

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2017**

Mayor Bowman opened the November 21, 2017 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, Long, Opelt, Sautter, and Yaniga. Others present Tom Mauk, Sarah Szymanski, Ed Wozniak, Joanne Busdeker, Eileen Schuerman, Ron Golightly, Jim Fields, Carol & John Bailey, Tom Oberhouse, Gene Steele, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Sautter moved and Yaniga seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rahe moved and Long seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,490.05. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor:

Mayor stated that Councilman Eric Campbell has submitted his resignation that states at this time, he felt it's in Pemberville's best interest to step away to allow there to be immediate room so one of the newly elected Councilmembers can be seated and get to work on the business at hand. Mayor stated that council has 30 days to fill the open seat. Rahe moves to recommend the council signs on Carol Bailey, as she was a candidate who received the most votes during the election. Opelt seconds the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor swore in Carol Bailey as the new Councilwoman.

Mayor stated it would be a burden to ask Ms. Bailey to be a chair of the Street Committee and stated that Rahe and Yaniga will serve as the co-chairs until the first of the year when new assignments are made.

Mayor reported that this is a big week for the village. Mayor stated that after Thanksgiving we have Christmas in the Village, Lighted Christmas parade Sunday at 6:30 pm. Mayor stated he appreciated all the work the committee has done.

Rahe:

Rahe reported that the Street Committee met on November 13th and leaf pick-up will continue until gone. Long asked if there was a tentative end date. Rahe stated that at this time they have not set one but will discuss at the next street meeting to have that date set.

Rahe stated they also discussed Lenke getting his license for mosquito spraying and will add the cost to the budget.

Rahe stated they talked about signs for the Bridge Street bridge. Yaniga stated the idea had been discussed about sending letters out to businesses regarding trucks going over Bridge St. bridge. Tom Oberhouse added that just and observation, he does not believe that most of the trouble is trucks that belong to local businesses. Oberhouse added that he had been driving down Bridge St. and noticed a truck coming down Bridge St. from Bierley and he was delivering to Frobose. Oberhouse stated that most drivers follow their GPS and don't pay any attention to the signs. Oberhouse also added that there are so many that companies that deliver and pick-up in town that it would be difficult to notify them all. Sautter added that we may be able to go into Google Maps and request a change of a route which is worth looking into.

Rahe stated that Yaniga has voiced some concerns with the lean-to at Northwest Park and has asked the employees to submit in writing any concerns they may have. Rahe stated that as of right now, we have not received anything.

Mayor asked where we were with road salt. Clerk stated that back in August we had received quotes from Detroit Salt, Morton Salt, and Central Salt with Detroit Salt coming in at the lowest which includes delivery where the other 2 companies' delivery was an additional charge. Clerk stated she signed the contract and faxed back to Detroit Salt.

Rahe stated that she did receive a complaint from the new owners of the Keiser property stating that the last 2 times it has rained the field behind them the water has ran through their barn area and feel its potential the villages' sewer system that is not absorbing it. Rahe stated that she knows that is not true and explained it to them. Rahe stated that she also knows it was disclosed to them when they purchased the property that this has happened in the past.

Long:

Long reported that Planning Commission met last Wednesday and had a brief discussion and their feelings on whether or not the Mayor should be on both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Long stated that they had brought to the table for the group to review was the Ohio Revised Code that defines the Planning Commission. They also looked at the Villages' Zoning Ordinance that references the structure of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Long stated that they ultimately couldn't take any actions or suggestions but did walk away with 2 questions with one that the clerk may be able to help them answer Long stated they have identified there are term limits for those serving on the Planning Commission of 6 years according to the revised code and is curious to those currently on it, if there is a way to figure out how long they have served. Clerk replied stating that all members currently have exceeded the 6 year term limit. Long stated that we should address that with new nominations coming the first of the year. Long stated that he is also aware of a few other volunteers who would like to be a part of that commission and wants to make sure they are considered.

Long reported that BPA met last night with primary conversation with Mark Radabaugh from Amplex. Long stated that Amplex has made a few request lately in the Village to enhance their network. Long stated there is essentially two things they are working on. One, is pulling a more robust fiber connection to their broadcast antenna which is on the water tower. Long stated the intention for that is to improve their bandwidth and Long believes their speeds in their broadband connections for those in the village who receive broadband connection wirelessly. The second, maybe someday concept, is for them to bring a fiber network through village on the village infrastructure, on village utility poles that will be able to provide fibered service into homes which gives you a significant faster speeds, much better reliability, and you're not blocked by trees and the lights. Long stated that may be something they choose to do down the road. They are working on it in Woodville and if all goes well there they may bring it here. Long feels the village should support the project. Long added the infrastructure will be on Amplex; there is a pole attachment agreement they will have to sign as they essentially rent the space on the pole. Long feels it is a strong component for future businesses and residents in town. Sautter added that the work attached to the water tower will happen and that Radabaugh did indicate the change was more about reliability then speed. Sarah Szymanski stated that she has the ViOP for her business and home and is very amazing and reasonable and she is very happy with them.

Sautter:

Sautter reported that the Tree Committee will be meeting again on December 13th and the meeting will be held at Balejies.

Sautter stated that as an observation, with having some flooding around town, she has noticed individuals turning around in front of her house and has made a suggestion of placing temporary high water signs on Alexander to potentially stop those from coming all the way into town before having to turn around.

