

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2019**

President Pro-tem Susan Rahe opened the May 21, 2019 council meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present as the regular meeting of council was Rahe, Angel, Bailey, St. Louis, and Yaniga. Others present were, Gene Steele, Ed Wozniak, Randy Jennings, Joanne Busdeker, Eric Campbell, Josh Jacobs, and the Clerk.

Minutes: St. Louis moved and Yaniga seconded to approve the minutes from the April 16th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bailey moved and Angel seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$10,141.21. Motion passed unanimously.

President Pro-tem:

Rahe diverted from the agenda to allow Randy Jennings to speak on behalf of the Pemberville Fair Board. Jennings explained that since the Fire Marshall and Health Department had requested that food be placed on the outside of the shelter house, they had created a wooded floor. However, the grease creates the top surface to become extremely slippery which ultimately can be dangerous for those walking on it. The Fair Board would like to partner with the village and put a 20 x 20 concrete slab for the food stand to be used during the fair and on the off season be used for picnic tables. Jennings explained that the slab would be placed on the south side about center of the shelter house. St. Louis stated it would be a good conversation to have with the Park and Rec Committee and look at a couple options for used outside of the fair use. Jennings would like to know before the fair. Rahe asked for a drawing of an estimated location.

RESOLUTION 758: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GRANT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT. 2nd Reading

President Pro-tem Rahe:

Mayor Bowman was not able to attend and therefore President Pro-tem Rahe led the meeting. Rahe spoke on a few highlights left by the Mayor from the BPA meeting last night.

BPA: Rahe stated that at the meeting they discussed the water tower had a leak and was currently scheduled for repair. Nathan is working on asphalt from water breaks. Landry is working up updating the pump stations and 2 of the 3 have been completed.

Rahe:

Finance Committee: Tax Levy: Rahe stated that the Finance Committee talked about putting a tax levy on the ballot. Rahe stated that more discussion will take place at the next Finance meeting. The time for the meeting has been changed to 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm.

Part-time Help: Rahe stated Personnel also discussed hiring someone part-time for the summer to help with mowing.

Sunshine Law: Rahe mentioned that with the recent audit there are members of council, BPA, and the Mayor that have to take the Ohio Sunshine Law by the end of 2019.

Street Committee: Rahe stated that mosquito spraying will begin Monday, June 16th and will take place every other week, weather permitting. Rahe stated that there was discussion about the downtown trash cans and how they are getting full due to residents living in apartments downtown are using them for their personal trash. More discussion will take place for a potential resolution.

Planning Commission: Rahe stated that due to Long's absence she will make a brief report on his behalf. Rahe stated that the Planning Commission met on May 15th with the primary topic being Pember Grove and that they did approve allowing 6 inches of stone in the non-paved areas verses 12 inches.

Angel:
No Report

Bailey:

Bailey stated there was a family in need regarding a pool pass and the parent was worried that the kids would get into trouble if they don't have anything to do to occupy their time in a positive way. Bailey stated that a resident that heard about this wanted to pay it forward for help they had received in the past and used some remaining funds to purchase the family group pass and paid \$40 towards the utility account.

Website & Facebook: Bailey stated that she sent a link to everyone and encourages council to look at what she sent because she would like to vote on it at the next meeting. Rahe and Yaniga likes what they seen from the demo and will pursue a vote at the next meeting.

Lands & Building Committee: Oberhouse Park: Bailey stated that Jacob came to their meeting and the Mayor would like for him to mow Oberhouse Park when the weather permits. Jacob was thanked for his efforts. Bailey mentioned the hole at Oberhouse Park still needing taken care of. Bailey stated that there is brush waiting for the ground to dry so that it can be removed.

Salt Barn: Bailey stated that the salt barn is in terrible condition. She stated that quotes have been a little difficult to obtain due to most roofing companies are extremely busy but will continue to pursue.

Moore Property: Bailey stated that regarding the property downtown, the Mayor and Solicitor are scheduled to meet with the prosecutor so they could discuss that they would like them to pursue and force the structural engineer.

Public restroom: Bailey stated they discussed putting a logo on the public restroom building which will be a vinyl logo, the cost is about \$153 and should be completed in about 3 weeks.

Long:
Absent

St. Louis:

Park & Recreation Committee: Pool: St. Louis clarified some things regarding the pool. The opening day is June 1st, the installation of the diving board has been completed. They are currently looking at a few small purchases such as chairs and floor mats. There was discussion about the flowerbed area around the flag pole at the pool and possible the peddle pushers will maintain. The committee is also looking at three possible ideas to submit to the Wood County Park District for potential grant monies. Rahe wanted to clarify that the reason the application was not approved last year was because of waiting until the Ordinance was needed and passed as an emergency measure. Discussion about potential grant ideas was a pickle ball, shelter at the pool for some shade, approximately a 24 x 36 area, and possible work at the basketball courts.

