

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2020**

Mayor Carol Bailey opened the February 18, 2020 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 were Rahe, Angel, Jacobs, Long, Madaras, and, St. Louis. Others present were, Eric Campbell, Greg Feller, Combined Boy Scout troops and the Clerk.

Minutes: Rahe moved and Angel seconded to approve the minutes from the February 4th, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Long moved and Rahe seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$5,867.48. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1592: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2020 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO. 3rd READING

Long moved and Angel seconded to approve Ordinance 1592. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1593: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1588, SECTION 7, CONCERNING THE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS RATE OF PAY. 1st READING

Long asked what the benchmark was for the increase. Rahe stated that Chief Darling did some research on other police departments in the area and what they are paying their part-time officers. Chief Darling then presented the information to the Personnel Committee. Rahe stated in order to be competitive and help retain our part-time officer's within the village, the committee agreed that increasing the hourly rate would help. Long asked if this put the department comparable to others, in the middle, or are we on the high side. Chief Darling replied that this does put us on the higher end but he also wanted to make sure the police budget was able to sustain those rates, and it does. Chief added that a lot of the Police Departments in the area are topping out after one year, specifically Rossford and Wood County Sheriff's, which is making it hard to compete. Rahe added that under the current wage ordinance, part-time officers were starting at \$12.00 per hour and stopping at \$15.25 per hour. Under this new Ordinance they would start at \$16.00 per hour and stop at \$17.50 per hour.

Guest:

Combined Boy Scout Troop 344: Doug Ruck stated that Combined Troop 344 is in Pemberville and chartered to Bethlehem, they have about 40 registered boys and girls. Ruck stated boys and girls are technically a separate troop but are linked with the same committee, same leaders, and although they are separate, they do most things together. There are technically two Scout Masters. Ruck introduced John Gibson, who recently took over as Scout Master. There is Matt Meyer, whom has recently decided to take a slightly smaller roll after 43 years. Ruck stated he is officially the Scout Master for the girl's troop. Ruck added that despite what you may have heard on the news the last couple of days, scouting is very much alive and well. Ruck stated the troop celebrated this past year awarding it's 100th Eagle Scout since it was formed sometime in the mid 30's. The Ceremony was held at the middle school with about 160 individuals that attended, including originals like Jim Smith, and many others that came from all over. Ruck stated the reason for their attendance tonight was the troop is working towards 3 required merit badges which are citizenship in the community, in the Nation, and the World. Ruck stated that for the Community, they have to observe a local Council Meeting.

Police Report: Nothing to report

Zoning Inspector: Nothing to report.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Personnel/Finance: Rahe passed out a map to council that indicates the ODOT required speed limits within the village limits on the State Route. Rahe stated she and Carol met with Chris Waterfield with ODOT to go over the State requirements for speed limits on a State Route and what they learned recently is that the speed limits coming through town on State Route 105 are not up to the State's requirements. Rahe stated that the map is to give you an idea of what the speed limits should be per the State's requirements. Rahe stated that when this

was mentioned late last year, they had obtained a quote through Poggemeyer for over \$5,000 to complete a speed study. However, Mr. Waterfield went over a program on how they do a speed study and one of the requirements is to monitor the speed by sitting in an unmarked vehicle, during non-peak hours in 2 or 3 locations for 1 hour or until you reach 110 cars, whichever comes first. Rahe added that there is another program that is based on google maps, where you can measure the distance from landmark to landmark, or frontage to frontage. This information would then go into a spreadsheet with all the required documents and then it calculates what the speed limits should be. Rahe stated Mr. Waterfield is willing to help with completing the speed study and once completed would be submitted to the State.

Angel:

No Report

Jacobs:

No Report

Long:

Planning Commission: Long stated that due to no new business, Planning Commission meeting is cancelled for tomorrow.

Madaras:

Tree Committee: Madaras reported that the Tree Committee met on February 12th, and was more of an organizational meeting. Madaras stated there are currently 2 individuals listed on the committee that are not actually on the committee, which is Dan Piotrowski and Pat Vandersall. Madaras stated they both can be removed from the list. Madaras stated there are 2 individuals that Mr. Lockard has identified as previous and current North Branch Nursery employees that are very interested in being on the committee and that would still maintain the 9 member committee. Those individuals are Chris Arquette and Javier Paredes. Madaras reported that the Village will be hosting the next Tree Survival School on April 8th located in the Opera House. Tree Committee also discussed 2020 Arbor Day Celebration. Lastly, Madaras reported that May 6th is Tree City USA and the Village usually pays and sends 2 individuals. Madaras stated they are not sure who will be attending because so many are on vacation or out of the area at that time, they hope to decide at the April meeting. Rahe stated she had one question. Rahe stated that there has been concern since Mr. Lockard had retired in not having a Village employee on the committee and is that something we need to try and fill. Madaras stated he will have to go back and see what the stipulations Ohio has, as it is a really good question. Long stated that the nice thing about Lockard doing it, was while he was trimming for utility purposes he was able to see firsthand. Madaras stated it might be something to approach the BPA with.