Sautter reported that the Personnel Committee met tonight and discussed the 2018 wages. Sautter stated a wage Ordinance will be on the table next council meeting which will reflect a 1.5% wage increase and a 1% bonus at the end of the year. Sautter added that they had also discussed increasing the police officers sliding scale ceiling by \$.25 for the Officers and the Sargent. In addition, they had also talked about Cindy Winfrey and recognizing her for her great collections efforts by giving her an additional \$.50.

Sautter reported that the Finance Committee discussed the final transfer for 2017 from the income tax revenue. Sautter made a motion and Opelt seconded to transfer the remaining 60/40 split from income taxes to the general fund, permanent appropriations, and the water and sewer capital improvement funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Yaniga:

Yaniga reported that the Safety Committee met and talked to the Chief about CodeRed and his roles. Yaniga stated that we have received some signs to help get the word out. Tom Mauk asked when notifications would start. Yaniga stated that once the administrators have all been trained.

Yaniga talked about the guidelines for the golf cart inspections. However, nothing has been decided at this time. Yaniga added that she has been working on a letter and would like to send to those who hold active golf permits. It was mentioned to put on the utility bills information referring residents to the village website regarding the new changes in the law.

Yaniga stated that each council member has been given a quote from TTL Associates who did phase 1, which is a recommended study that follows the first study as part of phase 1, they recommend phase 2, which goes into soil testing and going below surface level. Yaniga stated that this is a site that the previous owner did work that we cannot be sure of solvents or oils used. Yaniga stated that she is not making a motion but would like everyone to take time to read through it and consider it because she would like to bring it back up at the next meeting so everyone has the opportunity to know what it all entails. Yaniga stated if we are paying for results and recommendations of the company, then those recommendations that come from the study already done, are important too. Opelt asked if he understood correctly, that the phase 2 study would be an additional \$2800.00. Yaniga replied correct and is recommended in the first study. Yaniga stated she is coming from a place of wanting to get everyone of all sides of this project, talking to each other on the same page. Yaniga stated that she is trying to come at this conversations with a diplomatic fashion. Yaniga stated however, that when taking a step back and looking at the project after the last council decision regarding the dismantling of the lean-to, that there were several questions that came up for her as a councilwoman after the decision was made. Yaniga stated one of those questions was employee safety and what kind of precautions taken when those kinds of materials have been found? What kind of information are we required to give the employees and additionally what are our expectations when those kinds of materials have been found at the site? Yaniga stated that these looming questions should have been addressed prior to work taking place. Yaniga stated that one of the recommendations of the phase 1, was to properly abate the contaminated areas before doing any other work and it was not handled that way. Yaniga stated that this project has been taking place in pieces and addresses issues as things come to the table and feels a lot of questions come up afterwards. Yaniga would like everyone on the same page and has asked for a comprehensive plan that covers all bases including safety and environmental. Long stated that we cannot be the only one dealing with this and feels there are more buildings in town that could be worse and would be curious to know what other municipalities' do when these concerns come up. Rahe asked Yaniga if she has heard any complaints from the village workers about hazardous materials. Yaniga stated that she has heard reservations expressed. Rahe stated that she has not. Opelt stated that he had not also. Opelt added that the workers were asked to put their concerns down on paper and they have not. Yaniga stated that the study was completed and not given to the employees and it wasn't until they received a copy when they voiced their concerns and we have a responsibility to inform the employees and what they are getting into. Mary Moritz stated that she was at the Street Committee meeting with Rahe and Yaniga and when the asbestos and lead was discussed with Bourdo, she noticed his concern immediately based on his statement that he don't want to seem insubordinate and will do what is asked of him. Mary stated she viewed that as a concern of his that was stated to the Committee. Eileen Schuerman stated that council has taken over and the committee has not been given a chance to work this out, to present anything to council. Schuerman added that council has stepped in and called EPA and everybody else without asking the committee and not even telling them anything until it is all said and done sometimes. Schuerman stated again that council has not given the committee a chance to present anything because they are over running the committee. Schuerman stated council's negativity towards it from day one and that it wouldn't be voted for, she does not appreciate. Schuerman asked why is there a 5 member committee if Council wants to run it. Schuerman stated the lean-to was asked to be taken down 2 years ago and does not know why the guys never did it and now council has come in and they cannot move forward. Yaniga asked Schuerman if the Park and Recreation Committee contact the EPA and done that type of research Schuerman replied that council did it before they had a chance and spent the money that the Park and recreation Committee did not approve of. Yaniga stated that given the location of the site and condition of the building why would the Park and Recreation committee not look into that early in the project instead of when things are drawn up and put into effect? Schuerman stated that was council's decision. Sautter stated that from her perspective she feels the Park and Recreation Committee looked at this originally as refurbishing the building and not as a construction and now it is almost a reconstruction.

Guest:

Mary Moritz, stated that with all the rain recently, she has noticed pooling of water in the front of her yard and wants to know if there is something with the system that could be causing this. It has gotten worse over the years and is curious to know if there is something in the street they may be causing this. Sautter mentioned possibly a catch basin that may be clogged.

Gene Steele spoke about TMACOG and the Portage River Basin Council.

Gene Steele stated that the Northwest Park has so many unknowns and agrees a comprehensive plan is needed.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.