Village of Pemberville
Flood Committee Meeting - July 22, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Present: Mayor Wozniak, Susie Rahe, Pat Rollins, Jeffrey Kirkbride, Christina Yaniga, Eric Campbell & Erlin Mortz

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- **Review of Floodplain Ordinance**
  The committee reviewed the Village's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and discussed its relationship to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Members reviewed the purpose of the ordinance, the Village's obligation to enforce its provisions to maintain participation in the NFIP, and the responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator and Zoning Inspector. The committee also discussed the difference between the original ordinance and the codified version, noting that the codified ordinances govern if discrepancies exist. Members were encouraged to become familiar with both the ordinance and FEMA guidance documents prior to the next meeting.
- **Floodplain Mapping**
  The committee reviewed FEMA floodplain maps and discussed floodway and flood fringe areas, historical flood events, and the number of properties affected by flooding throughout the Village. Discussion included how floodplain boundaries have impacted development, the importance of understanding floodplain maps when evaluating projects, and concerns that some property owners may not fully understand their flood risk when purchasing homes. Members agreed that public awareness of floodplain information is an important component of future mitigation efforts.
- **Public Education**
  The committee reviewed FEMA educational resources available for public distribution and discussed ways to improve communication with residents regarding flood preparedness. Suggestions included expanding flood-related information on the Village website, making floodplain maps more accessible, providing information to new residents, and distributing educational brochures before flood season. Members also discussed the possibility of future public outreach or informational events to help residents better understand flood risks and available resources.
- **Action Items:**
  - Christina will distribute FEMA publication links to committee members.
  - Committee members will review available FEMA publications and recommend materials for public distribution.
  - Contact ODNR regarding obtaining printed educational brochures.
  - Continue expanding flood-related resources available on the Village website.

- **Flood Preparedness and Response**
  The committee discussed developing more formal flood preparedness and response procedures for future flood events. Topics included establishing an action plan when

significant rainfall is forecast, coordinating emergency meetings of the Flood Committee, communication with emergency services, availability and distribution of sandbags, debris removal, and post-flood cleanup efforts. Members also reviewed lessons learned from previous flood events, including the need for clear communication with residents and the importance of having established procedures in place before an emergency occurs.

- **Traffic Safety During Flood Events**
  The committee discussed concerns regarding motorists driving through flooded roadways despite road closures. Members noted that vehicle wakes can increase flood damage to nearby homes and businesses and create additional public safety hazards. The committee discussed continuing public education efforts and coordinating with the Safety Committee regarding traffic control during flood events.
- **Questions for ODNR**
  Members agreed to develop a list of questions for ODNR representative Alicia regarding FEMA data collection following flood events, floodplain mapping, mitigation planning, and available technical guidance. Committee members were encouraged to submit additional questions before the next meeting so they can be compiled for future discussion.

Ms. Yaniga asked the Mayor to consider adding Erlin Mortz to the committee based upon his firsthand knowledge and experience as a property owner in the flood fringe.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5:30pm