

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

Council: Wendell Mackie, Judy Michael, Toni Keesler, Ernest Crabtree, Debbie Hickman and Kelly Doran

Guests: Ed Steiner, Fred Willeford, Craig Doty, J. Sackenheim, Elaina Truster and Cody Truster

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting as written. Ernest second. Roll call. Wendell – abstain, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Craig Doty addressed Council asking for permission to sell a separate lot that he owns behind his neighbor's property at 530 West Central Ave. to his neighbor J. Sackenheim. Debbie made a motion to approve his request. Judy second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Committee/Staff Reports: Rusty reviewed his report with Council highlighting the new lights have been installed on the water tower, trees have been topped, new stop sign at Second and Huffman installed, no parking signs installed at Lafayette for the Elementary school, new influent chart recorder installed at wastewater treatment plant and more gravel installed at the standpipe. The street and alley paving project, Doug Kramer would like Council to approve preliminary drawings and approval to go ahead and look at what to quote. Kelly said have him quote everything that we didn't do last time and Rusty said that probably won't work – he needs a list. Kelly said we will get with him and get it straightened out. Kelly said we should have our first paving loan paid off by the end of this year but let's see what we can hit what we can and then roll over this fall project and start a new to finish what we haven't done. The ODNR grant paperwork is all in except the Army Corp. of Engineers for the walking path and once received that is a go. At Mayor's Court tonight as far as property maintenance goes, Jane Beach was here and she spoke to Mr. Copeland and he will not hear property maintenance in Mayor's Court unless you hire a court reporter and a prosecutor to be on hand because it's like a trial so any property maintenance will be heard in Eaton. Kelly said doesn't he hear speeding cases here? Rusty said yes but he made it very clear that no property maintenance will be heard here. Kelly said well we have Jane to go up there for us and Rusty and Kelly both said we don't care about the fines we care about getting the messes cleaned up so from now on anything written or cited for property maintenance goes to Eaton. Debbie said every year we have to deal with Dollar General about their grass can't we just cite them. Rusty said the problem is that they are located in California but what I can do is tell them we will cut it and assess your taxes for the cost per our ordinance. Ernest mentioned a street light that has been out – Bloomfield and 127 and Kelly said there are several but he hasn't said anything because they were supposed to start changing them to LED soon. Ernest asked about Camden clean-up week and Rusty said he would like to have that starting the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Becky will do a one call and let the residents know about the clean-up excluding tires, appliances with Freon and paint. Judy asked about 48 South Main Street and are those people gone – Toni replied they are to be out by 9:00 tonight. Rusty said an agreement was made between the Becketts attorney, Jane Beach and myself that we are giving them 30 days to clean it out and get it listed to be sold. But until those people are gone she can't do any of that. Wendell mentioned again the traffic at Liberty and South Street either running the stop sign or sliding through it isn't there anything we can do to help stop the traffic there for instance slow down bumps or something. Kelly said maybe a big hump would help and wouldn't hurt when plowing snow either.

Old Business: The Mayor opened the sealed bids for the backhoe. There were 2 received – Cody Truster for \$7,010.00 and Tom and Tammy Doyle for \$7,400.01. Ernest asked what the minimum bid was and Rusty said \$6,500.00. Kelly asked if the bids were dated and the Mayor said 1 is dated 4/29/19 and the other doesn't have a date. Kelly asked Becky when they were received and she stated the same day. Kelly asked to see the bids and the envelopes. He showed the first envelope to the Truster's and asked if it was theirs and they said no, and he showed them the second and she said yes then no and Becky said it had Village of Camden on it which I told Lisa about and Elaina said yes. Ernest made a motion to accept the highest bid. Judy second. Roll call. Wendell – nay, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Kelly said thanks to the Truster's as they left.

New Business: Kelly asked Rusty about cleaning the barn up at the Bruners and if they guy got ahold of him. Rusty said yes, he will be cleaning it up by renting our Village dump truck and taking what he wants and putting the rest on the truck and we will haul it to the landfill. Kelly would also like to look into an ordinance

on specifications on sheds for how many and where they are placed. People are buying these things and filling them with stuff and calling them sheds. The other thing is dog houses – I can tell you about a place right now where a dog is tied up in the front yard and it looks like the devil and it needs to go in the back and we need to make sure that is in there. Judy asked about shade and it would be understandable if there were no shade in the back. (Trusters came back in the Council room). Kelly asked if they had a question. Elaina Truster said I have a statement. So on that sealed bid it didn't say write sealed bid on the envelope – Kelly said say again – the sealed bid that I dropped off in the box I did not write sealed bid on it I wrote in Village of Camden, I called and spoke with Becky, it had been opened prior to this. Kelly said ok. Becky addressed the Council that the reason it was opened was because it said Village of Camden on it and I thought it was a water bill so I immediately called Lisa and told her what had happened. Kelly said it should have been rebid. Elaina said I just find it funny that a Village person, city employee got it. Kelly said yeah I think it should have been rebid and I would like to make a motion to resend that – that is not a sealed bid. Ernest said if it was opened and that information was not mentioned we should have been told. Debbie second. Becky said to Elaina, please don't think I did anything out of line. Elaina said no, I don't and Kelly said no we don't. Ernest said we probably wouldn't have voted if we had known it was opened. Becky said the Mayor knew because I called her immediately. Ernest said we should have known since we were voting on it. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Kelly said now do you want to rebid or accept the second best bid. Wendell made a motion to accept the second bid. Ernest said it seems like it should be rebid. Kelly said I will do whatever Council wants – Debbie said I don't care – Kelly said it's a bird in the hand right there – Ernest made a motion to rebid. Kelly second but said I don't think it's unreasonable but I would dispense with it if it were me. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Elaina said so rebid – and Becky said yes and put sealed bid on the envelope. Kelly said from now on I would like to open the bids here – Becky said they are opened here every time except for this one envelope this time. Debbie said I personally think it was a mistake by Becky but we should have known before we voted and Lisa should have told us. Lisa said I never gave it a second thought. Debbie said it looks like we are trying to pull something shady and we are not. Elaina said that's why I was kind of irked when I found out it was a city employee. Ernest said I'm glad you came back because we didn't know. Elaina said I don't want any Dayton corruption here (laugh) and Council said we don't either. Becky said so for the ad are we dropping the minimum or leaving the same and Rusty said leaving the same. Elaina asked if she should hand it personally and Judy said just write sealed bid on it if putting it in the box. Becky said normally people bring them in. Becky said do we do 30 days or 2 weeks – Kelly said let's get on with it. Rusty said two weeks is good – two weeks from tonight's meeting and by 4:30. Rusty said it wasn't the Village employee it was his parents. Kelly said we were in the middle of dog houses but we need a minimum on those. Kelly said fence materials - we need to define what material – Rusty said our ordinance says what material they are using – Kelly said but it doesn't say what it can be made out of. Debbie asked about the Ray Murphy property on North Main and Rusty said it will be torn down shortly. It was purchased by Tom and Tammy Doyle as well. Kelly asked if anyone has made a list of projects yet. Kelly mentioned the Devil's Backbone meeting and getting with those people and try to incorporate the Village with the park board and that area. Judy asked Rusty to check on a potential fence going on across from her on Lafayette Street. Kelly asked about regular street cleaning and Rusty said right now it's hard enough keeping up with grass mowing because of all the rain. Kelly said he did talk to someone from the state about doing something to keep 725 in the Village somewhat drivable.

Judy made a motion to approve purchase orders. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Wendell second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Lisa Moss, Mayor