

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2024**

Mayor Bailey opened the December 17, 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, Eric Campbell, Gene Steele, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Rollins moved, and Titkemeier seconded to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kirkbride moved, and Rahe seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$25,126.09. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1684: 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, 2025. 3rd READING.

Titkemeier moved and Kirkbride seconded to approve Ordinance 1684. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1685: 2025 WAGE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF. 1ST READING.

RESOLUTION 793: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION PLAN. 1ST READING.

Mayor explained that the purpose of the Resolution is to create a distribution of the Local Government Funds based on census data. Mayor stated that the original formula was not adequate.

Police Activity Report: Activity report provided. Chief reported that there were no issues during the power outage. Chief stated that Battle of the Badges Toy drive turned out very well.

Mayor:

Mayor briefly discussed the power outage.

Mayor stated that leaf collection has ended.

Mayor stated the Village was awarded a grant for \$6,172 from the Wood County Park District for the replacement of restroom doors and automatic locks at the park restrooms.

Mayor stated that there will be an employee holiday luncheon on Monday, December 30th.

Mayor stated that a police levy will not generate enough income needed to separate the police budget from the general fund. Mayor stated the millage needed is too substantial to move forward with a police levy.

Mayor gave a reminder that the Village office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Mayor suggested that multiple copies of the committee minutes shared with Council are not necessary. Mayor directed the Council to the Village website if they are interested in reading them.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Building:

Rahe stated Street Committee met on December 12th and discussed leaf collection, cleaning of curbs of leaves, final street sweep for 2024, mower lease renewal, repairing business district parking lot, painting of the lobby in town hall, and downtown sidewalk obstructions. Rahe stated after requesting the Mayor to write a letter to the downtown businesses, she has changed her stance and no longer supports sending a letter but requests scheduling a meeting with PIMA, as originally agreed upon, to discuss various items, Council concurred.

Angel: Absent

Safety Committee:

Kirkbride:

Cemetery: Kirkbride reported that the Cemetery made less on plot purchases and more in burials than in 2023.

Tree Committee: Kirkbride stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025.

Mazur: Absent

Park and Rec: No report.

Rollins:

Finance Committee: Rollins stated the committee met and made the recommendation to stay with the current health insurance. Rollins stated the committee discussed the one-time annual bonus payout and will be keeping it at 1%. Rollins stated the committee discussed an income tax levy.

Personnel Committee: No report

Rahe asked questions regarding the wage ordinance and how the committee determined wage increases. Rollins explained all employees completed a goal sheet and self-evaluation form, the committee completed one and then met with the employees individually to discuss. Rahe asked about the timeclocks. Rollins stated the committee will be discussing timeclocks and cell phones starting in January. Rahe requested an updated spreadsheet regarding wages and insurance costs from the Fiscal Officer.

Records and Retention Committee: Rollins stated that the committee has not met and will not meet again until January.

Titkemeier:

Planning Commission: Meeting tomorrow evening.

BPA: No report, BPA meeting at same time as Council.

Eric Campbell: No Report

Guests:

Gene Steele suggested that a way for the park to earn money is by charging a vendor fee during the fair.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

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