

VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Council members present Bohland, Kirkbride, Rahe & Rollins. Others present were Chief Vaugh, Kelli Bohland, Rick Rahe, Nigel and Trudy Davies, Howard Shirling, Kathy Panning, Bob Bruning, Tyler Firsdon, Jessica Firdson, Teri Long, M Hesselbart, Bailey Beard, N Gilbert, Dan Angel, Sarah Enright, Christinia Yaniga, Cory Radebaugh, Gene Steele, Deb & Dave Helm, Marie Thomson, Mary Morgan, Denny Henline, Marcia Cousino, Ritika Kirkbride, Hannah Bohn.

Mayor Ed Wozniak called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. following the administration of the oath of office by Pat Rollins. Mayor Wozniak conveyed Lisa Boyer's apology for being unable to attend and noted that the meeting would conclude by 6:50 p.m. due to a prior commitment of Mr. Kirkbride.

Mayor Wozniak spoke to the guests stating, going forward, the protocol for council meetings would change to allow Council to conduct business without audience interaction during meetings unless clarification or assistance was requested by a member of Council. Audience members would be permitted to ask questions at the conclusion of meetings.

Mayor Wozniak stated that he would serve as Mayor through the end of 2026. He explained that the mayoral position would appear on the November ballot and that the successful candidate would complete the remainder of former Mayor Carol Bailey's term through 2027. Mayor Wozniak further stated that if he were not elected, or chose not to run, he would return to his council seat; otherwise, Council would need to appoint someone to fill the vacant seat.

Discussion was held regarding the structure and purpose of council committees and the role of the Mayor in committee participation. Mayor Wozniak stated that former Mayor Carol Bailey had previously served on all committees, but that he did not intend to serve as a standing member of each committee. He stated that he would be involved with the Finance and Personnel Committees while periodically attending other committee meetings to remain informed on village matters.

Mayor Wozniak stated that he did not intend to make significant changes to current committee assignments. Discussion followed regarding the Safety and Flood Committees, as Ms. Rahe noted she was currently the only council member assigned to those committees and would like additional council participation.

Mrs. Rollins expressed interest in serving on the Flood Committee due to her involvement in FEMA-related discussions following the recent flood event and stated she would also participate on the Safety Committee if the committees were combined. Mr. Bohland also expressed willingness to serve on the Safety Committee, and Mr. Kirkbride volunteered to participate on the Flood Committee.

The remaining committee assignments were reviewed, and Council generally agreed that adequate council representation existed on most committees, with possible additional review needed regarding the SL&B Committee.

Mayor Wozniak then apologized for inadvertently omitting the Pledge of Allegiance earlier in the meeting. Mr. Kirkbride offered prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wozniak then advised that Council needed to nominate a President Pro Tempore. Ms. Rahe nominated Mrs. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Kirkbride. The nomination passed unanimously.

Mayor Wozniak then advised that Council needed to appoint a new council member to the Planning Commission; however, no recommendations were made at that time.

Ms. Rahe also discussed the information she had distributed at a previous meeting regarding Resolution 658 concerning council committees and stated that she would like Council to review the resolution with a recommendation for possible changes by next year. Council agreed this matter could be reviewed further by the Personnel Committee.

Mayor Wozniak reminded Council that the Village Solicitor resigned at the same time former Mayor Bailey resigned. Mayor Wozniak stated that Nigel Davies has been instrumental in speaking with Mr. Murphree, and while not interested in staying is willing to help during the transition, and has had several conversations since that time.

Mrs. Rollins reported that three interviews had been scheduled with potential new solicitors on Friday and Monday. She also indicated that the Utility Clerk position had been reposted and that resumes would be accepted through May 22.

Mrs. Rollins further stated that the Records Retention committee will meet on May 27th, and they are tabling the Public Records Request policy for now, as they would like Sarah Abbott's (Fiscal Officer), input; however, due to her current workload demands, they intended to wait before moving forward.

With no further council business, Mayor Wozniak opened the floor to guests.

Sarah Enright expressed her concerns and stated that she hoped, in the future, factions would not drive out elected officials and that people could behave decently toward one another.

Christina Yaniga expressed interest in serving on the Flood Committee, noting that she had remained involved in flood-related matters since the conclusion of her council term. She also stated she would be willing to serve on the Safety Committee if the committees were combined.

Mary Morgan requested an explanation of recent events and circumstances. It was explained that there were no specific Village-related issues involved and that, moving forward, Council hoped to promote transparency and avoid the perception of hidden agendas.

Cory Radebaugh stated that he would be willing to become involved with the parks and expressed hope that the Village could explore updating playground equipment.

With no further business, Mayor Wozniak adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rahe

Village of Pemberville, Councilwoman