

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## THURSDAY, January 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order Mayor Karen Moss at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – absent, Toni Keesler – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – here and Karen Moss - here. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer - Rebecca Wilson, Mayor's Court Clerk – Nancy Melton and Village Administrator - Rusty Wilson. Guests included Kate Duskey, Jeff Wood and Laila Huss. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **MINUTES**

Wendell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting as written. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 – abstain (Debbie Hickman). Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Laila Huss from Camden Market addressed Council regarding the closing of the store. She stated despite all the rumors on Facebook the actual reason for the store closing was because after 3 years the sales kept declining and she can't feasibly keep it open any longer. It's impossible these days to compete with Kroger, Walmart or Aldi's as people who work out of town stop at another store on their way home. Karen thanked Laila for her efforts and for being here this evening.

### **REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Rusty reviewed his report with Council. Orbital shaft at the wastewater plant is back in and operational. Chart recorders are being replaced as they are worn down have been there for years. Jim is due back to work around February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

The December monthly financial report for 2020 needs approved to finalize the year. Wendell made a motion to approve the report. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

### **REPORT FROM MAYOR'S COURT**

Nancy reviewed her Mayor's Court report for December with Council. She also asked to see about getting a different desk with more work space. Wendell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new desk with a limit of up to \$1,000.00. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Wendell asked Chief how the speed limit on 127 since dropping to 45 has helped. Chief stated that any day someone can be caught going 15-20 miles over the speed limit but luckily there have been no accidents to date. The Mayor thanked Officer Powers for the escort for the last minute parade of a military returning home and also a Lakengren resident called her about her husband who had an accident and the Officer who responded was so helpful and was so wonderful to her husband and that was Officer Jeffers. Sometimes we get other reports and I think it's good to share the good news too. Saturday is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day so you all will be having some goodies coming in on Friday. Jeff asked about the timing of the walking path and Rusty said it should be this summer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Karen mentioned she will be doing employee evaluations sometime this month and she wants to appoint a committee tonight to help review our policy and procedures manual as our book is from 2002 and needs some updating. So Judy and Jeff is who she has appointed to help with that.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS**

None

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Karen Moss, Mayor