

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## Thursday, November 7, 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: Kate Duskey, Eshelle Bales, Derek Bales, Dan Michael, Ed Steiner and Kim Keller

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting as written. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Kim Keller who does the CDBG program applications and paperwork for the County addressed Council stating that as part of that paperwork they have to advocate and present the Fair Housing program to the communities. She addressed a few questions Council had regarding other programs and thanked them for allowing her to come speak.

Committee/Staff Reports: Nancy reviewed her October 2019 Mayor's Court Report with Council. Rusty reviewed his report with Council mentioning that leaf pick-up is still going, the park bathrooms have been winterized, he ordered two high service pump motors for the water plant, the water hydrant at the Maintenance Barn has been replaced and Matt Schroeder finished the sidewalk project. Maxwell Lightning is finished installing the lightning rod protection. Wendell asked about the water tower cleaning and Rusty stated they won't do it this time of year but he is still waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote. He also thanked Council again for the flowers. Becky mentioned she would like to schedule a finance meeting to get prepared for the 2020 budget. (Scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>)

Old Business: Debbie mentioned she got a message from Susan Laux who said she submitted the grant application to PEDDA, Susan and Debbie also met with Todd Smith and Debbie and Kelly will be meeting with Senator Huffman on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. as they are going to try to help us push this grant application through. She said I know we already talked about this and we don't need to discuss right now but back to charging of water on vacancies and it would have to be discussed by the committee but she was wondering could we think about maybe charging only water to just vacant homes and not make it active until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year so that notice can be given. We just have all these vacant homes and there is no incentive to do anything with them by the owner. Kelly said maybe we could leave water out of it and do just a vacant or abandoned property thing. Judy said she still feels like we are trying to charge people who aren't using the service to lower the charge for people that are using them. Becky said you would also have to revise some of your Ordinances as well based on how they read. Toni said she read something in the newspaper (maybe Dayton) for a vacant property registry where you register your property and pay a fee on a regular basis so we know current contact information in case of fire or anything and we know who to contact. Ernest said again we have the infrastructure there and I don't see a problem charging something for it. Debbie said I don't want to charge vacant lots but vacant houses. Kelly said Judy I see your point but where Debbie and I are is you have to get people to do something with these properties and make them productive and get these properties turned and used and to upgrade the property. Kelly said so maybe that is something the committee could look at. Going back to last meeting and the water issue, I called Lewisburg and talked to their Clerk and explained our situation and she said they would never do that make someone pay \$700.00. We would call them and tell them they have a high usage and they manage it in house now if they didn't get a response it might be different but they work with the responsible party and give them so much time to get it fixed and they don't have a policy they just kind of handle it in house. Debbie said it would depend on the circumstance because they were notified and what if someone doesn't respond and wants to blame it on the town. Kelly said it doesn't happen that often and I think it would be okay to work it out in house. Judy said Becky called us about a leak and she worked with the tenant. Judy said I think there are some water issues that we could work on.

New Business: Debbie just wanted to let everyone know there was another \$2,000.00 donation toward the courtyard which totals \$14,300.00. Kelly said we have a meeting planned in December with the attorneys but Leon Simpson with Layne will need to be here and will have to be paid and he is asking Council if that's okay. Ernest said how much? Kelly said I didn't ask but I can. Becky said we have time so maybe call and get an amount and Council can approve at the next meeting. Debbie said maybe we should go into executive session to explain why he needs to be here. He also passed around a copy of a lease agreement for everyone to review for the Archives. Wendell made a motion to enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss the legal aspects of the salt situation. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest –

yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to exit executive session at 8:04 P.M. Ernest second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Wendell asked if Debbie needed any Christmas decorations this year and she said no they are good for now.

Wendell made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Judy 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. Ernest 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 8:06 P.M. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – nay, 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