

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## Thursday, March 3, 2022

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 – here, Kate Duskey – here and Karen Moss - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance were Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Nancy Melton, Clerk of Courts and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Debbie Mason, William Brown, Dan Michael, Dennis Davis and Tommy Hicks.

### **MINUTES**

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting as amended (remove a from sentence). Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Debbie Mason spoke on behalf of Camden Comeback with updates on their planned events. They have scheduled a 2-day review visit with Heritage Ohio for May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. They also have a Health Fair event planned at the Dover on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00. Business Appreciation Day is planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Work has already started for the Black Walnut Festival for 2022.

Karen congratulated Debbie and the Camden Comeback Group on their award for the Community Non-Profit Innovation Award presented by the Preble County Chamber of Commerce.

### **REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Becky mentioned that a condemned house on Second Street (Marjorie Rogers) has become a safety hazard and letters will be going out notifying anyone with interest in the property that it will be coming down.

Debbie mentioned that the guy who was supposed to paint the Town Hall has backed out due to lack of help so the people that Rusty has contacted have stated that they can't get to it until Fall of this year.

### **REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER**

None

### **MAYORS COURT REPORT**

Nancy presented her report for February 2022

### **REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Ben mentioned that the demolition grant that we are pursuing for downtown is structured by the Village taking the initial cost and then we would be reimbursed for that cost if we get the grant. We aren't promised the grant we are just pursuing it at this point but I wanted to make Council aware because there is a significant cost behind it. Debbie asked if we would know we got the grant before spending the money and Ben said yes certainly. Debbie said so we are guaranteed our money back and Ben said unless the amount is more than the allocated amount from the County because it is a 25% match but we are pursuing strictly the grant so we would get reimbursed that amount.

He has done some preliminary research on the DORA and he will continue to update Council with what he finds out.

He mentioned he is half way through his leadership program with the County and said this program has truly been a great thing for him to be a part of.

The Neighborhood Meet and Greet is an event to have community members to meet and interact with businesses and restaurants and create a sense of unity. It's more of a social gathering and if the Village of Camden and Camden Comeback could work in conjunction it could be a great event.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Judy made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adopt Resolution #2040-2022 the Strategic Planning priorities. Kelly second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly made a motion to approve Craig Doty, Jeff Wood and William Brown to the Planning Commission. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Toni Keesler volunteered to be the Council member representative.

Karen presented the Spring event mailing draft and said if anyone would like something else added or sees any wrong dates let her know as she would like to finalize this by next Thursday (March 10<sup>th</sup>) so that it can get mailed.

Karen presented the 2022 Committee list and Becky said she will get her listed updated for Council and put in their boxes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Matt presented the Police Department retention schedule for approval. Toni made a motion to approve the retention schedule. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS**

Jeff said Camden Comeback would like to buy a tree and a couple park benches in memory of Caleb and Grace Elliott for the park and asked Rusty to get a cost.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

Jeff made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jeff made a motion to approve the January Financial Report. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Toni made a motion to adjourn at 7: 40 P.M. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Karen Moss, Mayor