

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 7, 2017**

Mayor Bowman opened the November 7, 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, Campbell, Long, Opelt, Sautter, and Yaniga. Others present Tom Mauk, Sarah Szymanski, Daniel Angel, Ed Wozniak, Joanne Busdeker, Eileen & Vic Schuerman, Russell Eby, Ron Golightly, Jim Fields, and the Clerk.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Long moved and Opelt seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$6,457.90. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor:**

Mayor reported that he has spoken to Council a couple different times about Pemberville being used as a Recycling site where they setup a couple of bins. Mayor stated that in order for the county to do this they did a bid process for the pickup that was due the end of October and they did not get any bids so they have decided to re-bid. Mayor stated he is unsure when the new bid deadline is, but this pushed the recycling program back a couple of months.

Mayor reported that the Wood County EMA has prepared a County Flood Hazard Mitigation program including flood and is several years old and FEMA is requiring that a new updated version of the Flood Mitigation Planning take place in each community. Mayor added that they have hired a consultant to conduct meetings and we will be joined with the Village of Luckey at the meeting we have for our immediate area. Mayor stated that they had asked him to prepare a list of possible members of the Mitigation Planning Team. Mayor stated that he had submitted all of the council members' names and that it does not mean they have to serve or that they have to be there. Mayor stated that if any of council would be interest, the meeting is scheduled for the Pemberville/Luckey area on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Mayor stated there will be more information on this and will probably receive some emails to that affect. Rahe asked if the meeting will be here. Mayor replied he had asked the Opera House people if they would be willing to house the meeting for that time and was told it could be possible however, he has not confirmed this with the EMA office but stated it's a good change it will be held here at the Opera House. Mayor added that the suggestions and identifying hazards the village gives them will become part of a larger county wide plan. Yaniga asked if residents are able to attend. Mayor replied that are some spaces available for residents, yes. Yaniga asked if a resident wants to be involved in that capacity, what would be the process for getting on the list. Mayor stated they can contact him and get them added to the list. Mayor stated he did have a couple residents listed on the list already.

**Rahe:**

Rahe stated she is not sure and don't want to speak out of turn if someone is going to be talking about this down the line. Rahe stated she just wanted to voice her opinion to council and everybody else that she is embarrassed to be a council member this year and she knows after tonight there will be at least 1 new face behind the table and it starts with the police levy and the fact we did not do our homework before we even passed the Resolution to put the levy on the ballot. Rahe stated there were questions and appears we didn't even go to the Sheriff office until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to find out there was this additional cost if we went to 24 hour coverage. Rahe stated she had not followed up with Mr. Jordan Haynes's numbers that he gave out regarding the number of times the Sheriff office had been called when Pemberville was not on duty to validate those figures. Rahe added that was also information that we had requested prior to putting this on the table and she hopes that it does not pass tonight because if the levy passes, once again we're going to have to walk with our tails between our legs to figure out what to do moving forward. Rahe stated that \$48,000, she don't think would cover another full-time officer and now we are looking at \$30,000 a year that would barely cover a part-time officer. Rahe stated that, we as council need to come together and figure out how we are going to work going forward. Rahe stated that the other thing, is Northwest Park. Rahe stated that she is not aware if anyone plans on speaking to the report we got back about the water well, asbestos, and the lead and what is going to be done there and is something else that needs to be figured out and what is going to happen moving forward. Rahe added that lastly, she wanted to stat that the additional park grant that