Website: Madaras stated that he knows an individual willing to help with the website and will meet with the committee or individuals to give some options and ideas. Mayor Bailey stated she will put him in contact with Mr. Eby.

St. Louis:

Lands & Buildings: St. Louis stated Lands and Buildings met yesterday with not much to share at this time. St. Louis stated, at the last Council meeting, Council approved the purchase and installation of a privacy fence at the Municipal building. St. Louis stated the Lands and Buildings committee is going to review a little more before moving forward. They felt good about what they have but want to make sure they are doing their due diligence and considering all options, specifically considering the old lumber yard. St. Louis asked Mayor Bailey if she had any updates on the Lumber yard. Mayor added that she spoke with the EPA and a gentleman at Buster's, who removes underground tanks. Mayor explained that there is a tank buried on the north east corner of the property. It was suggested that the tank may be about 250 gallons. Mayor stated the gentleman she spoke to later in the day, removes these tanks and rarely has seen a gasoline tank that small. Mayor stated however, the good news is any tank under 11,000 gallons is not regulated by the EPA. Long stated that he would have to disagree because he has a 4,000 gallon tank he has Buster constantly monitoring. Mayor stated the difference is this tank is not registered with the state, it is not registered as active or inactive. Therefore, all the requirements the EPA and Buster is telling the Mayor to do is have a certified installer/remover remove the tank. Mayor stated that cost would run approximately \$4,000. Mayor add that if there is any liquid of any kind in the tank, it will have to be vacuumed out at \$1.50 per gallon, at the very most the tank is 500 gallons which would cost roughly \$750. Mayor added further information on that property was she received 3 different estimates to demo the property. One was for \$43,300, one was for \$41,500 and Palmer's came in at \$16,140. St. Louis asked if this was separate from

the tank removal and the Mayor replied it was separate. St. Louis asked what the purchase price of the property was and Mayor stated it was being offered to the Village for \$34,000 plus closing cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000, and then the demo and underground storage removal would all be close to \$56,140. Mayor added that she did speak to the Trustees to see if there was any interest in sharing, or even splitting off. Long asked if the Township showed any interest. Madaras stated he was told there would be no interest. Madaras added there is a meeting on the 27th to strategize since the last Levy failed for a new Township building. Rahe stated she also felt they had no interest at this time. St. Louis asked if Council was ready to move on the purchase of the property or seek additional information first. It was decided to wait until after the Township had their meeting in hopes to have a cleaner picture from the Trustees and if there is any interest or not.

Alley: St. Louis stated the alley by the Public Restrooms is closed to all traffic due to safety issues.

810 W. Front St.: St. Louis stated Lands & Buildings is discussing selling off the property but need to clarify some language on the easement and make sure that how it is written, allows the village to sell it and do the easements go with it and how it affects the 4 adjacent properties. Kuhlman clarified that it is not an access easement but a utility easement. Kuhlman also added the sale will need to be done by the bidding process.

Park & Recreation: Next meeting is Monday at 3:30pm. St. Louis stated he clarified that Busdaker, Rollins, and Miller will be staying on the committee. St. Louis stated they do have a lot to work to get the pool ready. St. Louis stated he did pass out at various locations the posting that the Village is looking for a Pool Manager

Mayor:

Mayor stated the Clerk has completed the Event Calendar for 2020 and Council will need to review and approve tonight. St. Louis moved and Madaras seconded to approve the 2020 Events Calendar with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

College Ave.:

Mayor reported that College Ave. waterline replacement is almost complete and bids for repaving will be going out soon.

Mayor stated that we have had a lot of water breaks lately and wanted to go over the rules for water boils. She stated that if the water is completely shut-off, then a boil advisory would be needed and if the pressure is only reduced then no boil advisory will be needed.

Infrastructure:

Mayor stated that with all of the water breaks, the infrastructure is very old. Mayor and Water Superintendent will be meeting with RCAP, which is Rural Community Assistance Program, on Friday, at 9am to look at funding possibilities and a plan of some sort. Mayor stated that she had sat down with the Clerk and looked into what our budget will allow with paving. It was stated that when reviewing the infrastructure to make sure all options are being considered, including NWWSD. It needs to be decided if it's feasible to repair our infrastructure or if we move to NW, because fact of the matter is, if we go to NW then there is no reason to put any more money into the ground because we will never see our capital. Mayor stated this was not something she wanted to see happened but the entire picture needs to be looked at.

TMACOG:

Mayor stated TMACOG will be meeting here on March 10th at 10:00 am. Purpose of the meeting is to get to know the Mayor.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.