

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss (absent)

Fiscal Officer: Rebeca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

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

Guests: Dan Michael, Ed Steiner, Donna Cross, Wayne Staton, Brenda Beckett, Eleanor Beckett, Susan Roberts, Carolyn Neal, Chad Doran and Debbie Mason

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

Public Participation: Debbie Mason addressed Council regarding a new Village website with a new and revised plus upgraded site with future development. The new site will be user friendly and have so many different areas for the community to view. Total cost for the new website will be no more than \$3,000.00 and there will be a monthly fee of \$150.00. Kelly said doesn't everybody this Camden should have it's own logo and why don't we put that out for a competition. Debbie M. said that's a great idea. Debbie made a motion to start building a new Village website with the new website name of camdenohio.org. Kelly second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea and Judy – yea. Motion passed. Wayne Staton who represents Eleanor Beckett addressed Council and mentioned that Eleanor found out by public notice that her property at 46 South Main Street was going to be demolished on the 12th of August. I tried to respond to Russell Wilson who sent her a letter, I called twice and finally I sent a letter, which I have a copy here about our position on it. We think she has every right for due process and you can't just take her property without consent. Mr. Wilson said they violated their agreement and they didn't because the agreement was that they would try to find a buyer for it. Rusty said the agreement was 30 days for them to find a buyer and then it was to be listed with a realtor which hasn't been done. Mr. Staton said they do have a buyer but it's not going to be sold with this going on and we contend that you have no right to demolish the building. Judy said we don't really want the building torn down, we want it to be sold and we want it to be redone. Wayne said well you would have to tell the buyer what the conditions are because why buy it if it's going to be torn down. Rusty said it has been condemned per our property maintenance code. Kelly said it sounds like we can dispense with this fuss if you have a buyer and let's figure out how to grease that path so it can be sold and renovated. Rusty said there is a stipulation in the code for transfer of ownership but I don't have it here with me. Debbie asked Mr. Staton if he had read our property maintenance code and he said he has not. Kelly asked Rusty to provide him with a copy and show him what the process is under these circumstances and let's forget about the urination match we're trying to have and see if we can come to new circumstances that the buyer will agree to than everyone will be happy. Gary Rust asked about the field at the end of West Street and what is the Village doing about getting it mowed. Rusty said a letter has been sent and the deadline should be soon. If it's not done by then we will see about getting it done.

Committee/Staff Reports: Rusty said he got a price to clean the water tower for between \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 for doing the exterior and he is waiting on one more quote. A water repair was done at Liberty and North Bloomfield, school curbs are being scraped and painted, he has quotes for the lightning rod protection and is still waiting on one more, repaired a drain tile that collapsed and replaced some stop signs that were bad. He mentioned he would like to get some tools because both he and Dave are constantly going home and bring personal stuff in to work with so that a lot of stuff can be done in house. He would also like to purchase a trailer to help haul stuff around for example the lawn mower and asphalt roller. Total for tools and trailer would be around \$8,000.00 which would be spread out between street, sewer and water. Kelly made a motion to allow the purchases. Debbie second. Roll call. Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Old Business: Judy asked about having a water department meeting at 6:30 prior to our next meeting. Kelly said that was good. He asked about budget and said everything looks to be in good shape but he does want to talk to Matt about the Police Dept. Debbie asked about the Town Hall and where we are at with that. Kelly said here is the situation, Kevin Maloff our attorney who has helped with this project from the beginning said we can continue on with our existing build team and didn't think that would cause a problem or we could since there has been time in between and to satisfy the Auditors and all that we should put it back out for bid like the first time. I'm going to make sure exactly how he feels but we really need to get on with this because people are ready to rent the upstairs. We also talked with

Todd Smith our state representative who said get the requests in for the state capitol improvement fund for things we want to do at the Town Hall because he feel we have a good chance of getting it in this district. Debbie said so why aren't we doing it and Kelly said he has been really busy and Debbie said can't someone else do it and Kelly said yes, we've got to get this finding from our attorney and move on with this as rates are going down. Really the audit thing last year delayed a lot of it and just watching our finances to see where we are. Kelly said we are getting the layout for between these two buildings but he would like to make sure Council is okay to help with a little money for top soils, plants or something. Debbie said let's get the basics done and maybe we can add to it a little year after year.

New Business: Debbie said she would be interested in giving Becky a raise as she hasn't had one for three years and she has been with the Village of 18 years. Kelly asked if we did a chunk would that be good for another three years. Becky said sure that is what we did last time. Kelly said that would lock it in to where we aren't dealing with it every year. Debbie said the amount would be \$1.80 (from \$17.70 to \$19.50 per hour) starting the next pay period. Debbie made a motion for the raise. Kelly second. Roll call. Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Debbie made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Judy second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea and Judy – yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea and Judy – yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to approve the June Financial Statement. Debbie second. Roll call. Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Becky wanted to make sure Council saw the email from Cherry Anderson on the video for the Town Hall and he would like to receive payment for what has been done so far. I told Cherry to have the gentleman contact me about payment.

Debbie made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea and Judy – yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Lisa Moss, Mayor