

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2021**

Mayor Bailey opened the March 2, 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, and Madaras. Others present were, Bob Kuhlman, Eric Campbell, Ed Wozniak, Sarah Enright, and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** Madaras moved and Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Long moved and Rahe seconded to approve the bills for \$4,535.03. Motion passed unanimously.

Long noticed the annual subscription fee for Microsoft Office 365 and asked who was utilizing it. Clerk stated the subscription was for six (6) system users, four assigned and as computers are being updated the other two will be utilized.

**ORDINANCE 1602: ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE 1603: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2021 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**Police Activity Report:** Report shared with no unusual activity.

**Council Reports:**

**Rahe:**

Personnel: Rahe stated we are moving forward with direct deposit of payroll checks and the direct deposit authorization forms will be going out.

Finance: Rahe stated there was a brief discussion regarding the park grant that the Mayor will touch on in her report.

Streets & Sidewalk: Rahe stated the Street Committee meeting is next Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

**Angel:**

Absent.

Mayor added Daniel and his wife welcomed a daughter last night. All of Council send their Congratulations.

**Jacobs:**

Park and Recreation: Jacobs stated Park and Rec met and discussed the pool. Jacobs stated the individual interested in the Manager position last year is interested in the position this year. Jacobs stated the committee discussed sanitation of pool chairs and what that would look like should they decide to put chairs out this season.

Mayor stated the Wood County Park Grant application submitted last year for the pickle ball court transformation was approved for \$6,919. Mayor stated the original grant request was for \$9,985 to resurface one of the tennis courts into two pickle ball courts. Mayor stated a decision will potentially need to be made on what the Village can pay towards the shortfall of the grant request. As an alternative, the pool currently needs a lot of items repaired and the Mayor stated she could see if the grant funds could be repurposed towards the pool or ask if we need to return the funds. Mayor stated she contacted the company that provided the quote for the pickle ball courts to make sure the amount was accurate at which time she learned it would not be until after the fair in August before the work could be completed.

**Long:**

BPA: Water Dept: Long stated the VFD for the water department has been installed.

Long stated EPA approved the Pine St. waterline extension. Long added an old wound to have closed up.

Long stated BPA is still waiting on information for the alley waterline.

Long stated BPA continued the discussion regarding irrigation metering and what that would consist of.

Mayor stated that Steve Darmafol contacted her regarding some zero percent interest loan funding through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account. Mayor stated she reviewed the application and asked Darmafol to prepare four nominations for the EPA. Mayor stated one nomination is for the south water loop which is going under the river to complete that loop. The second is the downtown alley project, third the East Front force main project, and the fourth is for a water tower. Mayor stated these are construction loans that are 5 to 20 years at 0.0% interest and 21 to 30 year loans at .09% interest. Mayor stated the EPA will fund shovel ready projects and give notice of funding opportunities. Mayor stated Darmafol did put together a timeline for the water tower and the bonus while figuring the water tower nomination, was able to balance that against the small government grant. Mayor explained that when applying for OPWC funding, we can apply for additional government grant funding at the same time which Pemberville had not been doing in the past. Mayor added that the water tower would score very well under the government grant funding and combine that with zero percent interest we could be in a really good position to move forward on that project.

Sewer: Long stated BPA discussed the options for phosphorus removal. Long stated Sheets toured Haskins plant.

Electric: Long stated a big portion of the evening was spent with John Courtney the Village Electrical Consultant with American Municipal Power. Long stated Courtney came to discuss BTM, behind the meter generation, people generating electricity at their home, on their side of the Village's electric meter. Long stated the reason this is a concern is because there are some potential safety concerns for back feeding into the Village and there is the concept of, does the Village purchase those electrons back from the resident who is generating them. Long stated there are a lot of solar advertisements seen in magazines and on television that are pushing municipalities to net metering or net billing. Long stated continued discussion is to make sure the Village has the right control measures in place. Long stated Courtney touched on a few key points to these controlled measures including limiting the size.

#### **Madaras:**

Tree Commission: Madaras stated the next Tree Committee meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. located at John Lockard's residence.

Looked at Daniel's email regarding sidewalks and then Campbell sent out an email highlighting points Council needs to discuss and would like everyone to review the email before discussing.

Madaras stated in reviewing the website, he noticed there are a lot of things that need updating, such as Council and Committee members, Zoning map, police website has multiple broken links, Calendar, pool information, and trash prices are from 2020. Mayor agreed it needs updating, the police are in the process of updating their website, once the Ordinance and Resolutions are codified there will be a link available to them, and there was an attempt to update the Zoning map but does not think it is right.

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor stated she met with the Township Trustees and discussed increasing the fee charged for digging of graves. Mayor stated she had mentioned to them about sharing an area for salt and gravel. Mayor stated it was mentioned about sharing the salt but the township did not care for the idea. Mayor would like Council's thoughts about moving the salt and gravel bins out past the tracks. Madaras asked what the thoughts of the Street department were. Long is in favor.

Mayor stated she spoke with Bob Kuhlman this morning regarding the Animal Shelter and the need of the report from Poggemeyer, the structural engineer who inspected the building. However, once the building was put up for sale the process ended and the report was never completed. Mayor stated she spoke with the inspector from Poggemeyer who drives by the building daily and has voiced his safety concerns. Mayor stated he is willing to complete the report for \$1,500. Mayor realizes this may never be used but the Mayor explained this report would help Dave Steiner secure the RLF funds should the new owner decide to sell to the business owners who offered

to purchase and turn over to Pemberville. Madaras moved and Long seconded to spend the \$1500 to get the structural engineer report for the Animal Shelter. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor stated there will be no Easter egg hunt in the park this year. Instead there will be a Village/Business wide Easter Egg Scavenger hunt. Kids will be given a list of places to go and retrieve eggs and each location may have other tasks, etc.

Mayor stated there will be another downtown garage sale in March. Mayor stated she does not know the dates and left them at home. They would like the restrooms open for that event.

Mayor stated the Car Shows are still limbo, Mayor stated she would like to suggest they are held at Memorial Park so there is more room for people to spread out.

Mayor announced the fairs are a go so the Fair Board will be proceeding with the fair.

Mayor stated she reminded Todd Sheets that Council would like him to submit a list of his events for this summer so that everyone is on the same page and aware. Mayor stated she is also going to present Todd with the ability to use only two parking spaces for his ice cream shop and anything more would need to be submitted on the Block Party permit.

Mayor discussed the Council seat, and stated there was a qualified resident however, due to retiring from OPERS, he is not able to serve without forfeiting his HRA. Mayor stated she had two others interested as of this morning however, one has since withdrawn due to meeting times not working with their work schedule. Therefore leaves one interested candidate that is currently double checking with their retirement to make sure nothing is forfeited.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.