

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, August 19, 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 – absent and Karen Moss - absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance were Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer. Guests included Erica Gordon, Josh Atwell, Dan Michael, Doug Zeek, Kate Duskey and Steven Hobbs.

MINUTES

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Erica Gordon candidate for Eaton Municipal Court Judge addressed Council about her ideas if she were to be elected to this position.

Doug Zeek with the local VFW addressed Council asking permission to install an electric sign at the end of South Main and South Lafayette in the “V” on their property. Kelly made a motion to allow the sign. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Steve Hobbs candidate for Eaton Municipal Court Judge also addressed Council with his ideas if he were to be elected into this position.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Just a few updates – sidewalks at the splash pad are partially done – trees and pots are in on the parking lot in the back of the Town Hall – fire hydrant flushing has been going on for the last few days.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky mentioned she gave all of Council a copy of Resolution #2030-2021 for the new Police solicitor (Kirsten Knight) that should be passed this evening as the contract begins September 1, 2021. Judy made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2030-2021. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2030-2021. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #2028-2021 regarding snow and ice removal by ODOT on state routes within the Village limits and Ordinance #1030-2021 regarding sign and markings on state routes within the Village limits were again presented for passage. Kelly mentioned he had not had time to look at the verbiage and made a motion to table. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly talked about all the things he has been working on throughout the years with no guidance and what steps to take. He talked about how Ben Gunderson who was introduced at the last meeting could facilitate all these projects. He made a motion to hire Ben Gunderson to work under Rusty when needed part time as an assistant to Rusty (Deputy Village Administrator) including composing a 5-10 year plan at \$15.00 per hour effective 8/20/2021 between 20-35 hours a week. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie said we talked about setting the date for Halloween on Saturday, October 30th from 6-8 but we never voted on it. So, to make it a done deal she made the motion for that date. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

A sample brochure was presented that includes upcoming events in Camden that Karen would like to see mailed to everyone within the zip code area of 45311. Kelly made a motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 for making the brochures and mailing them. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie said the Beautification Committee would like to purchase benches for the splash pad area. The Village will order them and they will reimburse the Village. Debbie made a motion to purchase the benches spending up to \$2,000.00. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie mentioned she would like to move the old trash receptacles that are downtown to the different parks and purchase new matching ones for downtown. Kelly made a motion to purchase the trash receptacles. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie said a community service worker used paint to get some scuff marks off the police department walls but something was wrong with the paint and now it doesn't match up so she would like to get new paint to redo the police department walls. Kelly made a motion to purchase paint for the Police Department spending up to \$200.00. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly said there are times that Rusty as the Village Administrator needs to make purchases prior to coming to a Council meeting and decisions that need to be made quickly and as the Administrator he has that ability but we need to give him a dollar amount that he can have to make purchases when needed. He would like to give approval to allow him to spend up to \$10,000.00 on any given purchase prior to Council approving and put that into the form of a motion. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

Kelly said now that we have hired Ben, we need to figure out a place for him to set up. There was discussion about him sitting at the desk in the Council room and Kelly said he would see about him using Karen's office when she isn't using it. He and Becky can get together on any supplies he might need.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Judy made a motion to approve the July Financial Report. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8.20 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor