

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015**

Mayor Bowman opened the August 18, 2015 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 Rothenbuhler, Campbell, Long, Opelt, Sautter and Schuerman. Others present Gene Steele, Vic Schuerman, Tom Oberhouse, Pastor Dudley Balmer, Nicole Long, Scott Heacock, Carol Bailey, Joanne Busdeker, Ed Wozniak, Susan Rahe, Carolyn Borcharding and the Clerk.

Minutes: Opelt moved and Long seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rothenbuhler moved and Sautter seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$33,559.87. Motion passed unanimously. Rothenbuhler asked that extra copies be made available for future meeting in case there are those that would like a copy. Rothenbuhler also stated that the bills are particularly high this month due to the insurance being paid and in addition to the parking lot for NW Park that is a grant pass-through.

Mayor:

Mayor wanted to thank the Fair Board, volunteers, participants, vendors and sponsors for the Pemberville Free Fair. Mayor stated there were so many good comments and individuals that worked really hard to make it a success and thanks everyone for their efforts that make Pemberville stand out from most cities. Opelt extended the gratitude to the officers for the many hours they put in to keep the fair safe.

Carol Bailey announced that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the elevator August 27th at 7:00pm here at town hall, light refreshments will be served.

Mayor reported that Palmer Excavating was here and put in a 12 foot wide by 500 foot long gravel driveway with a 100x50 parking lot as phase one of NW Park. The driveway was paid for with a grant from Northwest Park District. Mayor stated that Tom Oberhouse has generously agreed to donate trees for the NW Park.

Mayor stated that he delivered letters to the business district about any changes they would like to see with the 105 project. Mayor stated that he gave them until August 24th to submit any requests and at this time no one has submitted anything.

Mayor wanted to commend the Chief for getting an old rusty pick-up truck removed off of a residents property on Perry St. Mayor stated the Chief had been working with the residents for a while and was finally able to get the vehicle removed.

Mayor reported that he received notation from Mike Marsh about a letter he received concerning NWWSD and the amount outstanding that is still owed. Mayor stated that Mike Marsh is recommending the offer is accepted, Mayor took the information to the Board of Public Affairs and asked them if they would be willing to accept the offer that Mike Marsh believes should be considered. BPA firmly stated no, they did not want to accept the offer. Mayor asked if they wanted to make a counter offer. BPA firmly stated no. Further discussion took place as to the balance owed, and the impact the lack of payment would ultimately have on the rates as well as the loan obligation. Opelt asked what the next step is. Sautter stated that currently Landry Sheets has been working with someone from NWWSD about the potential sewer line from Eastwood School and has been instructed to stop all communications until this matter is resolved. Rothenbuhler stated we have been more than cordial with them and have not sought damages or interest for the length it has taken to try and collect. Oberhouse asked to seek advice from Marsh about seeking damages and interest. Long wanted on record that he does not agree with the amount they have offered, but wants everyone aware that they have already paid the first half and we are about to refuse them service

completely and they may feel based on the amount they have already paid that they may feel some entitlement is owed based on what they have paid thus far. It was a consensus of council to reject the offer from NWWSD for \$43,495.33.

Rothenbuhler:

Rothenbuhler reported that a while back they approved for the village to take credit and debit card transactions for utility and tax payments. Rothenbuhler wanted to report that we have received the equipment to take credit and debit card payments and that the ladies in the office will be taking a webinar training course after which the payment option will go live. Rothenbuhler explained there is a convenience fee associated with this process. Long asked what the fee was, clerk replied it was three percent (3%) of the total amount paying.

Rothenbuhler stated that two things were discussed at finance tonight; the first is we are currently looking at a copier lease. Currently we have one quote and will seek a few others to look at.

Rothenbuhler stated the second thing discussed was the elevator project and what the village could do to help with the project. Rothenbuhler stated two things were presented to council at the last meeting. The first was the sidewalk with an estimate of \$7,900 and the second was the moving of the furnace of \$12,800. Rothenbuhler stated that after reviewing the funds both these items could be paid for out of the villages' permanent improvement fund. The sidewalk would come from the streets, highway, and sidewalks and curb fund and the furnace would come from building and other structures. Opelt asked is this takes into consideration of any other projects up coming. Rothenbuhler replied that all factors were taken into consideration. Opelt feels \$20,700 is too much to contribute when there are other things needing attention and thought that the village was picking one of the alternatives. Long asked Carol Bailey if she had a preference on which we chose. Carol stated that she would choose the furnace however, that leaves the town hall without sidewalks. Opelt asked that once the elevator is up and running what is the cost in maintaining the elevator. Carol stated that she thought the yearly inspection and licenses was around \$260; however, the maintenance was unknown at this time. There was further discussion on what the village should and should contribute to the project.

Rothenbuhler made a motion and Sautter seconded to approve funding of \$12,800 to remove the existing mechanical equipment room and install a new HVAC system not to exceed \$12,800. Motion passed unanimously.

Rothenbuhler made a motion and Sautter seconded to approve and amount not to exceed \$7,900 for the new public sidewalks associated with the elevator project. Motion passed 4/6 vote. Rothenbuhler, yes; Campbell, yes; Long, no; Opelt, no; Sautter, yes; Schuerman, yes.

Campbell:

Reminder that the Street Committee meeting is this Thursday, August 20th at 7:00pm.

Long:

Long reported that he has contact information for the junkyard owners and in conversation with our zoning inspector was informed that he has nothing to do with enforcement and needs to talk to Chief Darling. Long asked Chief who should be the one to talk to the owner about being in violation of ordinance and the Chief replied zoning. Long stated that is what he thought and will handle the issue. Long stated he will discuss at the Planning Commission meeting about enforcement and understanding to make sure everyone is on the same page. Chief stated that he did send a letter to the property owner asking them to get things cleaned up but he has yet received a response. Long stated that they will continue to tackle the property at the west end of town.

Long reported that we are still facing some challenges with a couple wells. Long stated that well five and ten are still not currently supplying water to the village and currently going through more testing.

Long reported bids are in place for the South Water Plant construction and were considered last night.

Long reported that in preparation of the 105 project, Landry Sheets had the storm lines camera with no serious problems. There was a debate if any action is needed right now other than possibly lining them, similar to what they are going to do with the pool. Long stated that if they do line them there would be no bearing or impact on the 105 project. There was conversation about the quotes around the catch basins and Long asked who is financially responsible, Campbell replied this would be the sewer improvement fund.

Long reported that the EPA will be doing the inspection of the sewage plant this week.

Planning Commission tomorrow August 19th at 7:00pm

Opelt:

Opelt thanked those who donated to the cat/dog food drive. He will contact Humane Ohio to make arrangements for them to come and pick the stuff up.

Opelt reminded everyone of the Summer Blast event this coming Saturday at the pool. Opelt stated that he is hoping for 100% profit with no expenditures. He stated there have been a few parents whom have donated items for the event including their time. Opelt stated one parent made the screen for the movie to be shown on, another parent purchased the projector, another parent purchased the copyright rights to view the movie, and the fair board donated the left over hotdogs.

Opelt reported that the Pool Liner Fundraiser has raised \$14,466.15 as of today.

Sautter asked what time the event starts Saturday. Opelt replied that the car wash and bake sale is from 9:00am to Noon at the Fire Station and then they move to the pool for the lap-athon and then the movie will be from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.

Schuerman:

Schuerman stated that she currently has the crane bulldozer from the sandbox at her house to be painted while the fair is going on. Schuerman asked if there was something that can be used to keep the kids off the teeter-totter when she paints it so that they do not get on it while the paint is wet. Campbell suggested using cones and caution tape.

Guests:

Gene Steel wanted to address council that the fair went well and he appreciated all the effort put into it.

Susan Rahe introduced herself to council and that she is currently on the ballot for a council seat.

Mayor Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.