

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, December 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Karen Moss at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Toni Keesler – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – absent, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – here and Karen Moss - here. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer - Rebecca Wilson and Mayor's Court Clerk – Nancy Melton. Guests included Dan Michael, Tony Baker (Register Herald) Eddie Steiner and Debbie Mason.

MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting. Toni second. Roll call. 3 Yea. 2 Abstain (Judy and Wendell). Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky reported the quote from Rumpke on the recycling cans was put in their boxes this afternoon for review.

Cherry Anderson from the Camden Archives had a few questions regarding the name change at the Park. Jeff said the Tylersville Park consisted of just the square area with the new playground equipment donated to the Village by the Richardson Foundation in memory of their son Tyler. The remaining areas are still considered John Schiely Park.

Becky also copied the court paperwork for Council regarding the property at 107 East Central Ave. Kelly said he spoke to Katy West about the property and the best time to get that property so that it doesn't fall into the hands of someone else is at the Auditor's sale. Then the Village can get it cleaned out and market it to someone that would make good use of it. 35 North Second is also coming up at Auditor's sale and maybe we should look at getting that also unless the business's adjoining it would like it.

Becky presented Resolution #2020-2020 to amend our certificate of estimated resources and expenditures for the first round of CARES ACT money for \$132,955.36. Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2020-2020. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-2020. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Becky presented Resolution #2021-2020 to amend our certificate of estimated resources and expenditures for the second round of CARES ACT money for \$57,088.52. Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2021-2020. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-2020. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM MAYOR'S COURT

Nancy reviewed her Mayor's Court report for November with Council. She announced that she is now working with the Attorney General's Office on collections.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy made a motion to approve the final reading and adopt Resolution #2018-2020 for the 2021 Proposed Budget. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the final reading and adopt Resolution #2019-2020 to amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources and Expenditures for the paving project in the amount of \$507,821.83. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Karen said she had talked with Representative J. Todd Smith who informed her that the Village has received \$100,000.00 from the Capital Grant for our second phase project on the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy made a motion to approve Ordinance #1029-2020 affirming the second round expenditures for the CARES ACT monies. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly mentioned a water leak at 60 Barnets Mill (Susan Roberts) that hit over 2 billing periods. He would like to see an adjustment for the second bill since it was a one-time event. Becky mentioned that it's hard to do an adjustment per our policy when she has only lived there 3 months based on the usage. Judy said since she is the only one living there I would base the bill on a minimum for \$89.05. Kelly made a motion to adjust the second high bill to a minimum. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly wants to make sure we make the penalty changes regarding RITA going forward. Jeff said I think we need to align our taxes with State and Federal due dates and do away with the quarterly payments.

Karen read a memo from Chief Spurlock requesting part time officer Michael Powers be moved to full time at \$14.45 beginning January 2, 2021. He also listed his other officers and their new rate of pay which was included in the approved 2021 budget. Judy made a motion to approve the Chief's requests. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff mentioned the recycling quote from Rumpke which would include every resident in the Village. The first year would cost \$4.50 per month which is the same as an extra can per month. Jeff said this was the idea to get rid of the messy dumpsters at the maintenance barn but at this cost it seems we should just stay with the dumpsters. Kelly said the services we provide are for residents and these dumpsters are being used by a lot of outside residents. Kelly said I have an idea – why doesn't the county where you pull in up at the landfill up there why don't they move their gate in a few feet and create a nice recycling central location there as it's literally a mile or 2 miles at the most let them go up there and do it. Kelly said he would reach out to our new local commissioner and see if that idea would be good.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

Becky copied all of Council on the construction of the new gazebo in the middle of town that is being built with the CARES ACT money and an option needs to be made. Karen asked if there were any other ideas on what to use this money on. Becky said with the gazebo allotment the remaining balance would be \$20,244.17. Rusty would like to get a few digital signs on the streets advertising covid suggestions and conditions and also could be used for other information. Kelly said the administrator can make the decision with a few ideas and let him worry about it since we have a deadline. Kelly made a motion to approve option 1 for the gazebo at a cost of \$58,844.35 plus a 10% contingency for additional costs. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Karen said and the balance just let Rusty make the decision for final purchases.

The last meeting there were some changes on water bills. The late fees changing from 10% to 5% there was no effective date given so we need to do that this evening. The tier process also had no date given but that won't go into effect until you have a new Ordinance with a new policy. And after speaking with Jeff, I would like to see Debbie's original plan of starting fresh only in 2021 instead of every year simply because of the record keeping and all the accounts and paperwork that will need to be kept. Jeff said I thought it might be easier to start new every year but I'm good with that. Karen said I have a comment and that is we need to ask ourselves are we doing the right thing. It's not about the work and I understand we don't want to create extra work if we don't need to but if it's the right thing to do than we need to work around it and I'm not saying whether it is or isn't. I've heard a lot of we can't do this because of the system and we can't do that because of that system well then maybe we need to look at a different system if it's not meeting our needs. We need to take a look and quit saying that we can't do something because it's too much work because many of us are getting paid to do our job and we want to do it smart. Kelly said the water department committee needs to get together and get a new ordinance with the changes. Jeff made a motion to start with the 5% late fees starting January 1st. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Jeff made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Toni 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 8:13 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor