

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, April 15, 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 – absent, Wendell Mackie – absent and Karen Moss - here. Also in attendance was Nancy Melton – Clerk of Courts. Guests included Dan Michael, Fred Willeford, Clayton Genth, Lindsay Watson and Rodney Creech. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MINUTES

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting as written. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lindsey Watson and Clayton Genth from the Hit (Home Is The Foundation) addressed Council giving an overview of what they do for Preble County residents and the housing program which includes home repairs.

State Representative, Rodney Creech addressed Council stating he loves helping out the communities and has a passion for helping people. He wants to be our representative and serve the people and if there is anything he can do just call him and if he can't help out he will know where to direct us to.

REPORT FROM CLERK OF COURTS

Nancy reviewed her March report with Council. The Attorney General collection process is working and past years tickets are being paid.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen stated that she received confirmation that the Band of Flight (Flight 1 – the Rock ensemble) will be here on Saturday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m. for a concert and discussion at the next meeting about what this event is going to be exactly and how we want to work it.

Debbie has been gathering more information regarding the splash pad and she spoke with a certain gentleman from Northern Ohio who said if we use fresh water there is no possibility of contamination and with the recycled water you have to have a certified person who would need to test the water numerous times a day, file reports, the EPA would come in and inspect periodically and it's \$100.00 a square foot to have it installed and that's everything. They would come and put the plumbing in, pour the concrete and they would do all the stuff. But if you use the recycled water it's \$200.00 a square foot. Another thing is I told him people were concerned about water usage and he said it really doesn't use that much because there would be a timer on it for the daily water output and then there is also a button that kids would push and it would activate the water coming up at different places and at different times which is part of the fun for the kids. Karen said I just knew there was more information that would be helpful and I'm still all about the splash pad. She said maybe just look at Oxford and Lewisburg and talk with them and it could be something doable. Karen said this is just more discussion and information that will help for later. Kelly said let's get him down here to get us a price or get an estimate that way we can plan and budget for in our cash flow or grant whatever. Karen said we would

also need to check on our insurance and Debbie said she would talk with Rodeffer. Karen thanked Debbie for all the information. (Jeff Steel joined the meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

Karen mentioned the Fire Department and Police Department have been participating in a reading program at the school and they reached out to Karen and the special needs class is going to be coming to the Town Hall on Friday, April 30th and Karen is going to read a story to them and talk to them about what the Mayor does. If anybody else would like to be here she is going to take them on a tour and they will be here around noon. They also have an Amazon wish list for items they would like to have for their room, like the Fire Department gives them stuffed animals, is that something we can do through Council. Kelly said it would have to come through a business donation or something that way not through Village funds but send the list to us and we will see what we can come up with.

The Mayor stated that she would like to recommend a raise for the Clerk of Courts at \$13.00/hour as she is currently at \$11.00/hour and I'm not opposed at going higher at all. Kelly made a motion to give Nancy a raise from \$11.00/hour to \$14.00/hour effective this current pay period. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 yea. 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Kelly said on that subject, I text Nelson last week because I haven't talked to him in a long time and he's our sewer operator and I just asked him what's going on down there, do you need anything how's everyone's wages. He said everything was good his wages are fine he doesn't need anything but if you could maybe bump Billy and Tim up maybe .50 cents/hour. They are our key people running that sewer operation down there and they are so good you don't even know they exist. That's how smoothly things run down there and we (Judy) know how hard that was looking back. So I would like to make a motion that we at least give them .50 cents more an hour each and also maybe an extra dollar on their trip charge because it's just a short period. They don't work many hours but they fulfill our EPA hours. So can we maybe add \$10.00 to their trip charge and my motion would be to add .50 cent/hour to their hourly unless you want more – Jeff said what do they make now – Kelly said I really am not sure but we can go on Nelson's recommendation and maybe do the trip charge from \$50.00 to \$60.00. I just want to keep our good people in place. Debbie said let's go on his recommendation and look at maybe a year from now and we can do changes then. Kelly said okay, I make a motion to add .50 cents/hour for Billy and Tim and raise the trip charge from \$50.00 to \$60.00 effective this current pay period. Debbie second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly mentioned he has been buying trees for years for the Village and paying around \$20-\$25 and now he can't find anything for less than around \$80- \$90 and he would like to ask Council if they would care to spend a little money for trees and I know Debbie would like to have a little money for flowers. He said if I got 10 trees that would be around \$800.00 but I would like to have enough to plant around 20 trees and I will still pitch in but I'll do whatever Council wants. Debbie said I wouldn't need more than \$100.00. He said I will plant the trees I buy on properties that the owners allow me to and the trees the Village buys will go on the mulched public areas. Jeff made a motion to give \$1,100.00 - \$1,000 for trees and \$100 for flowers. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

None

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy 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. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Doug Kramer addressed Council regarding the comments in the paper and he said we try to do all we can because we love this community but we aren't always perfect. He summarized the 3 projects that are currently in progress as follows: The West Central Ave. project plans are done and it's out for bid with the bid opening on April 29th and construction should start a few weeks after that; the Walking Path is 90% complete and then the State decided they wanted more soil borings done with the bridge and the footings for it but Doug said he is going to see to it that this project gets completed this year; the East Central Ave. – drainage project there have been a few problem areas but it is still continuing to be worked on. He doesn't do substandard jobs and asked for understanding on the timing. Kelly mentioned that the American Rescue Act money could possibly go toward the drainage project because it is infrastructure. Doug said he would have Mindy look into that. Kelly would also like to continue looking at the second phase of the walking path.

Debbie mentioned the letter from a resident at Camden Commons (Old School) regarding the chipped up sidewalk. Several mentioned rerouting the sidewalk or even building a deck over top of it. We will get a price on a deck/bridge before moving forward.

Kelly made a motion to enter executive session @ 8:42 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to exit executive session. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor