

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2021**

Mayor Bailey opened the December 7, 2021, Council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the scheduled meeting of Council were Rahe, Angel, Long, Madaras, Mazur, and Meyer. Others present were, Robert Kuhlman, Chief Darling, Eric Campbell, Tom Mauk, Gene Steele, and the Fiscal Officer.

Minutes: Angel moved, and Madaras seconded to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Long moved, and Rahe seconded to approve the bills for \$31,589.28. Motion passed unanimously.

Long asked if the meters should have been approved by the board. Fiscal Officer stated the funds were from Covid funds.

ORDINANCE 1609: ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022. 1ST READING

ORDINANCE 1610: ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. 1ST READING

Long moved and Angel seconded to suspend the rules. Motion passed unanimously.

Rahe moved and Mazur seconded to approve Ordinance 1610. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1611: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS MANUAL. 1ST READING

ORDINANCE 1612: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST READING

Police Activity Report: Activity report provided. Chief stated the speed limit signs have made drivers more aware of their speed. Rahe asked if any data had been retrieved. Chief stated he has not had the opportunity to and will begin pulling data after the 1st of the year.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Personnel and Finance: Rahe stated the Village looked at other health insurance options and the finance committee is recommending the alternate option which increases the deductibles by \$500. Rahe moved and Angel seconded to accept the alternate plan with Anthem Blue Cross. Motion passed with the Mayor breaking the tie-vote. Rahe-yes; Angel-yes; Long-No; Madaras-No; Mazur-yes; Meyer-No.

Rahe asked if it would be inappropriate to ask the reason for voting against the alternate plan. Long stated he believes the Village is in a better position to take that cost than the employees. Long stated it is a tough employee market and would not want to do anything to push the employees away and believes this would be pushing them. Meyer stated she agrees with Long, and in reviewing the entire wage package with what the Village contributes, believes some employees are not paid as well as they should and thinks the total package is important. Rahe thanked them for the opinions and stated she will keep it under advisement for next year. Rahe stated she would also like to look at potential group ratings with other small villages and to begin looking at it throughout the year.

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands and Building: Rahe stated there is a Street meeting tomorrow at 2:30 pm.

Salt Quote: Rahe stated the Village was waiting for a quote from Detroit Salt when it was discovered Detroit Salt is now Morton Salt, Inc. Rahe moved and Madaras seconded to accept the road salt quote from Morton Salt at \$70.78 per ton with a minimum 20-ton purchase and a maximum of 75 ton. Motion passed unanimously.

No Smoking and No Weapons: Rahe stated she wanted to bring back up the No Weapons sign. Rahe stated at the last meeting the question was raised if the Village is required to post the signage. Rahe stated “at the end of the meeting Mr. Kuhlman pointed out that ‘we shall’ post the signs.” Rahe stated “we currently have posted at Street Dept., Water Dept., and Sewer Dept., the No Weapons sign.” Rahe shared photos from her iPad stating, “the Street Dept. door that has signage, next one is the Sewer treatment plant.” Rahe stated the only buildings that she is aware of that do not have signage posted properly is the North Water Plant, South Water Plant, and Electric. Rahe stated she would like a printable sign posted at town hall while waiting on the purchased signs. *At the December 21, 2021 meeting, Rahe corrected her original statement stating the only buildings with no signage is the North Water Plant and the Pool.*

Angel:

No report.

Long:

Sewer: Long stated Sheets is cleaning catch basins this week. Long stated the phosphorus removal is in place and recent test results show it is doing what it is intended for.

Water: Long stated BPA talked about water rates. Long stated the Mayor spoke to Roberta with RCAP and stated the \$3 plus \$1 annual increase will not be enough. Long stated Roberta also felt that the EPA could intervene if they felt the Village was not taking the correct actions to achieve the right resources to maintain our system. Mayor added it is also a negative strike against the Village when applying for grant funding. Long stated Roberta will put together her recommendation and will prepare a draft of the rate Resolution at no cost to the Village. Rahe asked if there was still the intent to raise rates beginning in January. Mayor stated it could but unlikely. Rahe stated she would like to communicate any rate increases to the residents before they take effect.

Planning Commission: Long stated there is a Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Long stated there are some questions and discussion for the option of storm sewers on Perry St. extension and any available information he would like to have available at the meeting.

Madaras:

No report.

Mazur:

Park and Rec: Mazur stated Troy Township EMS donated a used refrigerator to the pool.

Meyer:

No report.

Mayor:

Mayor sends her condolences to Elmore for the sudden loss of their Mayor, Rick Claar.

Mayor thanked Chris Arquette and Kelly Fork for decorating the trees at Memorial Park for Christmas in the Village and the Tree Lighting and North Branch Nursery for the use of their lift.

Mayor announced that leaf pick-up will end tomorrow, Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Mayor stated the dentist office sold to a vet and interior designer.

Mayor stated the Eastwood School Board meeting scheduled for the third Monday of this month will discuss the property located in the Village.

Mayor stated the Village should have an Income Tax Review Board for the income tax appeal process including removal of uncollectible penalties. Mayor stated the Board consists of two residents and one member appointed by the Mayor. Mayor stated she contacted the previous members, Bob Bruning and Neil Badenhop, and they have agreed to continue to serve with a motion from Council. Meyer moved and Rahe seconded to have Bob Bruning, Neil Badenhop and Mayor Bailey serve as members of the Income Tax Review Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning:

Eric Campbell:

No report.

Guest:

Gene Steele: Mr. Steele discussed A seminar with TMACOG in January where possible grant funding may be discussed. Steele stated he is going to attend and stated a member of Council should also attend. Steel stated he sent the information to Rahe. Rahe will forward to the Mayor.

Steele stated he mentioned at the last meeting the need for the Mayor to meet with the Wood County Commissioners and ODNR on how to keep the river clear of debris at the bridges. Mayor stated she had not had the opportunity to set up that meeting but will do so.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

*Audio recordings and attachments of the meetings not included with the minutes are available upon Public Records request.