

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, July 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Toni Keesler 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 – here and Karen Moss - absent. Also in attendance was Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Nancy Melton, Clerk of Courts. Guests included Debbie Mason, Dan Michael, Tommy Hicks, Kate Duskey, Dennis Davis and Tony Baker (Register Herald). The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MINUTES

Wendell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting as written. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Debbie Mason with Camden Comeback addressed Council with updates on this years Black Walnut Festival and also the Farmer's Market. So far they have 44 spots for the Festival which is a good number this early and they will continue to promote via Facebook, postings, etc. They would like the use the Shank property for the entertainment tent, a beer garden and hopefully the Fire Dept. will bring their poker table. They plan on more seating and also put out some straw bales and arrange the food vendors so that they are close to that area. The car show will be in the school parking lot – front and back – and she asked if they could use South Main Street for the car show if it gets too big. They would still like to use the Town Hall for the Haunted Tours on Friday and Saturday night the same weekend as the Festival. Kelly made a motion to allow them use of the Shank property, have a beer garden, use South Main if need be for the car show and also, use the Town Hall for the Haunted Tours. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. The Farmer's Market currently has 15 vendors that are steady and all the vendors are very please with how they are doing. Produce will be coming soon and they have an additional 7 to 8 vendors coming with that.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

He received prints on the splash pad this week and everything should start moving on getting the water lines and electric lines prepared. Updates from Kramer are West Central project should start the last week of July and the walking path should go out for bid this month and everything on that project except the bridge should be completed by summer. The East Central drainage project will also be going out for bid but he didn't give me a date on that one.

Jeff asked Rusty to have electric at the all four corners at the Shank property and then electricity to the Gazebo. He also asked about having the property rolled to try to smooth it out.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky said everyone should have a copy of the Tax Budget for 2022. Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2027-2021 the Tax Budget for 2022. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy then made a motion to adopt Resolution #2027-2021. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM CLERK OF COURTS

Nancy reviewed her June report with Council.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Judy read a request from Chief Spurlock asking to hire Tonina Lamanna as the full time School Resource Officer at a pay of \$16.00 per hour effective 7/17/2021. Officer Matt Adkins who is currently part time will become a Full Time officer and move from \$14.04 to \$14.75 per hour effective 7/17/2021. Also He asked that Officer Mike Powers go from \$14.45 to \$16.00 per hour effective 7/17/2021 due to additional responsibilities such as the Property Room and Tow Yard. Kelly made a motion to approve the Chief's 3 requests. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2026-2021 to apply for OPWC funding for the 127/725 Project. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-2021. Kelly second. Discussion: Judy asked if this includes the ODOT stuff we have been talking about at the intersection up here. Becky said this is additional funding so the Village doesn't have to pay more money. Judy said so we are giving Rusty permission to sign contracts over that. Roll call. 2 Yea. 3 Nay (Judy, Jeff & Wendell). Motion failed. Rusty said all this was is additional funding where at the last phase of this project the Village would be responsible for \$100,000.00 this funding would have paid most of that so now the Village will pay that out of our pocket. Jeff said that is how it sounded. Judy said it reads to prepare applications and sign and Kelly said for funding. Kelly said can we rescind the motion. Rusty said this says nothing about final plans it's just for funding. Rusty said he talked with Choice One today and they are working on some things regarding Powerhouse and an option instead of closing that area on 725 completely. Kelly made a motion to rescind and revote the previous motion on Resolution #2026-2021. Debbie second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-2021. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kyle Longkamp with Rodbro Insurance addressed Council regarding the renewal of our insurance contract premium. Basically the coverage is identical to everything we had last year and the premium is like a \$200.00 difference. Kelly said I think our coverage has always been well explained by Darlene and she has always answered our questions. Kelly made a motion to renew our policy for this year. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly presented paperwork from the architect regarding the upstairs of the Town Hall – Phase II. Engineering fees are \$75,000.00 and the addition will cost \$1.3 million. Joanne Hedges with First Financial will be contacting Becky regarding finances. Kelly made a motion to hire Greg Schneider to be the architect for Phase II and begin the project. Debbie second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly said the Montrosse people wants to do a zoom meeting with all of us so I'd like to be able to get our smart tv and get Nick Duskey or someone to get things set up so you can push a button here where they can see us and for anyone to make presentations.

He talked with the lighting guy who gave him a rough estimate on 14 lamp posts (materials only) for \$66,500.00. I'm not asking for a motion tonight but that is the first step on thinking about what and where we want to do this project.

On our new gazebo, we need to put another walkway on the Lafayette side so there would be 2 ways in and out and maybe pour over the tree roots that we have talked about. Also, how about free-standing benches for the inside of the gazebo. What about a gutter on it as well. Rusty said he would talk to Chris.

Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-2021 authorizing the Village of Camden to prepare and application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements and to execute contracts for the Wastewater generator and bar screen replacement project. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly said we need to set a date to dedicate the historical marker at the Orchard Hill Cemetery. Council asked Cherry if she knew what Janice and Steve Blevins wanted and Kelly tried calling them but got no response. Council decided to have the dedication on July 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Jeff presented a quote for 6 square tables to be placed around the Village in the parks for a price of \$5,973.50. Rusty said he would like to put gravel or mulch or something at Shank's lot just because of mowing purposes. Wendell made a motion to purchase the tables. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

None

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Wendell 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. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor