experience. Bingham did state that with his current employer he does have a rotating 24 hour shift and asked what the protocol is with the meeting schedule. Bingham stated that looking at the calendar he did not see many conflict. Long stated that with council there are also some committee assignments and that the commitment is not just the 2 meetings of Council. Council discussed and decided that they will meet with the interested candidates on Monday, December 30 starting at 6:00pm.

Long stated that as mentioned at the last council meeting the road by Perry St extension has been cut and can no longer be used.

Long stated that there is one position still open come the beginning of the year, and that is the Zoning Inspector position. Long stated it would be best to keep protocol and ask for letters of interest. Clerk will post the open position.

BPA: Long stated he did not attend the meeting. Tom Mauk helped with the highlights of the meeting. Maul stated BPA discussed the position of utility assistant and should be read to post that soon. Mauk stated BPA also decided to sell the old electric pickup truck and generator and will be requesting sealed bids. Mauk added that at that time, those who have submitted if they wish to increase their bid, they may do so at that time.

Mauk stated BPA also talked briefly regarding Council stopping the funding of the Sewer Capital Improvement and Water Capital Improvement received from the Income Tax Revenues. Clerk explained that in 2016 Council passed the Ordinance to gradually take back the \$25,000 per fund that was designated from the Permanent

Improvement funds to the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Funds. Clerk stated this began in 2017 and was gradually taken back over a period of 3 years with 2019 being the last year. Clerk added that BPA needs to determine how they want to continue funding those funds. Clerk stated that she felt the revenue accounts for the Water and Sewer Fund could, by Ordinance transfer the \$25,000 each year if they so wish. Mauk stated that he would like to sit down together and discuss options. Bailey stated she recommends doing a joint meeting with BPA in February.

Planning Commission: Long stated that at the last Planning meeting they voted and approved the final plat plan contingent of receiving all appropriate paperwork for the Warranty Bond, Letter of Credit for the balance of the improvements and a Letter of Warranty from General Contractor. Long stated that he believes we have received all of the items. Long added that he believed Kuhlman has some language change requests. Kuhlman stated the Letter of Warranty from B. Hillz is okay that the Village of Pemberville has been added along with Pember Grove. Kuhlman stated that as to the Maintenance Bond, the amount was not the \$120,000 and that will need to be updated and the Irrevocable Letter of Credit from The State Bank has an expiration date that will need to be extended. It is recommended by Kuhlman that the final plat is not approved until all paperwork is in order. It was determined to hold a Special Meeting to approve the Final Plat.

Long stated that with no new business to discuss the Planning Commission meeting is cancelled for tomorrow.

Long thanked Mayor Gordon Bowman and Councilwoman Yaniga for their years of service.

St. Louis:

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Park and Recreation Committee: St. Louis stated that Park and Rec met on Monday and they talked about the acceptance of the grant the village received for new signage at the parks.

St. Louis also added that the Wood County Park District received the grant to purchase Alton Beekers property located adjacent to Harrison Park, so they will be expanding Harrison Park in the near future. Rahe stated that she heard they would be turning the home on the property into their main headquarters. Bowman stated that it would be the main headquarters for their police division.

Bridge St. bridge: St. Louis talked briefly regarding the letter received about the Bridge St. bridge and stated that he felt the village was being shoved into a corner and at some point the village will have to accept the bridge and we do not want to do that. St. Louis feels that is where the village is, based on how it is worded, that if the village does not accept the bridge then they will not inspect it for us. St. Louis stated that although the village may not want to pay the fee if it could be prevented, they have been discussing what that may look like. St. Louis stated that as much as no one wants to accept the bridge, it appears to be working towards that. St. Louis stated questions will still be asked but a decision will need to be made at some point and it is not one that everyone is going to be comfortable with. Yaniga asked if there was a hefty price tag associated with the bridge inspections for them to do it, if the village does not take ownership; what is that cost accrued over years comparable to the up keep and everything that's associated with owning the bridge; what happens when we are no longer able to maintain it and can no longer be traveled by car and need to shut it down; if it is starting to break-down, how do you manage that. Yaniga stated again that although it's a hefty price tag for inspections but what are the cost accrued in the long term versus the \$1000. St. Louis stated he feels it will be put on the village either way and whether we accept it they are going to come to us on what that looks like. St. Louis added we will be required to do inspections and up keep whether we have an Ordinance that accepts the bridge or not. Mauk asked if the village was responsible for the other 2 bridges. Mayor replied that we are not because they are located on county roads. Further discussion took place with no decision made.

Yaniga:

Flood Committee: Yaniga stated there is a Flood meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm

Yaniga stated that she was glad to have served on council and learned a lot. She continued by thanking past and present fellow council. Thanked Ms. Rahe, Mr. Angel, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Long, Mr. St. Louis, Ms. Sautter and Mr. Opelt. Yaniga thanked all departments, office staff and employees. Yaniga also wanted to give a special thanks to Eric Campbell for all of his knowledge and help in many areas. And lastly she would like to thank Mayor Gordon Bowman and the residents.

Police Report: Mayor Bowman stated there was a little more detailed information on the report and asked Sargent Kwapich if he would like to speak to that. Sargent Kwapich stated that he performed a traffic stop and noticed an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. With probable cause to search the vehicle, Sgt. Kwapich recovered approximately a quarter pound of suspected Marijuana, one hundred and fifteen grams of suspected Psilocybin (mushrooms, 24 doses of suspected Lsd, several pills of suspected Xanax and Adderall, various sizes of plastic baggies, digital scale and money. The driver was charged with three counts of trafficking in drugs and 2 counts of possession of drugs.

Guest:

Gene Steele: Steele stated regarding the Bridge St. that he was able to speak with someone that may have a little saving grace with the Bridge St. bridge where it may contain contaminations from the debris falling from the bridge into the river and could force some maintenance on the bridge and make it safe again. Steele stated that it may be a little premature but that is the direction he is working on.

Mayor Gordon Bowman ended the meeting by stating it has been an honor and privilege to work along so many wonderful people and a great team of employees.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.