

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2025**

Mayor Bailey opened the February 4, 2025, Council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the scheduled meeting of the Council were Angel, Kirkbride, Mazur, Rahe, Rollins Titkemeier. Others present were Solicitor Robert Kuhlman, Chief Vaughn, Eric Campbell, Kim Long, Nathan Schultze, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Titkemeier moved, and Rahe seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rahe moved, and Angel seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$8,360.13. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1686: 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, 2026. 3rd READING.

Kirkbride moved and Rollins seconded to approve Ordinance 1686. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 794: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE WOOD COUNTY, OHIO BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE UPON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2025, THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE RATE OF PEMBERVILLE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FROM 1.0% TO 1.5% COMMENCING FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026. 3rd READING.

Kirkbride moved and Mazur seconded to approve Resolution 794. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor deviated from the agenda to allow Kim Long and Nathan Schultze to discuss logging of Kahler woods. Long explained the purpose behind the logging is to clear out a path for potential well sites. Long stated there would be 201 trees removed that would generate at a minimum \$56,000 that would go into the general fund. After further discussion Titkemeier moved and Rahe seconded the motion to approve the logging of Kahler woods. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Activity Report: Activity report provided. There were no additional comments or questions regarding the report.

Mayor:

Mayor stated that she will be taking the income tax paperwork to the Ohio Board of Elections first thing in the morning.

Mayor stated that she completed a pre-application for a FEMA grant for the outdoor fire siren. Mayor stated that a pre-application is required before the final application can be completed and submitted. Mayor stated that the new siren is approximately \$34,000 and will be placed in the same location as the current siren. Mayor stated that the grant covers 75% of the cost and the Village would be responsible for the other 25%. Mayor stated that she went and talked to the Township Trustees, and they have agreed to pay half of the 25%.

Mayor stated that she is waiting on word to see if the Village received the grant for the police body cameras, and the mosquito grant.

Mayor presented Council with an update on the Bridge St. bridge grant, stating the Village is hoping to just have a loan for \$110,025 with 0% interest. If the grant is not awarded, the most it will cost the Village is \$366,750.

Mayor announced that there is a Galintines event downtown on Friday, February 14th.

Council Reports:

Rollins:

Rollins stated that since the Income Tax Ordinance has passed, she will be passing around a sheet for volunteers for a Committee.

Records and Retention Committee: Rollins stated the committee met on January 31st and continued going through boxes.

Personnel & Finance Committee: Rollins stated the Personnel & Finance committee met and finished discussing permanent appropriations.

Rollins stated the committee discussed time clocks and will be moving to a fob station that each department will have at their locations. Rollins stated that the policy will remain the same. The annual renewal fee is \$349 and the additional one-time cost for the fob stations is \$676.

Rollins stated that For Love of Art is February 8th, 9th, 16th, 17th, and 18th

Titkemeier:

Planning Commission: Titkemeier stated Planning Commission has no report.

BPA: Titkemeier stated BPA met and discussed hauling sludge to Findlay. Titkemeier stated they discussed Hirzel Canning wanting to do waste discharge into the sewer plant, BPA is looking further into it. Titkemeier stated BPA discussed the water tower and that construction has begun with a completion date in April.

Rahe:

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Building: Rahe stated that everyone has a copy of a quote with Palmer to fix a curb when the catch basin is replaced. Rahe stated that the quote is for \$3080.75. Rahe moved and Kirkbride seconded to accept the quote from Jim Palmer Excavating. Motion passed unanimously.

Rahe stated that the next street meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 1:30pm

Mazur:

Park and Rec: Mazur stated Park received another donation of \$20,000 for the basketball court. Mazur stated the Mayor wrote a nice thank you to the individual that donated the first \$10,000 and with that came the second donation of \$20,000, thanking the Mayor for the kind words and acknowledging of the individuals late husband. Mazur stated that Park & Rec met on January 27th. Pool signups will be April 19th, and May 10th with the pool opening June 1st. Mazur stated wages for the employees went from \$10.40 per hour to \$10.70. Mazur stated Krista will be running lifeguard certifications on May 17th to May 23rd.

Mazur stated the next committee meeting will be February 24th at 10:00am

Kirkbride:

Cemetery: No report

Tree Committee: Kirkbride stated the next committee meeting is February 24th at 6:00pm

Angel:

Safety Committee: Angel stated that the next Safety meeting will be February 10th at 4:45pm.

Eric Campbell: No report

Guests:

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

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