council approved this year and the fact the rules were suspended to pass the Ordinance so that we can apply for that money. Rahe stated that she understands that if council did not suspend the rules that day and apply at that time, we would have missed the deadline. Rahe stated that there was a diving board on the list, mulch, and additional funds for Northwest Park and none of that was an emergency or came up at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour that council had to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance quickly. Rahe stated there are a few other things but that these were just her comments that out in the community and talking with residents have been mentioned. Rahe stated that she told the ladies she plays bunko with not to vote for the Police Levy cause council screwed up and had she not told them not to vote for the policy levy, that they would have voted yes because they support it. Eileen Schuerman suggested that Rahe ask Mrs. Yaniga why this was not liked into back in June when they applied for the levy when she was in charge of the committee. Rahe stated she was not going to throw Mrs. Yaniga under the bus tonight that she thinks there were things we all could have done differently in this whole situation. Eileen stated that she felt Rahe was doing that to her. Campbell stated he has bit his tongue on this since this whole thing transpired and being right now the die is cast and it doesn't matter to him anymore and that listening to the tapes from a couple of those meetings that Christina made, he is absolutely appalled with the treatment she received by 2 members of the Safety Committee, one of them being the Mayor and the other Mr. Opelt. Campbell stated that the condensation that was in that room at the time is unforgiveable, and the fact that at least 1 committee member showed up for 2 meetings last year and also missed 2 council meetings back to back in the last month and a half, that he don't know what's expected of 1 person to do this job that a committee should have taken care of. Campbell stated council depends on these committees to come to council with straight forward honest information, and 1 person is not a committee. Campbell stated that Christina bore the saddle of trying to get this thing and the information together to put on the ballot with councils blessing, now for council to get egg on their faces over the matter again at the 12<sup>th</sup> hour doesn't set well with him at all. Yaniga stated she will respond. Yaniga stated she was very forth coming at candidates night when questions were asked and this was the first levy she has ever been a part of and she is not going to hide her inexperience and she owns up to it. Yaniga continued that this is a committee effort and when she spoke, she stated the committee had poor communication, poor coordination, and poor planning, and that is the truth. Yaniga stated she is more than willing to admit her short comings and own up to them when that are brought to her attention, and has no problem doing that. Yaniga stated that Ms. Rahe's criticism is valid and that the committee could have done a much better job. Yaniga agrees that if this issue comes to the table in the future, it's defiantly been a learning experience for her and she will definitely have a check list of things that she knows have to happen. Yaniga stated that as far as the funds, if it does pass tonight, council has the option to turn down the funds if they feel it's going to be more of a deterrent to our police department then it would help, so that option is on the table. Yaniga stated that the six individuals that sit behind the council table in January, can make that decision. Yaniga stated that honestly, rather than point fingers and waste peoples time that came out to give council their evening, she would rather like to say, "We know what we should have done, we take note, and we will do better next time." Yaniga stated that honestly where we start at this point, she would like to see council really try to evaluate what the relationship is between our department and our citizens. Yaniga stated that she thinks it is a good one, but thinks it could be better and thinks council needs to get out there and support the department by facilitating that relationship. Yaniga would like for that to start next year and feels strongly it needs to happen before council starts asking for more money, in her opinion. Yaniga stated that they kind of put the cart before the horse and she is more than willing to admit that. Yaniga added that there comes a point when you have to say "Yes, we messes up" let's learn from it and move forward in a positive manner. Mayor stated we are all embarrassed and he don't think we had a right to be embarrassed, that we had no knowledge of this program, it was never communicated to our Chief and it was never communicated to the Mayors through the County Commissioners, this happened about 3 years ago when the Villages of Rossford, Walbridge and Lake Township decided to contract with the Sheriff's office for dispatching services and if they made a change in the policy at that time, we deserve to know about it. Mayor added the Mike Marsh did not know about it, our Chief didn't know about it. Sautter stated she would have to agree with the Mayor, she is not as embarrassed as everyone else because it is not our fault we didn't know. Mayor stated for years and years and years the village had 24 hour coverage and when we hit a recession the village had to cut back from 24 hour coverage to 18 hours of coverage and prior to 2010, the County provided dispatching to the Village of Pemberville at no cost, and this was a change that was made at the county level that affected us. Mayor stated yes, we are all embarrassed because we got notified at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour but honest to god , he don't think we are at fault. And had no idea that this was coming. Rahe stated the Mayors email said that in early October he contacted the Sheriff department to find out the current hourly rate for contracted police services for Wood County Villages and that question should have been asked before placing the ballot on. Sautter stated that information was returned to us, council got that information from the Sheriff. Mayor stated the reason he obtained

that information was because he anticipated a candidate's night and that a question from the audience would be, what it would cost to have Wood County Sheriff patrolling the area. Rahe stated that all these questions should have been asked a lot earlier. Sautter stated they have provided the service for free and she don't know that anyone would have known to ask that question.

Rahe stated the report for Northwest Park has been received. Mayor stated that on pages 28 and 29 of the report is indicated lead base paint. Mayor stated asbestos was found in the caulk on the windows and that the lean-to has no lead and would like to have it removed. Mayor agrees the windows and doors will need a professional to remove. Mayor stated he is speaking of the lean-to on the north side of the building. Yaniga asked if there is a step by step process on the removal with taking the test results in account. Mayor stated yes, a plan will be put together. Golightly, asked the Mayor if the removal of lead and asbestos would be used with grant money, since the Mayor had stated in the past the no tax dollars will be used. Mayor stated that it was mentioned council would cover any additional cost not covered by a grant. Golightly stated that a survey should have been done to see if the residents even want another park. Sautter moved and Opelt seconded to have the lean-to removed from the building at Northwest Park. Motion passed 4/6 vote. Sautter-yes; Opelt-yes; Long-yes; Campbell-no; Rahe-yes; Yaniga-no.

**Campbell:**

Campbell reported that he has a quote to repair sections on certain streets. Campbell explained that the water department had seeked the quote to repair areas from water breaks and wanted to get the areas in desperate need of repairing while they were in town fixing the water department areas. Campbell stated we have one quote for \$10,465 with BPA approving the areas for the water department at last night's BPA meeting and would like to move forward on the remaining. Campbell stated Jeff did reach out to Rutter Dudley and Morelock with no response. Long asked if the quote we have will be broken out. Clerk replied, yes, she had reached out to Bergman's and asked them do break the quote out and should have that in the next day or so. Campbell moved and Yaniga seconded to do the patch work for the areas quoted from Henry Bergman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Long:**

Long reported that BPA met last night and one topic was Nathan talked about the valves and stated 2 out of 145 worked and Nathan will be working at getting those repairs.

Long stated that with the heavy rains if individuals see or have any flooding, to please let BPA know. Long stated that the historical way to notify them is through the Wood County dispatch and soon CodeRed.

Long stated that there was a new pump replaced at the main lift station.

Long highlighted on the waste process known as sludge. Long stated the process is costly but there are other ways for some cost savings and they will need to be discussed and significant obligation to follow rules.

Long reported that as of November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be without our new electrical lineman. Lockard is currently not at full capacity due to an injury and he will stay on as long as he can until a new replacement is found. Long added that a backup plan was discussed which could be to subcontract services with Bowling Green.

**Opelt:**

Opelt wanted to congratulate a council running mate on the new addition to his family. Daniel Angel and his wife welcomed a new baby boy last night.

**Sautter:**

Sautter reported that the Tree Committee met and due to the ongoing health issues with Lockard, they discussed having a purchase order created from the 2017 expenditures and carryforward to 2018 to purchase trees in the spring.

Sautter reported that the Finance Committee met with Deb Koss regarding health insurance. Sautter reported that the premium for 2018 has increased by 17.5% and feels it is a benefit we want to keep with employees. Sautter stated we are leaning to stay with Anthem. However, options with payment amounts will be put together and reviewed with the employees on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the employees and Deb Koss. In addition, the clerk will put the

information on wages and insurance on a spreadsheet with potential increases for the Personnel Committee and Finance Committee to review. Sautter stated that any opinions, throw her way.

**Yaniga:**

Yaniga reported on CodeRed and indicated all have template of press release. Yaniga stated that the first wave of contact is the clerk, Chief, Fire Chief Martin, Mayor, and Yaniga. Yaniga stated that she plans to remove herself as others get familiar with the system. Yaniga stated she is working on a google number that rings to all listed as a point of contact.

Yaniga indicated she would like to see the Village have its own Facebook page. It was stated more questions need to be answered and time for CodeRed to be up and running before looking into additional platforms.

Yaniga touched on getting information to village residents regarding the golf cart law. Marsh stated this has been in effect since the beginning of the year and everyone should be following. Yaniga stated she had put a letter together to notify them and had Mike Marsh review. It was suggested that maybe those who have paid for a permit and still have time remaining, be notified by this letter and also credit towards the inspection for what they paid toward the initial permit before the law changed. Szymanski asked if enforcement will be towards everyone including those who come into Pemberville for events. Mike Marsh stated this is completely enforceable by all.

**Guest:**

Sarah Szymanski thanked everyone for coming to meet the Candidates Night, it turned out very nice. She also wanted to commend Yaniga for speaking on the Police Levy that night and taking ownership of not getting all the details. Sarah stated that she hoped we all learned a lesson with this and we don't rush into things such as the levy or Northwest Park. Sarah added that maybe research everything and be accountable when wrong; there is nothing wrong with saying "We made a mistake". Sarah also stated that a couple of meetings ago Mr. Wozniak had made a statement that you should show respect for your elected officials and tonight she had witnessed one of the councilmen were talking there was someone here, (Sarah indicated that she will not call them to the carpet as they know who they are), was waving good-bye to Eric and by golly that is the most rude thing she has ever seen. Sarah stated she would like to commend Eric on all the hard work he has done when he comes here, he is prepared and he does not miss meetings, if you call him he will listen to you. Thank you Eric Campbell for all you do.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.