

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

Thursday, May 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toni Keesler at 7:00 P.M. The Mayor swore in new Councilperson Carla Risner with the Oath of Office. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – absent, Judy Michael – absent, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Kate Duskey – here, Carla Risner - here and Toni Keesler - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance were Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Cherry Anderson and Jeff Wood.

MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting. Kate second. Roll call. 3 Yea. 1 abstain (Carla). Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cherry Anderson presented Council with a plaque from the Ohio History Connection and the National Register of Historic Places naming the Village Town Hall on the register as a Historic building. This submission was actually done by Ruthayn Dearth on behalf of the Camden Preservation Foundation in October 1997 with a 44-page submission nominating the Town Hall to be on the register of Ohio historical places which was approved and entered on the register on February 12, 1998. Cherry asked Council to purchase the bronze plaque that would go on the outside of the building. Debbie made a motion to purchase the plaque with a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty has notified Matt Schroeder that Council would like him to redo the basketball courts and now he needs Council to approve the additional \$9,500.00 that the Village will be paying for. (\$20,000 was a donation by the Tyler Richardson Foundation). Jeff made the motion. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed. Prograde will be here next week to work on a water main break that is on the 725 hill again and he is hoping this is the leak we have been waiting to surface that has been going for a while.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky mentioned she has sent the proposed 2023 Tax Budget to the finance committee and hasn't heard back from anyone but a public hearing needs to be scheduled prior to its passage. That date is set for June 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Council meeting. Kate made a motion to have the public hearing on that date. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed. Becky also presented the April Financial Statement for approval by Council. Debbie made a motion to approve the April Financial Statement. Kate second. Roll call. 3 Yea. 1 abstain (Carla). Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ben addressed Council asking for \$5,000.00 to use for legal fees on projects he is working on with Bricker and Eckler. Jeff made a motion to allot \$5,000.00. Kate second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed. Ben asked for \$100.00 for an addendum on the zoning contract for a future land use map with Steward Land Use. Debbie made a motion to allot \$100.00. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Toni mentioned we need to officially add the Juneteenth holiday to our schedule for the offices being closed. Debbie made a motion to add the Juneteenth holiday to our schedule. Kat second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben discussed the home rehab grant program which would be a goal to entice people to invest in their property. Certain criteria could be a new front door, new front windows, outside painting etc. and then the Village would reimburse a certain percentage with this program. He referred to the City of Whitehall as a model for what they currently do. He asked for certainty that we would use the ARPA funds for this program, however Council would like to see what funds are available after the projects that have been discussed to use with the ARPA funds.

Toni asked Council if we wanted to have our levies on the ballot again in November and if so we need to start acting on that. Debbie made a motion to put both levies on the ballot as renewals again with the same mileage and years. Kate second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

Jeff said he and Rusty had discussed moving the current picnic tables at the water park to the roadside park and getting new tables for the water park to coordinate with our newer stuff plus it may prevent writing damage as they aren't solid wood but metal with holes in it. Officer Powers mentioned getting another camera that actually faces the shelter because the ones we have currently don't show that area. Jeff asked Rusty to see what can be done and we will go with his recommendation.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Kate made a motion to adjourn at 8: 01 P.M. Jeff second. Roll call. 4 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Toni Keesler, Mayor