

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2023**

Mayor Carol Bailey opened the October 3, 2023, Council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present at the scheduled meeting of the Council were Rahe, Angel, Kirkbride, Mazur, Rollins and Titkemeier. Others present were Robert Kuhlman, Sargeant Kwapich, Eric Campbell, Gene Steele, Bill Kuhlman, Dennis Henline, Marcia Cousino, Karen Korn, Tom Oberhouse, Hunter Hefflinger, Don and Teri Gentry, Sarah Szymanski, Roberta Reiter, Kathleen Dean, Alton Beeker. Lisa Boyer, Sterling Damron, Sara Enright, Peggy Jones, and the Clerk.

Minutes: Titkemeier moved, and Rollins seconded to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023, meeting. Motion unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Angel moved, and Mazur seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,586.59. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1642: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CREDIT CARD POLICY COMPLIANT WITH THE ENACTED PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, REPLACING 33.388 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE. 3rd READING

Angel moved and Kirkbride seconded to approve Ordinance 1642. Motion passed 5/6 vote. Angel-yes; Kirkbride-yes; Mazur-yes; Rollins-yes; Titkemeier-yes; Rahe-no

ORDINANCE 1646: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. TO PROVIDE THE DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE. 2nd READING

Mayor opened to the floor to discuss the Bridge St. bridge. Mayor explained that the bridge is very important to the Village, the Fire Department, School buses, and farmers. Mayor stated that the grant is a federal grant and not from the County. Mayor stated she wrote a Facebook post to correct any misinformation being spoken regarding the Bridge St. bridge. Mayor explained that she wrote a grant in August of 2022 for the replacement cost of the Bridge St. bridge. Mayor stated the Village was awarded 95% of the replacement cost, Mayor stated at the time the Village accepted the grant, the Village would be responsible for the design engineering cost and the remaining 5% of the construction cost. Mayor stated the bridge is estimated to cost \$1,825,000.00 and the grant awarded is \$1,565,790.00. Mayor explained that Ordinance 1646 is to sign the contract for the design engineer for a cost of \$242,000.00 which includes the preliminary design, soil borings, bedrock testing, handle of rights-of-way, provide environmental oversight, oversee the construction of the new bridge, investigate and if needed relocate mussels. Mayor stated that the bridge cannot be opened as it sits. Mayor explained that if the Village was to return the grant funding, those funds would be distributed to another community and would likely not be presented with an opportunity like this again. Mayor stated it is extremely rare to receive a 95% grant. Discussion ensued with residents in attendance as to the financial responsibility and if the Village could sustain this cost. The clerk explained that the funds would come from the Permanent Improvement Fund and would not cause any kind of hardship or constraint to that fund. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 782: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A 2023-2024 GRANT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT. 2nd READING

RESOLUTION 783: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. 2nd READING

Police Activity Report: No police activity report.

Mayor stated there will be a nationwide alert that will take place on all cellular phones at 2:20 p.m. Mayor stated she and Mazur will be participating in the trunk or treat at Eastwood Elementary School on October 27. Mayor stated she is accepting candy donations. Mayor stated Halloween trick-or-treat in the Village is October 31st from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Mayor stated that October 12th at 7:00 pm is the meet the candidate's night at Bethlehem. Mayor stated October 10th is the last day to register to vote.

Council Reports:

Rahe:

Streets, Sidewalks, Lands & Building: Rahe stated the committee meets October 10th at 9:00am.

Angel:

Safety Committee: Angel stated a resident stopped to discuss the signs on Water St. that are being blocked by trees.

Personnel and Finance Committee: Angel stated the committee met with employee Mel Siebenaler.

Angel stated the committee discussed timeclocks and will make the recommendation to Council at the next meeting. Angel stated the Fiscal Officer informed the committee that her husband will be joining her health insurance starting November 1st and should last until March at the earliest. The increased cost to the Village is 718.58 per month. Angel stated open enrollment begins the week of October 9th and new rates will be reviewed soon.

Kirkbride:

Tree Committee: Kirkbride stated the committee met for a workday and trimmed some trees. Kirkbride stated that the next Committee meeting is October 9th at 7:00pm. Kirkbride stated that the committee will be working on a pamphlet to share with the residents on how to properly care for trees.

Mazur:

Park and Rec: Mazur stated there was no meeting in September, the next meeting is October 24th 10:00am in town hall.

Rollins:

Records and Retention Committee: Rollins stated the committee met for another work session on September 22nd and was able to clear out a lot of old outdated electronics. Rollins stated that the retention period has been updated and the committee will be looking at the Village's and updating. Rollins stated that the next meeting is October 16th.

Rollins reported on behalf of PIMA. Rollins stated that the car show has been rescheduled to October 12th.

Titkemeier:

Planning Commission: Titkemeier stated the last Planning Commission was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Titkemeier stated the next scheduled meeting is October 18th.

BPA: Titkemeier stated BPA discussed trimming of trees near the electrical lines.

Titkemeier stated BPA approved to have the property surveyed at the location of the north electrical substation prepare for the upcoming substation rebuild. Titkemeier stated the South electrical substation repair has been completed and is fully operational.

Titkemeier stated Underground Utilities have begun laying the force main in Front St.

Titkemeier stated the water tower bid was awarded to Maguire Iron.

Eric Campbell: No report

Guests:

Dennis Henline asked Council about their thoughts on the Bridge St bridge replacement. All members of Council stated the bridge serves various needs and are in favor of the replacement.

Tom Oberhouse would like to know the process of getting Kesson Rd repaired. Mayor stated that the Village has worked with the township in the past to have it maintained and repaired and will need to have that conversation with them.

Hunter Hefflinger talked about a dog park and that he has spoken to approximately 50% of the residents who are in favor. Henline added that they are looking at the property across from the old township building as a potential site. Mayor asked that once there is a solid plan to come back to Council for further discussion.

Gene Steele discussed the signs located on Walnut St. and the difficulties it creates with cars parked close to St. Rt 105.

Roberta Reiter discussed the mural project on the Countyline Co-op Silo. Reiter stated she has collected \$17,000 of the \$35,000 targeted goal to have 2 sides completed. Rollins added that the artwork will be Pemberville related.

Marcia Cousino asked the Mayor if there were plans for Pemberville's 150th. Mayor stated the Historical Society is working on something.

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

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

