

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, March 18, 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 Village Administrator - Rusty Wilson. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MINUTES

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting as written. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ed Kalil addressed Council regarding his candidacy for Municipal Judge in Eaton. He currently has his own law practice in Eaton but says it's time to make a change. If elected, the changes he would make are a driver's license clinic, a drug court, update the software at the court division and boost up the probation department with stricter penalties. He asked for support at the May 4th election.

Jerry Burks addressed Council as an industrial and commercial lighting salesman for over 40 years. He presented books with decorative light poles and lights for Council to look at. He met with Kelly about 2-1/2 years ago and they calculated just for West Central Ave. approximately 14 light assemblies and just the lights would be around \$4,200.00 each. Kelly said we are going to see if a grant from ODOT would be able to be used for this kind of project and then we would also work with Susan Laux who is our grant writer and see what we could do. He would also like to look at decorative stop sign poles and poles to hold our flashing light here in town. And also do North and South Main from Cottage to East Hendricks just to help enhance what we are doing here in the Village.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

The pump was rebuilt at the wastewater plant costing approximately \$6,000.00 but we finished it up today and it is back on line and running. We had the trees removed here on East Central which was part of our in kind work for that project and the gazebo has been moved to the Shank property. A quote to relocate the electric for the new gazebo from one side to the other came from Capital Electric is just around \$8,700.00 but under \$9,000.00. Kelly made a motion to have the electric work done by Capital Electric. Debbie second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky mentioned she only had the February Financial report which all of Council had a copy of to approve. Judy made a motion to approve the February Financial Report. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen said someone had reached out to her and mentioned there was no access to Devil's Backbone because of a fence that has been put up. Jeff said one of the landowners has put a fence up to restrict access because of the park. The Park Board wanted to know if we could help them out in some way but it's not in the Village limits and there's a lot of underlying issues with it and I don't know all the particulars but at this time I think we should just step back. Kelly said to be tactful there's been a lot of issues created that they need to unwind and once they get that taken care of maybe we can take it off their hands in the future. That would include taking our walking path to the Village limits and tying that all together if we can get it. We need to talk about a master 5-10 year plan like the Mayor has been stating.

Jeff mentioned the survey for the improvements to our park and the most suggested was for additional walking/bike path trail. Kelly mentioned the splash pad and Jeff said he looked at that and the two options are for recycling the water and a constant running one. He thinks a splash pad would be a poor choice for wasting all that water. Kelly said you would have to give me the gallon usage and also think about remediation. Jeff said there's pros and cons for both options for a splash pad. You also have maintenance and other things that go with them. Karen said she could talk to Lewisburg and see what they have.

Kelly mentioned Phase II and said the architect is working on a cost proposal which he hopes to have for the next meeting if not before. And it will be a detailed cost which is what the bank needs. Then we will get our financing put in place and then bring in the attorney to do the bid package that will spec how we want to do this and how we choose the bidder.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly said he thinks it would be nice to consider, not all at once, but like over at this park having a shelter that would hold two maybe four tables, the Shank property the same or any park for people to have interest in.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

None

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Toni made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Judy 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.

Toni made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor