

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 21, 2024**

Mayor Carol Bailey opened the May 21, 2024, Council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present at the scheduled meeting of the Council were Rahe, Kirkbride, Rollins and Titkemeier. Others present were Chief Vaughn, Solicitor Robert Kuhlman, Eric Campbell, Gene Steele, Scott King, Bridget Orzechowski, and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** Rollins moved, and Titkemeier seconded to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2024, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rahe moved, and Titkemeier seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,756.76. Motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 1661:** ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1652, SECTION 2, CONCERNING VILLAGE SOLICITOR, AND SECTION 23, CONCERNING THE SEASONAL POOL HELPERS, CLEANER, CONCESSION WORKERS, AND SWIM TEAM COACH RATE OF PAY. 3<sup>rd</sup> READING

Kirkbride moved and Rollins seconded to approve Ordinance 1661. Motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 1663:** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO TREASURER OF STATE'S OHIO MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THAT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A STANDBY NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

**ORDINANCE 1665:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 32.002 PURPOSE OF TAX; RATE, OF CHAPTER 32, INCOME TAX, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE, CHANGING THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED ON INCOME FROM 1% TO 1.5% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

Mayor explained that this is the beginning stage of placing an increase of income taxes on the November ballot.

**ORDINANCE 1666:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER, TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING REAL ESTATE BACK TO THE OBERHOUSE FAMILY. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

**ORDINANCE 1667:** ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REPLAT OF PEMBER GROVE SUBDIVISION LOTS 21-23. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

**ORDINANCE 1668:** ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1447 REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS HANDBOOK. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Rahe expressed that she does not support the changes and will not be supporting the passage of the Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION 784:** CONTRACT TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE. 3<sup>rd</sup> READING

Kirkbride moved and Rahe seconded to approve Resolution 784. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 785:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO APPLY WITH STATE OF OHIO NATURE WORKS PROGRAM FOR A GRANT FOR A NEW BASKETBALL COURT. 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

**RESOLUTION 786:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF BEHIND-THE-METER (BTM) GENERATORS. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

**Police Activity Report:** Activity report provided.

**Mayor:**  
Mayor stated there are a few residents going to Roedinghausen Germany in June. Mayor stated that she will be writing a letter to send along with a few small gifts.

Mayor stated that Bike to the Bay is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and she will be out of town and is looking for someone to open the public restrooms prior to 6:45am. Rahe stated that she should be able to take care of making sure they are open. Mayor provided a Bridge St. bridge update stating that the next phase is to begin pursuing easements mid-summer. Mayor stated there was discussion regarding replacing the waterline located under the river near the bridge. Mayor stated the line is from 1948. Mayor stated that there is a concern that the construction could result in possible breaks due to the construction that will take place in that area and therefore are looking at replacing it during the construction of the bridge.

Mayor stated that with the Income Tax being on the ballot in November, she is still looking for residents to serve on the committee.

Mayor stated she spoke to ODOT regarding the crosswalk on State Route 105. Mayor stated that ODOT will provide the signs but will not paint the lines for the crossing.

Mayor stated that she posted a message on Facebook reminding residents that the Village does not take grass clippings.

Mayor discussed the Variance meeting regarding allowing chickens in the Village. Mayor stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals denied the variance request due to the letters of non-support by three of the neighbors. Mayor stated it was also discussed at the Planning Commission who are not in favor. Mayor stated that she is bringing the matter to Council for discussion. Mayor stated that she is not looking for a decision tonight but would like the Council's input. Resident Scott King addressed the Council and stated that he spoke to some of his neighbors and are in support of chickens. Discussion ensued.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Rahe:**

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Building: Rahe provided Council with a copy of the committee minutes. Rahe stated that the committee is moving forward with purchasing security cameras for the park and pool area.

Rahe stated that the Village has contracted with Dublin in the past for street cleaning and has found they are more reasonable in pricing than other competitors. Rahe stated the spring and fall sweeps are \$835, up \$125 from previous year and other sweeps are \$544.30, up \$49.50 from previous year. Kirkbride moved and Rahe seconded to approve the contract with Dublin. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Angel:**

Safety Committee: Absent

#### **Kirkbride:**

Tree Committee: Kirkbride stated the committee met on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Kirkbride stated that the committee discussed the tree located at 315 Main St., quote for removing a tree and grind ten tree stumps. Kirkbride stated the committee officially announced their ninth committee member, Mike O'Brian. Kirkbride stated Lockard purchased two water tanks for watering trees. Kirkbride stated the committee discussed the possibility of planting several trees at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Kirkbride stated the committee discussed other various new business. Kirkbride stated the next committee meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery Committee: No Report

#### **Mazur:** Absent

Park and Rec: Reported by Rollins that lifeguards are currently being trained. Mayor added that pool membership discount ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Rollins:**

Personnel and Finance Committee: Rollins stated that Chief approached the committee about giving Sargeant Kwapich an increase in wage. Rollins stated the committee is in favor and an amendment to the wage ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Rollins stated the committee continued to discuss the concerns of the Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook.

Records and Retention Committee: Rollins stated the Committee is meeting on Friday to continue sorting through old boxes of records.

#### **Titkemeier:**

Planning Commission: Titkemeier stated that the Planning Commission met on May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the replat of the property in Pember Grove.

Titkemeier stated the committee discussed chickens in the village. Titkemeier stated that the consensus was expressed not to allow chickens in the village and to keep things as they have been.

BPA: Titkemeier stated that BPA discussed the restoration of the E. Front and the resident that was not satisfied with the concrete work on his driveway.

Titkemeier stated BPA discussed checking on the status of the Eastwood School meter & sewer charges.

Titkemeier stated that BPA discussed the need for the Township Trustees to pay their share of the cost for the storm sewer work they agreed to.

Titkemeier stated BPA discussed the possible location of the waterline located under the river of the Bridge St. bridge.

**Eric Campbell:** No report provided.

**Guests:**

Gene Steele stated he had five items of concern. The first is regarding the men's bathroom door being kicked in at the park. Steele would like to see the door replaced with it opening the opposite direction it is currently. The second is regarding cameras that the city of Akron gave away. Chief Vaughn stated that he and the Mayor looked into it and the cameras were purchased with ARPA money and given to area homes in high crime areas. Steele stated that the third item was the graffiti on the bridge. Mayor stated that is being reviewed. Steele stated the fourth item is he would like to have the Village create a lost and found. Steele stated that he finds all sorts of items left behind or lost at the park. Steele stated the final item on his list is he would like to receive more information regarding Resolution 786.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

\*Audio recording of the meetings is available upon Public Records request.