

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, May 20, 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 – absent, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – here and Karen Moss - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance were Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer. Guests included Tony Baker (Register Herald) and Doug Kramer.

MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ashley Brandenburg Meyers a member of Camden Comeback Committee addressed Council regarding a Farmer's Market in Camden. They would like to hold this every Thursday from 5-9 starting June 10th until the end of October. If it goes well, they might extend into November weather permitting. Becky mentioned that all they will need is to have each vendor sign the Village liability waiver. Jeff made a motion to allow the Farmer's Market. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty mentioned there was a bad water main break on West Central (725) which Prograde had to do. The leak lead to Bob Ballinger's service to his house and the vac truck which sprays water and sucks the dirt and stuff out which got sucked into his house and in turn plugged up his faucets, shower and appliances. So Rusty told Bob to call a plumber and the Village would pay for the cleanup. Roto roter came and gave a quote of \$1,365.00 to do this cleanup which Bob said he wasn't going to do to the Village. He said he had been cleaning up the mess himself and would just complete it if Camden would just forego his water bill this month. Jeff said we could have got stuck with a \$1,300.00 bill why not give him a year with no bill. Jeff made a motion to give him what a year's worth of his minimum bill would be. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

He said cleanup week has gone much better this year than last year.

He has only received one bid for the demotion of 107 East Central and that is from Mark Klapper.

The Town Hall outside trim is needing painted and he has also received 1 bid so far on that from Couch's Painting. Debbie said she contacted someone who is supposed to get back with her this week.

Jeff mentioned that the playground equipment has been destroyed again and Rusty said it is continuous. Becky said the cameras take pictures of people being there at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning and the park supposedly closes at dark. It used to be posted and maybe it needs posted again. Jeff said we are looking at spending a lot more money there so maybe we need to buy better cameras and post more signs about that area being on video. Rusty said certain cameras require internet and Kelly said it's not like we can't afford it. Jeff said and if we need more lights we will put more up.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky mentioned she has been looking at new copiers as her current one is around 9 years old and is worn out. She presented brochures on the top 2 she has been looking at. Wendell made a motion not to exceed \$6,000.00 for a new copier. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie mentioned that the Village was able to purchase the property at 107 East Central Ave. at the sheriff's sale for \$1.00. Since Council previously approved spending up to \$10,000.00 she would like to use \$7,000.00 of that to clean out and around that property by having Isaac Back's company

come in to do that work. Kelly made a motion to have the company come in and clean it up. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff mentioned the cost to replace the urn (time capsule) that was damaged when the gazebo was removed is just under \$600.00. Debbie made a motion to replace the urn. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Becky mentioned that a motion was made at the last meeting regarding the Police Department getting the in-car dispatch system and body cameras, however it wasn't stated in the motion where this money was coming from. Jeff made a motion to pay for the in-car dispatch system with the body cameras be paid out of the General fund. Debbie second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Becky presented a proposal/agreement from Kramer & Associates asking if they wanted to apply for the second round OPWC grant for the wastewater treatment plant generator and bar rack projects. Kelly made a motion to apply for round 2. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie said she talked with Rusty who had a conversation with Nelson regarding the splashpad usage and that he feels we should do recycled instead of the freshwater because based on EPA recommendation our flows are too high in the wastewater already so he doesn't feel it should go down our wastewater. Debbie said we definitely don't want to do that because it is twice as much and it wasn't recommended by the guy. She talked with someone in Lewisburg who have a splash pad and they don't put it in the wastewater it goes in the storm sewer. Rusty said that's Nelson's expertise you would have to go over that with him. Debbie said she just wanted to point that out.

Debbie said we have discussed this in past meetings about reducing the water bills by 5% off the minimum amount for water and sewer which would come out to about \$3.50. Kelly said I would take all that off of sewer. Becky said I agree because water fund is where all our debt is. Debbie said I make a motion to reduce the sewer portion on the utility bill by \$3.50. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. (No date was given)

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly said he would like to see how Council feels about getting some historical markers for places like the Old Dearth building, the Shank property and a few other places. He said he would get some prices and bring them back to an upcoming meeting.

Doug Kramer with Kramer and Associates reviewed with Council the bidding on the West Central Ave. projects and stated W.G. Stang was the lowest bidder. He presented some other information that Council needed to decide on such as either closing the road and detouring traffic or having the equipment to only close one lane and leave the other lane open to traffic. Council opted for option 2 which was leaving one lane open. Toni then made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-2021 accepting W.G. Stang as the lowest bidder and the company who will do this project along with option 2 of leaving one lane open to traffic. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Doug also mentioned that the Walking Path project has had yet another short setback but it shouldn't change the deadline on the overall project. He did suggest Council make a motion to extend the agreement for funding. Kelly made a motion to make the extension. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie said Rusty has also been talking with the people who are putting the group homes in at the end of West Street and they are going to put in all the infrastructure but he said he doesn't think there are walks involved and I want this brought up before we get into another situation like what happened on West Central Ave. where sidewalks were supposed to be put in and that didn't happen. We just need to make sure that this is done prior to the job being complete. Kelly said when they were here at our meeting talking about the group homes it was agreed that they would put in sidewalks with that project. Kelly said we need to see about sidewalks on South Street and tying them in with the Walking Path.

Karen mentioned that people have been reaching out to her regarding a Memorial Day parade and the VFW is not doing the parade this year due to the COVID thing. Jeff said with this short of notice there isn't really anything we can do. The VFW is hoping to be back at it again next year.

Kelly passed out information on a grant writing firm that could probably bring us just about anything that we would want but it's expensive at \$36,000.00 for the first year.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Wendell made a motion to approve the April Financial Report. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 8.41 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor