

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 5, 2021**

Mayor Bailey opened the January 5, 2021 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, Angel, Jacobs, Long, Madaras, and St. Louis. Others present were, Bob Kuhlman, Gene Steele, Eric Campbell, Tom Mauk, Ed Wozniak, and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** Rahe moved and Angel seconded to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Long moved and Jacobs seconded to approve the bills for \$5,474.81. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor deviated from the agenda to ask Council for their nominations for the President Pro-temp for 2021. Angel made the motion and St. Louis seconded to nominate Sue Rahe for President Pro-temp for 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 1601: ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON STATE ROUTE 105 WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Rahe asked how this would be communicated to the residents. Mayor stated it has been at least 3 months since her last letter went out and there are a few other items she would like to make residents aware in addition to this Ordinance.

Rahe moved and St. Louis seconded to approve Ordinance 1601. Motion passed unanimously.

**Police Activity Report:** Mayor stated everyone received a copy of the Police activity report. Mayor stated Chief informed her that considering the New Year and holidays, things have been rather quite.

**Zoning Inspector:** Mayor stated she would like Council to begin thinking about the potential amendment of an ordinance regarding chickens and rabbits. Mayor stated there has been no enforcement of this Ordinance and feels it is time to review and modify where needed. Mayor will work with Campbell on this and present to Council. Campbell stated he felt a lot of individuals are aware of the issue it just needs to be revisited with possible modifications. Mayor stated it has come to a point that either adjustments need to be made or enforcements need to take place. Mayor asked if anyone had any thoughts on this right now. Gene Steele stated he did and stated "don't try to micromanage everybody in the town." Steele continued to say "if there is a problem then address the problem and if you don't have a problem, then why try to come up with all these rules and Ordinance's where you are micromanaging everyone. Mayor responded that currently the Ordinance as it is written makes it illegal to have them in the Village limits and would like to review the Ordinance and make any necessary changes if it is needed. Steele continued to state his personal feelings on the issue before the Mayor asked to move forward and talk about it like they need to. Angel wanted to add that over the summer House Bill 124 was introduced regarding chickens. Angel stated he was unaware of the outcome however, it would be worth the research on where it currently stands.

Campbell stated another item to look at is the Variance process and what items require the more extensive approach of notifying neighbors within the 200 ft. radius versus those less extensive that may only affect adjacent neighbors. Campbell explained that the Village has used the more extensive approach on all issues that may not necessarily affect a neighbor on the next street and would like to look at a process for the minor changes in variance.

**Council Reports:**

**Rahe:**

Personnel: Rahe stated if there was anyone that needed to take the Ohio Sunshine Law she forwarded an email to all of Council with a link for the one on April 16th. Rahe stated they are encouraging you enroll early because availability is filling

Rahe stated new utility assistant, Kevin Osburn, is approaching his 90 days and will receive a \$.50 increase in his wage. Rahe explained that due to Osburn 90 day probation period he will receive the \$.50 increase instead of a 3% increase the other employees received.

Rahe stated the health insurance renewal came in lower than originally expected. The premium increased 10% which is an annual increase of \$9,442.31. However, with the change in plan increasing the employees out of pocket expenses and co-pays, reduced the monthly premium \$138.72 less than 2020's monthly premium with an overall annual saving of \$11,106.96.

Finance: Rahe stated Finance discussed the cleaning of the public restrooms. Rahe stated that a few months back Council decided to have the public restrooms opened and cleaned daily at \$25 an hour paid from the covid relief funds. Rahe stated it has come to a point where those funds have been exhausted as its intended purpose and need to determine if the public restrooms should remain open or should they be close until spring. After further discussion it was decided to close the public restrooms until the end of March and open as needed based on scheduled events.

**Angel:**

Nothing to report.

**Jacobs:**

Jacobs stated he received a resident concern with debris stuck on the Bridge St. bridge and has not had to opportunity to take a look at it yet.

**Long:**

Waterline loop-Easement: Long stated the survey crew have gone through the Smith easement and once they get their information over to Steve Darmofal, then he will finish the design of the water extension

Long stated BPA discussed the Feller Finch design issue regarding the downtown business district with a lot of conflicts and still owe us an appropriate drawing.

Long stated BPA discussed tree removal. Long stated that if there is a tree not on Village property but is growing into the power lines, essentially the Village stance is the Village can take that tree to whatever the appropriate safe distance from the powerlines are and remove those limbs, then if the property owner wants to remove the tree they would be responsible from there on down.

Long asked the Street Committee what the re-pavement plan was for 2021. Long stated he would like the information to be shared with BPA so that any repairs can be inline. Rahe stated she looked at the street plan earlier today and for 2021 it is to try for Issue 1 funds for Bierley Ave from State Route 105 to Bridge St., plus ADA ramps on Bierley Ave. and Bridge St.. Rahe stated 2020 had Sherman St. and Cherry St. alley along with the ADA ramps. Long asked that the Street Committee look at the paving on Pine St, and see if that can't be addressed a little sooner then it may be slated for.

Planning Commission: Long stated Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday, so nothing to report there.

**Madaras:**

Nothing to report. Madaras did ask where things stood with direct deposit. Mayor stated she is waiting on some paperwork, more to come soon.

**St. Louis:**

Park and Recreation: St. Louis stated Park and Rec are discussing park grant and that the Village should be able to receive funding for the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

**Mayor:**

Mayor wanted to remind everyone that Covid is still very active and to be very safe.

Mayor stated the Village received another installment from BWC in the amount of \$43,480.98.

Mayor stated that after having the area where the privacy fence is being installed at the municipal building measured, it was determined three additional panels will be needed. Mayor stated the cost is still under what Council originally approved.

**Guests:**

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.