

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## THURSDAY, March 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Karen Moss at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Toni Keesler – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – absent and Karen Moss - here. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer - Rebecca Wilson and Chief of Police – Matt Spurlock. Guests included Kate Duskey, Tony Baker (Register Herald) Jeff Moss, Melissa Rodriguez (Camden F.D.), Lauren Murphy (Camden F.D.), Josh Forrer (Fire Chief) and Debbie Mason. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **MINUTES**

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gratia Manning addressed Council regarding her running for Municipal Court Judge in Eaton, Ohio replacing Judge Henry who is retiring. She talked about her background, concerns and accountability with the Courts and that she feels she is the best qualified. She asked for their support at the election May 4, 2021.

Josh Forrer addressed Council asking if they were still okay with having the carnival this year (Fun Time Carnival) on Main Street. Council stated they were good with that. He said they will set up from Central to Hendricks and will arrive on May 31<sup>st</sup> and set up on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The carnival will run June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and clean-up and leaving on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He also asked about using the water park for them parking and storing their trailers. Becky mentioned getting with Rusty regarding the Mondell monitoring wells.

Scott Trochelman representing Greenbush Professional Services LLC a lawn and tree company. Lately they have been identifying rare trees on Ohio and last year he found the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Blue Spruce in the state located in Eaton, Ohio. He then found that Camden had the 10<sup>th</sup> oldest Red Maple in the state which was across from the Old George Brothers Garage (Duskey's property). In 2016 the tree was 101 plus years old. They wanted to get a sample (called biscuit) to actually could the lines for the true age of the tree and donate it back to Camden as part of our history. That tree is actually in the national registry from 2016 and it was numbered. Greenbush Professional Services LLC will be putting on the first annual Arbor Day event on May 1<sup>st</sup> this year and will provide 500 seedlings (various varieties) to children to encourage them to plant trees. They will be putting up flyers in the schools in Preble County and around other places so people will know about the event.

### **REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

Becky reported she did the final paperwork today regarding CARES ACT money.

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

The Mayor mentioned Nancy gave Council all a copy of her February report. Due to a minor accident she isn't here this evening but if anyone has any questions they can call her.

### **REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE**

Matt reviewed his call reports for January and February with Council. He had School Resource Officer Vernon Jeffers address Council regarding an ALICE training (school shooting scenario) that will be taking place at the school this Saturday. He continues drills with staff and students at the school and thought it would be good for the department to also have a practice drill.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Judy made a motion to enter executive session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss employee discipline. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to exit executive session at 8:22 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor asked about where we are at in the process of letting the community know about changes with RITA. There have been some points put on the website but Debbie said she needed a little bit more information.

Jeff mentioned the property that had just been sold beside the Dollar General for storage, he has concerns if they gravel that or pave that the houses on Sherwood are going to have more water issues than they already have and he feels that there should be a water shed study done before anything is built there. Kelly said that culvert there at the end of Sherwood will eventually need to be bigger.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor said she talked to Rusty about an update on the Bike Path so he talked with Kramer and they are waiting on ODOT to approve the bridge design. Once approved the job will go out for bid. There is no start date but it will be done this year. She would like to have a ribbon cutting and have a day where we do stuff with the community.

The Mayor has invited the public to be involved in a Zumba class that she is doing (Movin' with the Mayor) which will be at the Dover Center (old Methodist Church) starting in April and we have already filled one class and almost another class.

She asked about the Ohio checkbook and she said it's supposed to be about transparency and she looked at it and only saw a few things for Camden. Becky said it is updated yearly when you close out your current year. She asked if we were caught up because it sounded like a great tool. Becky said she just submitted year 2020 in January.

She mentioned the agenda and it's better when the community knows what is being talked about at a meeting so they can decide if they want to come. So everything mentioned on the agenda tonight she put on there.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS**

Judy asked if Council had thoughts or any discussion for allowing naming rights for the new upstairs. Kelly said it has been discussed loosely. Judy said we have someone who could provide funds and what would it take. She just wants Council to think about it. Kelly said Jerry Brooks wants on the agenda to discuss decorative lighting for North and South Main Street.

**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. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 nay (Kelly Doran). Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Karen Moss, Mayor