

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Mayor: Karen Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson (absent)

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson (absent)

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

Guests: Hayley Hall, Ed Steiner, Shane Richardson, Kate Duskey and Eshelle Bales

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Karen Moss presiding. Roll call was taken with Judy Michael being the only Council person absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was given led by Landon and Kooper Ronto students from Camden Primary School.

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting as written. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Hayley Hall from 149 South Lafayette addressed Council asking permission to put up a privacy fence between her and her neighbors. Debbie asked if she had talked to Rusty and she said yes. Wendell asked if Rusty had looked at the property and she replied yes. Debbie said wasn't there a fence there before and you are just putting a different type fence up. She replied pretty much and she is going from the back foundation of the house to her garage. Debbie said as long as Rusty approves it as he knows all the codes so I'll go ahead and make a motion to allow you to put up the fence. Kelly second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed. Shane Richardson addressed Council and stated as you all know everything is in and Council said yes it is all so nice. He thanked all for the assistance in getting it put in. He said one thing he needs is a transfer of property so he will need a letter from the Village accepting the donation and basically you all have to sign and he will have to sign transferring the property from us to Camden. Kelly, Debbie and Jeff both complimented the equipment and talked about the excitement from the children who were at the playground when it was being installed. He said they would definitely want to do more in the future. Karen said we want to have a nice grand opening event soon. Eshelle Bales mentioned that Council had made a motion to credit her for the Rumpke totes she had been paying for. Kelly said it would just be a credit on your bill. Eshelle said nothing had been done yet and Debbie said that is handled by Becky. Karen asked Eshelle to follow up with Becky. Toni Whitaker addressed Council with complaints on Camden Police Department for harassment on her family and child and also for interrogating her child without an adult present and following her and the same child and then while the children were out playing going by 3 or 4 times in a row. Her children were so scared thinking they were doing something wrong just for being outside playing and she feels they are being harassed simply because they came from the City of Hamilton and she works at the bar. Wendell asked if she knew who the officer(s) were and she said she couldn't tell you but she said they should know who worked those days. Karen said so it was three separate days and she said yes. Wendell asked her to write a statement, which she said she has already done and he said get that to him and we will have to do an investigation. Karen said you can drop it off here at the Mayor's office. Eshelle Bales addressed Council again and said that she had a son pulled over this past week for not stopping completely at the four way stop and I get that but he did ask to search my son's car which was fine but her concern is not that he pulled him over and not that he searched his car but that my son put his hand out to thank the officer and to have a good night and the officer replied I don't shake hands and her son felt that was rude and maybe the officer could have handled it a little differently. Our officers have a huge impression on the people of this town and fine if you don't want to shake hands but I think we ought to have a better approach when we're dealing with our citizens. Debbie asked if she had talked with the department and she said actually she has brought reports down before and nothing was done and she just doesn't have real high thoughts about the department to begin with so it's very frustrating but then is that the kind of officers we want. I'm good with being proactive but you have to have good reason to search someone's car. Kelly said you can be firm but you don't have to be rude. Karen said we would also want to hear their part of it because you are only one part. Wendell said he would get a committee meeting together to talk about some stuff. Karen and Wendell both asked her to prepare a statement to get to Wendell also.

Staff Reports: Nancy gave her Clerk of Courts report for January 2020 which is available to the public upon a records request. She also talked with Debbie Mason regarding online ticket pay and the fees incurred may be more than we would collect. That is still being reviewed. Karen said the one good thing about on line is people pay bills in the evening and that is making it available when they are available to do it. Kelly asked Nancy if she had any extra time available for any particular task and she said sure but she doesn't

want to go full time. Jeff gave a park report and said Shane pretty much got that done but we did start a little early on the new equipment and the guys did a really good job getting it installed and the Village employees had the fence removed and a stump which they did a really nice job with that. We will be having a meeting with Shane and Ann about the name being added to the playground equipment and other than that everything went good. Karen asked if there was anything else. Kelly asked if he could give a report on the fireboard meeting. Jeff said the meeting went well and that they are trying to get the fire association to get their own 501c3. When we went to the association meeting they had already started the process and Kelly and I told them that we could help them with anything they needed. They didn't know about the new Camden website so they are going to get with Debbie Mason and have their events added. Kelly added that we want them to feel welcome here and we in turn want to feel welcome there. He also said again that if there is an event happening they Village can't give them money, but we can assist them financially in other ways such as insurance, advertising and other stuff as long as it is an economic government event for the Village. Debbie said Rusty asked that I let everyone know he put new lights on the balcony upstairs and they installed the new salt spreader on the truck. Debbie said we have a bird problem up on the balcony and that they are roosting so should we have Rusty contact someone to try to remedy the birds. Karen said yes, let's have him look into it. Debbie said she also wants to set a meeting up for March 5th with the water/sewer committee at 6:00 p.m. She also wanted to talk about the meeting that we had here last Friday with ODOT and Choice One on the intersection at 127/725. It is in the works but it will be awhile yet because there is a lot of preliminary work that has to be done. Rusty and I kind of sat there in the dark because they were using all these terms that we didn't understand. On the walking path, we met with Kramer and Associates also last week and that is going out for bid in May and then we have 15 months to complete that after it is signed. The Village has to remove some trees and so some grading for the bridge areas. The paving street project will get applied for this year also. Wendell said he has seen some things on Facebook that Douglass is getting closed. Debbie said that is the state's decision and we are in preliminary stages but there will be public meetings before anything is finalized. The 725 project is a go and the sidewalks will be on the south side and then later during another project sidewalks will be put in on the north side.

Old Business: Karen mentioned that she and Debbie attended a breakfast this week with the Preble County Chamber of Commerce and we will be hosting one here at the Town Hall on April 7th in the morning at 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and we need to come up with a program for that which Debbie and I will be working on.

New Business: Karen would like to have a strategic planning session soon maybe on a Saturday so we can put everything on the table that we are working on and prioritize it that way we all know what the plans are and what we are following and everyone's on board. Kelly said we got a motion from the judge to intervene on the salt litigation and paperwork will be filed tomorrow. Kelly also said I want to make sure we have a kid's Council night where they sit up here with us but we still do normal business. He will get Kyle Morton to get us some contestants. Kelly said last year I asked for permission to do our addition at the station and since the plans have changed I need a new letter from Becky. Debbie made a motion to allow the changes to the BP station. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – abstain, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed. Toni made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Ordinance #1026-2020 adopting Ohio Basic Code 2020. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed. Toni made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1026-2020. Wendell second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed.

Debbie made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed. Wendell said he would like to have a Law and Order meeting for February 20th at 6:00 p.m. Debbie made a motion to approve the bills. Wendell second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed. Kelly mentioned he spoke with Todd Smith about the grant we are applying for and there are 4 applicants from Preble County and he got positive feedback.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Wendell – yea and Jeff – yea. Motion passed.