

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2025**

Mayor Bailey opened May 20, 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, Sarah Enright, Chris Smalley, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Titkemeier moved, and Rollins seconded to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025, meeting. Motion passed 5/6 vote. Titkemeier-yes; Rollins-yes; Angel-abstained; Kirkbride-yes.

Treasurer's Report: Angel moved, and Mazur seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,118.85. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor deviated from the agenda. Chris Smalley, the Director of the Wood County Park District, was in attendance to present the Village with the \$6,172 grant check for the Park restroom doors and automatic locks. Mr. Smalley presented the check, and a plaque that will be installed between the restroom doors.

ORDINANCE 1692: 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. 1ST READING

Police Activity Report: Activity report provided.

Mayor:

Mayor congratulated Councilman Angel for graduating law school.

Mayor discussed the basketball court dedication that will take place on June 2nd.

Mayor stated that the Village received the OPWC Small Government grant and loan for the Bridge St. bridge replacement. Mayor stated the grant amount is \$256,725 and a 0%, 30-year loan for \$110,025, Mayor stated that the project will go out to bid in September 2025, construction to begin in February, with project completion expected in September 2026.

Mayor stated that there is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Thursday at 6:30pm. Mayor stated that the variance request is for the installation of a walk-in freezer for Frobose Meat Locker.

Mayor stated that the Party in the Park is June 29th from 1-5pm. Mayor stated that this year there will be a Kids Makers Mart and currently have 6 signed up so far.

Mazur stated that she would like the pool to sell hot dogs, pizza, and ice cream during Party in the Park.

Mayor discussed perpetual garage sale.

Mayor discussed the income tax levy and how to proceed. Mayor explained that she would like Council to determine if the Village should approach a property tax levy, a .25% income tax increase, or do nothing. Mayor would like a hard decision by next Council meeting. Rahe stated that she would like to explore why the levies are not passing. Rahe stated that some of her thoughts are residents did not hear about the levy from Council, comments on Facebook by Village employees, possible cuts taken as threats, misinformation that is given causes people to question everything told to them, the need to be able to address what we are going to do with additional funds received and the impression many residents have of the streets department. Rahe stated that she would like to tear the budget apart. Rahe would like to wait, form a committee and discuss other ways to inform the residents. The Fiscal Officer stated that she has requested since 2014 that the Council and Finance Committee review the budget and general fund and come up with a resolution for the rapid decline in the general fund. Despite Rahe being a member since 2017, no action was taken until the Mayor pursued the levies. Rollins added that at the next meeting she would like for Council to include concrete ideas with their decision on how to proceed.

Mayor stated that ODNR will have a Forrester attend the lands meeting in July to discuss the logging process at Kahler woods.

Mayor stated that ODOT will be placing the "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" on the north and south stop signs on Bierley Ave.

Mayor stated that a power outage has been scheduled for June 18th at 9:00am. Mayor explained that this is the last step to separate to both substations.

Council Reports:

Rollins:

Records and Retention Committee: Rollins stated the committee will be meeting on June 27th.

Personnel & Finance Committee: Rollins stated the committee discussed the Solicitor letters of interest. Rollins stated that only two letters of interest have been received, and interviews will be scheduled with the two who are interested.

Rollins stated that PIMA met and agreed to contribute to the police department during car shows and Brew-Hop. Rollins stated that the first car show is June 12th.

Titkemeier:

Planning Commission: Titkemeier stated that the Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to no business to be discussed.

BPA: Titkemeier stated that BPA met and discussed guest John Courtney and the presentation of the electrical rate analysis for 2025.

Titkemeier stated that Barres was at the meeting to discuss the need to have a power outage so that he can split power out to both substations. The date will be June 18th starting around 9:00am weather permitting.

Titkemeier stated that BPA discussed the need to increase sewer rates. No action taken at this time.

Rahe:

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Building: Rahe stated she has two different quotes for street sweeping. Rahe stated that Dublin is the same price as 2024. Rahe moved and Kirkbride seconded to accept the quote from Dublin with a minimum of 2 street sweeps. Motion passed unanimously.

Mazur:

Park and Rec: Mazur thanked everyone that helped with the pool cleanup. Mazur stated that the bricks near the flagpole have all been placed.

Mazur stated that she and Pat finished painting the showers at the pool. Mazur stated that the epoxy flooring will be completed next week.

Mazur stated that the basketball backboards have been put up.

Mazur would like to look at the playground area for potential updates.

Mazur stated that the Park meeting for May has been cancelled.

Mazur stated that the committee is working on list of job items to complete at the pool in the fall.

Kirkbride:

Cemetery: No report

Tree Committee: Kirkbride stated that the committee reviewed the Tree City banquet in Bowling Green. Kirkbride stated that the Village received its 37th consecutive annual decal. Kirkbride stated that the committee reviewed the Arbor Day celebration tribute to Marge Cox. There was discussion regarding the removal and planting of a tree at 435 Pine St., discussion of tree plantings on easements in Pember Grove, and the removal of unwanted growth on street trees.

Angel:

Angel expressed his appreciation to Council for their understanding of some absences from Council while he completed his last semester of law school.

Eric Campbell: Campbell stated that things have been pretty busy.

Angel moved and Mazur seconded to go into executive session to discuss complaints regarding employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Council came out of executive session at 8:44pm with no action taken.

Guests:

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

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