

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2021**

Mayor Bailey opened the April, 2021 virtual Zoom Council meeting at 7:30pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the regular meeting of Council were Rahe, Angel, Jacobs, and Long. Others present were, Bob Kuhlman, Eric Campbell, Ed Wozniak, Sarah Enright, Tom Mauk, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Rahe moved and Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rahe moved and Angel seconded to approve the bills for \$10,436.54. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1604: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SEMI TRACTOR TRAILERS FROM TURNING RIGHT OFF OF STATE ROUTE 105 ONTO HICKORY STREET. 2nd READING

Police Activity Report: Report shared with uneventful week. Mayor stated that with the speed study complete on State Route 105 and new signs posted the Officers will begin patrolling the area for speeders.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Rahe reminded Council that there is a Sunshine Law class April 16th should anyone need to complete.

Lands & Building: Rahe stated there are two quotes for replacing the roof, gutters, downspouts, soffit, and fascia at the pool. After a brief discussion Rahe moved and Jacobs seconded to hire Grover Building and Finishing to complete the work. Motion passed unanimously.

Rahe stated she had forwarded to Council the new designs for the downtown trash cans and flower pots. Rahe stated they would match the light poles downtown. To purchase 4 trash cans with rain guards would cost \$3,723.92 and the purchase of 12 flower pots would be \$3,851.88 for a grand total of \$7,575.80. Rahe moved and Long seconded to purchase four trash cans and 12 flower pots not to exceed \$7,800. Motion passed unanimously.

Streets & Sidewalk: Rahe stated the next Street meeting is April 14th at 3:45 pm

Angel:

Angel stated he met with the Fahles last week and discussed the sidewalk in front of the train depot. Angel stated the conversation went very well. Angel stated that bids for the work will go out this week.

Jacobs:

Park and Recreation: Jacobs stated Park and Rec met and discussed the pool. Jacobs stated the ECIC had donated \$1,500 to purchase a new pool vacuum and sound system. Jacobs stated the Village had received many donations towards pool passes and swim lessons for those in need. Jacobs stated the Food Pantry will help with identifying those families to help.

Long:

BPA: Long stated the Water department had an EPA inspection on the water tower with only one violation, which for a tower at this age is rather remarkable. Long stated the violation was a minor repair of a flapper. Long stated the inspector was quick to add that the Village should be quickly moving forward with the replacement of the 80 plus year old water tower.

Long stated BPA finally received revised prints from Feller Finch for the alley waterline. Long stated there had been some ongoing questions if the Village was obligated to do any further work with Feller Finch on that project. Mayor stated she spoke with Kuhlman and essentially she has written a letter to Feller Finch but is waiting on Nathan's approval of these plans. Once approved by the Village, Feller Finch will request EPA approval. At that time her letter is asking for Feller Finch's final invoice.

Long stated BPA discussed potential stimulus monies and shovel ready projects. Long stated the project to replace meters is a good use of those funds and a shovel ready project, and could continue to absorb a lot of funds as they come available. Long added the target plan was to purchase half of the meters in 2021 and the remaining half in 2022 and expects that will line-up with the stimulus funds. Long stated this is a good project for the safety and efficiency of the Village employees. Long stated billing software is still being sought. The current software seems to be difficult to work with and is not updated as often as others.

Long stated BPA briefly continued discussion on irrigation meters. Long stated the conversation was left with the intent to try and figure out what that looks like for the Village.

Backhoe: Long stated BPA looked at and discussed three quotes for a new backhoe. Long stated it was asked that the employees consider going to look at the three different models presented to see if there is any in particular they liked. Long stated that with Source Well, that takes the bidding process out of giving the Village an opportunity to look at multiple models.

Long stated BPA discussed other possible uses of stimulus funds with one being the north substation as a shovel ready project. Mayor stated this project would likely fall under the infrastructure program that Biden is looking at promoting.

Mayor stated she had a concern this past week when she realized the sewer, water, and part-time utility personnel were all out of state on vacation. Mayor expressed her unhappiness about this including how the vacations are being approved. Mayor stated she will begin taking over the approval of vacation requests. Mayor stated there are some questions regarding the role and responsibilities of the part-time utility assistant and the terms of his re-hire.

Madaras:

Absent.

Mayor:

Mayor stated the Village is set to receive \$280,000 in COVID funds. Mayor explained that the first half will be released within 60 days from the date the bill was signed and the remaining half within 12 months. Mayor stated to purchase the remaining meters would cost roughly \$165,000. Mayor stated the intent is to purchase half of the meters this year and the remainder next year. Mayor stated this would save the Village an estimated \$35,000 annually. In addition, once all meters are installed, shut-offs' can be done from town hall.

Mayor explained that part of the stimulus money the Village will receive, can be used to replace lost income comparable to 2019 revenues. Mayor would like to give \$25,000 to the pool fund with the sole purpose of adding it to the funds from Jim Opelt's Estate and replacing the kiddie pool with a splash pad. Mayor stated she would like the funds to be used for something of long lasting value in honor of Jim Opelt. Mayor added that recreation will also draw in new residents and asks Council to be thinking about these items.

Mayor stated she received the report from Poggemyer for the old Animal Shelter and they are recommending that the Village close the alley behind the building.

Mayor stated that Ron Golightley has collected enough funds, and with Council blessings would like to purchase a bench for downtown in memory of Mike "Goobar" Cox Jr. Mayor stated the bench will be similar to recycled plastic benches located down by Kuhlmanns.

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