

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## THURSDAY, November 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Karen Moss at 7:04 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Toni Keesler – absent, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – absent and Karen Moss - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Kate Duskey and Dennis Dearth.

### MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4 2021 meeting. Kelly second. Roll call. 3 Yea. 1 abstain (Judy Michael). Motion passed.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Rust addressed Council asking about the old well system and if there were ever any plans to bring it back on line. Jeff said the salt levels have come down and the splash pad that was recently put in is tied into that system to speed that process along. Kelly said we have some updated numbers to get things reconnected and get the old wells back on and in production again because they don't have as much iron. Gary said he feels the new wells are a lot more upkeep and Kelly said constant upkeep but we would like to blend the two.

Karen mentioned that Nancy will be changing her hours temporarily in December which will have her working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays due to some family things that have come up.

### REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Ben mentioned that the preliminary zoning map which is being narrowed down has been worked on and a first draft will be presented shortly. One of the first things we need is a zoning commission and he would like Council to think about who would best serve in that capacity.

The Strategic Planning that was sent via email is a guiding document for me to understand and I know it takes some time but it's a good tool for me to prioritize next years goals.

He mentioned that the City of Villages magazine done by Ohio Municipal League has the Camden Town Hall on this month's issue.

### OLD BUSINESS

Judy made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Resolution #2028-2021 for ODOT to remove and control the snow and ice on State Routes within the Village limits. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance #1030-2021 for ODOT to maintain and repair markings and signs on State Routes within the Village limits. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

Kelly said he talked to Kyle at the school and if Council is interested in the Kids Council there are people lined up for January. Debbie said she would prefer to separate and not do two meetings in a row because if we have business we need to conduct it gets a little difficult.

Kelly mentioned that the Fireboard asked if Village Council would like to contribute some ARPA money (approximately \$90,000.00) toward the purchase of a new ambulance along with Somers Township. Marty Votel who is Somers Township's attorney didn't want to commit to saying that yes, it would be okay to use ARPA money for that purpose so Kelly asked the Village solicitor who said it is okay to do and he sent the paperwork for us to have. Jeff said the ambulance we have is just costing so much money to keep in operation and they are running the wheels off of it. Kelly said it's amazing what the EMS and Fire personnel

do, along with our employees as well, the professionalism and what it takes to make those departments run. It's really impressive with the qualifications and the hours these people put into these jobs. It's amazing the quality of people that we have over there and here. And I am grateful for who we have working throughout Camden. Jeff made a motion to join Somers Township in the purchase of an ambulance with the detail of the figures to come using the ARPA money. Kelly second. Debbie said I was talking to Rusty and we are going to have to update our meters. Becky said the badger meters that we put in over the last 10 to 11 years are no longer available. Debbie said so we want to think about that before we commit too much. Kelly said that is a valid point. Karen asked for roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly said he would like Council to prioritize or verbalize moving water forward North to achieve any type of economic development and Ben is working on grants for these things and there is a lot of opportunity.

Judy mentioned that Dr. Thomsen has donated some money to the Village with the stipulation that the upstairs hall in the Town Hall be designated as the James W. Thomsen hall and has a plaque with his name. Kelly said I would take that deal any day, just think of what this town would be like without Dr. Thomsen. Judy made a motion to accept his donation with that stipulation. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed. Judy said that Dr. Thomsen has a request that when he passes, he would like his ashes be buried by the stone with a plaque on his property adjacent to the Town Hall and would like a letter stating this for future reference. Kelly made a motion to get a letter prepared with his wishes. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

**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.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Karen Moss, Mayor