

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2020**

Mayor Bailey opened the November 3, 2020 virtual Zoom Council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the regular meeting of Council were Rahe, Jacobs, Long, Madaras, and St. Louis. Others present were, Bob Kuhlman, Ed Woznaik, Gene Steele, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Madaras moved and Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rahe moved and Long seconded to approve the bills for \$8,380.62. Motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 1597: ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. 3rd Reading
Rahe moved and Madaras seconded to approve Ordinance 1597. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1598: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF. 1ST Reading
Rahe explained that all employees are slated for a 3% increase except for the utility assistant and full-time officer that are currently under their 90 days probationary period. Rahe stated that the Personnel Committee reviewed wages in comparison with Bowling Green, and using their pay band schedule with a minimum to maximum range, would like to bring some employees closer to the mid-level pay band of Bowling Green. Rahe stated that would include Lenke, the Fiscal Officer and Water Superintendent. Long asked if the 3% was typically the amount given in the past. Rahe replied it has. Long stated to be cautious with not knowing what the revenue is expected to look like in 2021. Rahe stated after evaluating finances she felt the budget could support the increases. Long asked about Lenke obtaining an additional spraying license and thought that was tied into a potential wage increase. Rahe stated it was for mosquito spraying and Council decided to continue outsourcing that service. Madaras stated that he generally thinks the Village employees are on the lower end of the pay scale and is not against paying the employees. However, he does want Council to be aware and keep in mind that Eastwood School took a wage freeze for 1 year and supplemental employees took a 20% decrease in pay.

Police Activity Report:

Mayor stated everyone received a copy of the activity report with nothing out of the ordinary. Mayor stated there were a lot of compliments regarding the Police Officers involvement during trick or treating.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Street & Sidewalk Committee: Rahe stated Street Committee will be meeting with a representative from the Ability Center to review the sidewalk at the Depot on Monday, November 16th at 9:00 am.

Rahe reported that the \$300 charge from Feller Finch regarding the reseeding on Water St. was billed in error and has since been removed.

Personnel: Rahe stated all members of Council received a copy of the renewal for health insurance with page 11 showing the increase in the premium. Rahe stated Deb Koss will search the market to see if there are better rates before Personnel makes any recommendations.

Angel:

Absent

Jacobs:

Nothing to report.

Long:

BPA: Long stated BPA continues discussing the investigation of water tower location. Long stated to keep in mind that the current gravel drive on that location belongs to Eastwood School. Long stated Schulte was going to reach out to them and discuss.

Meters: Long stated the Mayor and Nathan continue to research remote read and agrees the use of COVID funds is being put to good use.

Long stated that Feller Finch still owes the Village plans for the waterline for the downtown alley. Mayor stated she has contacted them for a status update and is still waiting for a reply. Long stated we are continuing to see issues and therefore when the need comes up would like for the Village to explore options.

Planning Commission: Long stated Planning Commission will be meeting in the middle of the month and has nothing to report.

Long stated the OPWC scoring will be next Tuesday and we should know soon if the Village project will be moving forward.

Madaras:

Tree Committee: Madaras stated the Tree Committee met on October 21st and reviewed what they have completed so far. Madaras stated they have requested quotes for the fall tree plantings and the quote from North Branch Nursery is \$3,281. Madaras stated they also received a quote for \$515 to grind 12 tree stumps. Madaras stated he can obtain other quotes however, most nurseries purchase from North Branch and would have an upcharge for the trees ultimately causing quotes to come in a little higher than North Branch. In addition, the Village will not find a quote lower than the \$515 for stump removal. Mayor commented about planting trees under power lines and does not want to see trees that will end up having to be cut in the middle. Madaras stated one of the conversations the Committee had with Stephanie Miller was what trees would be best to plant in the boulevards keeping power lines and sidewalks in mind. Madaras moved and St. Louis seconded to purchase the trees from North Branch Nursery and hiring Beeker Landscaping for the grinding of 12 tree stumps. Motion passed unanimously.

Madaras suggested hiring a subcontractor instead of someone hourly to mow and maintain Oberhouse Park.

St. Louis:

Park and Rec: St. Louis stated Park and Rec met on Monday and they discussed items the pool could purchase using COVID funds.

St. Louis stated they discussed Oberhouse Park and some trees that need to be cut down that are dangerous.

Mayor:

Mayor stated she and Nathan are meeting with a representative from Core and Main to discuss remote readers.

Mayor stated the banners Council approved should be hung this week.

Mayor stated the Festival of Trees will be November 28th and 29th

Guests:

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.