Volunteer Park: There was a brief discussion regarding Volunteer Park and looking at a possibility as using the property as a natural pollinator habitat. There was also a brief discussion around a Park Levy.

Yaniga:

Flood Committee: Yaniga stated that the Flood Committee did not to have a quorum to have a meeting but that they would like to have a discussion around a handbook.

Tree Commission: Yaniga stated that they had Arbor Day with the preschool. Yaniga thanked North branch nursery for donating the saplings. Two members from the committee did attend the award ceremony. Yaniga stated a meeting will need to take place with Stephanie Miller to discuss the annual renewal for the Tree City USA.

Misc: Rahe stated she had a comment for Ms. Yaniga tonight. Rahe proceeded to say there was an article in the May 10th Sentinel Tribune about Yaniga's concerns she talked the last couple times about. The way the article was written, she thanked Yaniga for her support and getting involved with that but it appeared to Rahe that Yaniga was someone representing the Village of Pemberville as a councilwoman. Rahe stated she would read the article if Yaniga would like. Rahe appreciates Yaniga getting involved with other cities and communities but she is not sure that Yaniga's statement was something that the village has the same issues or potential

concern of what the city of Bowling Green has which Rahe totally disagrees with Yaniga that the Village of Pemberville has that issue. Bowling Green has a huge college and they have quadruple the population then Pemberville does. Rahe stared just the way the article was wrote, how Rahe and others read the article was you were there, went to Bowling Green council meeting representing the Village of Pemberville. Yaniga asked if Rahe could be more specific what it was that Rahe felt was a problem. Bailey stated she would read it and that at one point she said, "Christina Yaniga, Pemberville Councilwoman, said her community if not exempt from incidents like what happened at the Waffle House." Bailey stated her question to Yaniga was "do you know something that I don't know, because I am not aware of any incidents of what happened at the Waffle House happening in Pemberville. Bailey's concern is, she would personally prefer that Yaniga no present herself as a representative of this council without consulting fellow council people. Bailey does not have a problem with Yaniga going to something like that, but she is to be Christina Yaniga when she goes to something like that, she is not village council. Angel spoke and stated he felt both Rahe and Bailey were out of line in that regard. Yaniga is an elected member of council, she is also Councilwoman Yaniga. Bailey stated she understood that. Angel stated the article did not say Yaniga was speaking on behalf of Pemberville.....Bailey stated this is true, but she don't personally, which is why she said "personally", didn't appreciate that it made Pemberville look like we experience the same problems here as Bowling Green is. Bailey proceeded to speak to Yaniga that she brought it to council twice before and nobody said anything in response, they just let it go. Bailey took that as we/I personally do not want to touch it and she does not believe Pemberville has a problem. Campbell stated if bailey did not want to touch it, why bring it up now. Bailey responded she brought it up now because it was in the paper. Bailey stated where she is going with this is that stupid people are going to say stupid things and she does not believe that any amount of training that of local business people if going to change that. Bailey was not appreciative of the article mentioning and talking about things like that. Yaniga responded to Bailey that she did know that Yaniga did not write the article. Bailey stated she does know that it was a report. Yaniga stated that she has definitely learned in the last several weeks since she came out of the meetings with reporters and recorders and those sorts of things and that sound bites can be quite positive or negative, that Bailey is taking one statement that was made in a context of a 2 or 3 minutes of conversation. Yaniga stated that at the council meeting that if she didn't make it clear or flush it out enough the first time it was presented, at that council meeting the incident at Waffle House was not the only thing discussed. They were talking about things that ran the gimmick across the spectrum of things people experience in Bowling Green. Yaniga stated what she is trying to say is when she spoke up and said what she said was that "no community around here is exempt from people doing, as Bailey stated, stupid things. Yaniga stated that at this point she has just been keeping up with conversations, she has not brought any kind of measures or what Bailey is suggesting, to the table. Bailey stated her only thing is everybody that was at this particular event, they were there to talk to Mr. Latta and to tell Mr. Latta what they wanted him to say to Mr. Trump, so bailey feels it was very political in nature and she just didn't appreciate the Village of Pemberville being wrapped into that particular event. Yaniga asked if it would interest Bailey to know that she was not the only Pembervillian in attendance. Bailey stated she didn't care that she was there, the impression is that she was representing the village. Angel asked Bailey what she suggests Yaniga should have done differently. Rahe replied that she not represent Village of Pemberville, St. Louis wanted to clarify that what Rahe and Bailey are asking is to not identify yourself as being part of village council when making a statement like that. St. Louis wants to make sure he is aware of it as well. Rahe asked Bailey to re-read the statement in the paper again. Bailey stated "Ms. Yaniga, a Pemberville Councilwoman, said her community is not exempt from incidents like what happened at the Waffle House." Yaniga stated that is not her word for work, they sum up what you say in 5 minutes in a paraphrase. Yaniga thought Bailey was talking about the first Bowling Green council meeting she attended and did not realize Bailey was referring to the visit to Mr. Latta's. She continued by stating she was invited to attend the meeting at Latta's with La Conexion Immigrant Solidarity Committee because she had attended two of their meetings, she went, and she honestly would just be witnessing the event but it's a very small group and each where given time to speak. Bailey asked Yaniga when she attended Bowling Green city council meeting did she identify herself as a representative of Pemberville. Yaniga stated she identified herself as one councilwoman from the Village of Pemberville, but she will say as a body, we work together, we make decisions together, but as we have done it many times we do not always agree on everything. So saying because of our peers of interaction have the ability to represent or hear from different segments of this populations. Bailey and Rahe agree with that statement completely. Bailey just feels in a politically charged event, such as this one. Yaniga stated that she made absolutely certain that she stated multiple times and she was quoted on saying, her part being there was not to engage in a confrontation right off the bat, it was an invitation as member of this rare community to participate in the conversation of what's going on because she does feel it affects our community. Yaniga does feel the ripple effects that come out of something like that, do hit all northwest Ohio. Rahe stated she does not disagree with Yaniga but she had several people call her about this article seeing the comment about concerns that the Village of Pemberville have the same

issues going on within our village. Rahe stated which we do not have those issues in Pemberville. Yaniga agreed Pemberville has not experienced the same issue as the Waffle House. Yaniga stated that she is surprised she did not get a call from either Bailey or Rahe to ask her about it or clarified, instead newspapers are being slapped on the table. It feels to Yaniga that this is an unnecessary confrontation. Angel would have to agree and feels they have sand bagged Yaniga on this one. Rahe extended her apologies on how it was taken, her overall comment is when they are out in public in events like this that we are not representing the Village of Pemberville. Angel stated they are always representing the Village of Pemberville and Yaniga has the right to say what she wants, right or wrong, it's a personal opinion and she has the right to do it. Yaniga stated it is never her intention to ever go out and bad mouth our community, but she feels she does this community no goof in trying to not keep a watchful eye out on things that affect us. We are not above such things, it's not like it could never happen here, and so yes, when people ask her where she is from, and Yaniga stated she is from Pemberville. To not identify herself, again she does not say "I am here and have been sent from the council." Yaniga stated she is one member of this community and she is attending these events because they interest her and because she has people in her community that are affected by this, whose stories and how much it can affect them. Yaniga stated her point at the last council meeting was she thinks that she would hate to see us in a situation that took place and they are dealing with it in the aftermath where as we have the opportunity to go "hey if it happened there, it could happen here." What are we doing to make sure we are touching base with everybody in the community regardless of their position or background? Yaniga realizes as a government they have limitations and there are things they can and cannot do in their public positions, but not to paying attention to it, she feels that is not the smart way to handle it. Bailey apologized too for sand bagging her, to use Mr. Angel's words, she would just ask that council uses judgement in a politically charged arena as how they represent their connections. Yaniga agrees and with all due respect feels she has.

Guest:

Gene Steele: Fair Board: Steele stated regarding the fair and the cement pad they are asking about. Steele stated that if the village allows it to make sure the Fair Board pays for it and not to let them make the pad 4 inches thick.

Pump Station: Steele stated that Sheets did a good job with the pump stations.

Oberhouse Park: Steele stated that he spoke with Hirzel Jr. about the size of trees allowed to be taken to them from Oberhouse Park.

Security: Steele mentioned that he noticed a water fountain down by the baseball diamonds on the outside of the pool. He suggested putting security cameras up there to monitor the area.

Flood Committee: Steele stated that he spoke with Jeff Kline about elevation maps and that he can get some however there would be a cost associated.

Joanne Busdeker: Joanne asked if the employees should be wearing reflective gear while collecting brush. It was stated that they should be and that is why they purchase safety colors for shirts so that they can be seen.

Busdeker asked if Jacob was going to mow the park at Oberhouse and was that his last thing to do. Bailey replied that the Mayor did ask them to mow but they have not as of yet. Campbell asked if it was the whole park. Bailey replied no, Campbell then asked if it was the area already being mowed by an adjoining property owner. Busdeker stated the resident does it every week. Campbell stated he was aware it has been happening for quite a while. Bailey stated that did bring up a question for the solicitor as far as adverse possession and if it still exists. Kuhlman stated it does in a private setting only. Kuhlman added that you cannot acquire public property.

Eric Campbell: Fair board pad and just something to think about. Since they are only going to be using it four (4) days out of the year and the rest of the year village will probably be setting picnic tables on it, that maybe a properly bordered with a landscaping barrier that keeps the grass from growing into it, a compacted stone pad might be better for traction and you're not going to have the wear and tear, easier maintenance because you can go grade it out and re-compact it, it's more easily maintained and cost effective. It's less expensive and they will get better traction on it. It may not be esthetically pleasing but in time he don't think anyone will notice if you have two picnic tables sitting on the pad. It may cost \$700 as opposed to \$5,000. Just something to think about

President Pro-temp Rahe adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

