

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, August 6, 2020

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, Wendell Mackie – here and Karen Moss - here. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer - Rebecca Wilson, Mayor’s Court Clerk – Nancy Melton and Village Administrator - Rusty Wilson. Guests included Dan Michael, Donald Vance, Tony Baker (Register Herald) Polly Heinkel, Kate Duskey and Nick Duskey. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MINUTES

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting with the additions (Karen asked that J. Todd Smith’s title be added to his name where mentioned and changed Carol to Harold Neihaus). Jeff second the motion. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Polly Heinkel the Assistant Artistic Director of the American Legacy Theatre in Cincinnati addressed Council with a proposal for the Village of Camden to partner with the American Legacy Theatre to apply for a \$50,000 grant where a festival would be held in Camden in 2022 where artists from around Ohio would come and show their talents and then the American Legacy Theatre would present a production and create a historical tour on the underground railroad and other history in Camden. All paperwork for the grant would be completed by them and the partnership would be to help them publicize it and cosponsor the grant with them which would basically be a letter that we would be sponsoring with them. There would be no monetary commitment from Camden just publication and helping with connections in the Preble County area. Jeff made a motion to partner with the American Legacy Theatre for this grant. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Karen asked Judy to speak on behalf of the Mayor’s meeting that she attended for Karen. Judy said the CARES Act was mentioned and what she picked up on it was we already have money set aside at the County and that has to be spent by December 31st. Also they talked about a Regional Fire and EMS as opposed to local departments. She feels it we have a tax for our Village we should have our own departments. Karen said she also met with Harold Neihouse and 2 of his associates this went and they went around town and saw 7 or 8 businesses of interest, met with Janice Blevins from the Camden Archives and then Kelly gave them a tour of the Town Hall. Some good news is Ashely Kuykendoll is getting married this weekend and will be taking pictures in the Courtyard and asked if they could take some pictures inside the Town Hall. She thinks this is cool that a local resident is interested in adding Camden history into their wedding memories.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty reviewed his report with Council. The main projects they have been working on included the cleaning of well #2, repairing the orbital bearing and coupling at the wastewater treatment plant, training on the new GIS system and installing the new valve at the standpipe. The principal from the Elementary called and would like to use some barricades for closing Bloomfield for 45 minutes a day due to the extra buses and congestion. Jeff said he talked with Rusty earlier this week about getting some cameras for the park because of the vandalism on the new playground equipment. Rusty said those cameras have been ordered and new replacements for the equipment ordered.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Everyone should have a copy of the email from Mindy with Kramer and Associates regarding the Camden Street and Drainage Improvements to review for making a decision at the next Council meeting. On the water side, we had 31 shutoffs this month with 6 still off. We had 1 Covid related payment plan initiated. The Mayor would like us to add on line and credit card payments verbiage on the back of the water bills.

REPORT FROM MAYOR'S COURT

Nancy reviewed her Mayor's Court report for July with Council.

FIREBOARD REPORT

Judy said the Fire Department is currently taking applications for a new Fire Chief which pays \$15,000.00 per year and the possibility of a bonus up to \$2,500.00 a year.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly made a motion to approve the Agreement for Kramer & Associates for engineering fees on the SIB Paving Project which will be included in the loan. Wendell second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff and Debbie went throughout the Village and made changes from paving to simply patching because it really wasn't bad enough to completely pave on some streets and alleys and they were able to bring the project down by approximately \$300,000.00. Jeff also said that with any extra maybe we could pave the area in front of the waterworks park. Also for the walking area that will be put in up on North Main from Dollar General to Quail Creek we could paint something to make it known that it's for walking and not driving.

Jeff said the dedication ceremony at the park for the Tyler Richardson Foundation playground equipment will be Friday, August 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor and Council. Due to COVID the ceremony will be smaller than it would have been but it will be live streamed by Debbie Mason.

RESOLUTION #2013-2020

Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-2020 to have Kramer & Associate apply for a new SIB loan and to enter into an agreement as required for the street and alley resurfacing project. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION THOUGHTS & IDEAS

Judy made a motion to remove the 2 speed humps that were installed without proper passage (Bloomfield and South Street). Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 abstain (Debbie). 1 nay (Wendell). Motion passed.

Kelly discussed several items including ODOT not cutting along 127 and allowing thistle to grow and go to seed and their not abiding by their own ORC. The railroad also has weeds that need managed. He mentioned trash cans that have no lids, broken lids, heaping trash above the lids and when the trash is piled over top when the Rumpke truck lifts the can to dump the garbage it goes all over the street. We need to start with a one call and advise that the garbage can lid needs to be closed and if you don't have a lid or need repairs Rumpke does this at no cost to the resident and include the phone number to call. Then after that they could possibly get a citation for littering. He mentioned accumulation of gravel and street sweeping and the interest of getting a legitimate street sweeping or hiring out someone to sweep professionally once a month. Kelly said he would call someone. Kelly would like to get a cohesive Village logo for all of our paperwork and decide as a group what we want. Karen said she would look into it and bring back some ideas. He asked about the recycling enclosure and at what point do we pull the plug on that. Rusty said Beth Wright was supposed to check and see if the Commissioners would approve a cement pad to put them on along with the fencing enclosure. Jeff asked about having a bigger bin instead of 4. Plus it costs our guys to have to pick up all the garbage that comes out of those bins. Kelly said at this point it should be what we want. Kelly said I would like it known and the truth be told but there was discussion that people thought Rumpke was the one that gave people the trash discount a few months ago on their utility bill and it wasn't Rumpke it was the Village that gave it. Kelly asked if there was anything that specifies what material a fence can be made out of in our ordinances and if not we need to clean that up and specify. Rusty said the ordinance asks what type of material, height, and area the fence is being installed and that he usually meets with the resident. Kelly said we want to make sure fences aren't being made of skids, rusty barn tin, car hoods, tires, etc. Kelly said attorney Early is assessing the whole cemetery deed issue and it's not as simple as it sounded so there is a bit of a delay in that. In the future Kelly would like to look at parcels that adjoin our Village and include them in our housing stock to allow people to purchase them that have

jobs in the community that want to be local. Jeff mentioned the collaboration the Camden Pharmacy has been recognized for and that it will be National news.

Kelly made a motion to enter executive session at 8:32 to discuss personnel discipline. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to exit executive session at 9:01 p.m. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff 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 JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor