

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

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

Guests: Debbie Mason, Eddie Steiner, Dan Michael, Fred Willeford, Kate Duskey, Susie Duskey, Gary Rust, Derek Bales, Eshelle Bales, Karen Brewer, Dennis Davis and Karen Moss

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting. Judy second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Derek Bales of 249 North Main Street (Bales Funeral Home) addressed Council asking what it would take to put speed bumps in the alley behind him due to the football field traffic and kids being there behind his property. Rusty said he would get with him and see what can be done. Kelly asked about moving the current speed bumps and Rusty said the only reason the position is where they are is being of the proximity of the houses.

Committee/Staff Reports: Nancy read her Mayors Court Report for September. Rusty reviewed his report with Council which included repairing the orbital shaft at the sewer plant, assembling all outdoor furniture for the park beside the Town Hall including the water fountain, top soil, electric and down spouts. Letters were sent out notifying residents of the deadline for paying the Village for sidewalk repairs. He mentioned three (3) quotes were received for painting the new wood fence at 127/725 which were \$3600.00, \$1800.00 and \$1400.00. Ernest mentioned the Lion's Club volunteering to do it since it's no big rush however Council said they would like to see it done before Black Walnut Festival time (2 weeks). Kelly said let's accept a bid and say on the contingency that if the Lion's Club turns it down then they go ahead. Ernest said I'd say just do the bidder because you can't put a timeline on volunteer. Wendell made a motion to accept the \$1800.00 bid. Council asked why he would not select the cheaper bid and he said \$1400.00 seems way low and \$3600.00 seems real high so why not the middle. Kelly asked Rusty what his recommendation would be. Rusty said he would take the \$1400.00 bid and he feels they will do a good job. Wendell changed his motion to accept the \$1400.00 bid. Kelly second but said it needs to be done before the Black Walnut Festival. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – nay, Debbie – abstain and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Ernest mentioned to Rusty that at 127 and South Street the street light is still off, the water tower lights are not working at night and the bell tower is still ringing at midnight. Rusty asked which side of the tower and Ernest said both. Rusty said they were on last night when I was out and Ernest said they weren't this morning at 5:00 a.m. Rusty said he would check it out. Kelly said we need to get someone in here to reprogram it. Kelly asked about the rebidding for the project from Kramer on the catch basins and stuff and Becky said everyone should have a copy to review and then discuss and vote on at the meeting on October 17th. Debbie read a memo from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation regarding a dividend and refund to the Village and for employers who pay our premiums and who look out for the employees which resulted in a total of \$14,176.90 back to the Village. Becky mentioned a letter from Jack Brubaker the Legislative Aide to Representative J. Todd Smith asking Council and the Mayor to approve East Central Ave. from Camden West Elkton Rd. to where it intersects with 127 and then 127 at the Village limits to be included in the route as part of the Preble County Patriot's Parkway. Ernest made a motion to allow those streets to be included as part of the route. Kelly second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Becky said she would send Jack Brubaker and email and see if there is anything else we need to do. Becky said McLund Enterprises the owner of Quail Creek plan to attend our next meeting about the very end of Sherwood that they own and maybe selling it to the Village of a penny. Maybe at that time we can talk about a sidewalk from the Mobile Home Park to the Dollar General. Becky said today it was discovered that the new VFW building behind Second Street was illegally turned on and we don't know who did it maybe a plumber but they have not set up an account and over 7400 gallons of water was used that they will need to pay for. She asked Judy or Dan if they knew who to get a hold of and let them know about it. Judy said they could find out but it's actually the American Legion not VFW. The Chief and I have noticed that his payroll has been depleted for the year and I got to looking at the budget and I failed to enter a new line item in the expenditures for the \$48,500.00 that the school is paying for therefore I need Council to pass Resolution #2004-2019 to amend our certificate of estimated resources and our expenditures so that I can put this into the budget and the Chief will be good to go. Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2004-2019 to amend the certificate. Debbie second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to adopt

Resolution #2004-2019. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Becky mentioned she received the invoice for the SIB loan and asked Council how much they wanted to apply toward the balance which is \$202,000.00. Kelly said Kramer should be engineering the next paving now for spring so we could hit it now for \$100,000.00 and then again in the spring for another \$100,000.00 and then be done. Kelly said let's say \$101,000.00 and then another \$101,000.00 in the spring and I'll make that motion. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Becky mentioned the audit is pretty much done and there are only a few minor things with Mayor's Court due do Nancy not being able to find some files from 2017 and there are a few things that need to be straightened out which Nancy and I will do. Does Council want to do a post audit which is basically what is in the report? Kelly said I think we will just read the audit and if there's a question we can call. Kelly said he would like to see our insurance policy and see what the Town Hall coverage is. Becky said she made a copy for Council on our medical insurance which went up slightly due to an employee addition as well as age factor. Please review and if you have any questions let her know.

Old Business: Ernest said he would like to go back to discuss vacant properties since he's done research and there is 124 vacant properties (not all structures) and if we estimate that amount at the minimum water bill of (52.63) your losing over \$7,000.00 a month – \$77,000.00 a year. Debbie said I'm not sure about properties but vacant houses if we charged those maybe we could lower the water bill a bit. Ernest said even ½ that amount would still bring in \$30,000.00 a year. These houses sitting empty and our equipment is in the pit and they don't want to live there or keep their property up so this might motivate them to do something with it. Debbie said other towns do charge for parcels that have equipment on them. Judy said based on the way our town feels now about the water bills, when you start charging them for empty parcels you are really going to raise a problem. Kelly said using Ernest's figures you are talking about approximately \$8.00 per household coming off the bill just by charging the ready to serve properties. At budget time we will be looking at dropping off a little on the sewer portion because we paid off another loan.

New Business: The Mayor said we need to set a date for Trick or Treat. Ernest made a motion to have it Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Kelly 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 purchase orders. Wendell second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea – Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Toni made a motion to approve the bills. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Ernest second. Roll call. Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea, Kelly – yea, Toni – Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Lisa Moss, Mayor