

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

Thursday, July 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toni Keesler at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, 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, Nancy Melton, Clerk of Courts and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Tony Combs, Douglas Rose, Adam Craft (Commissioner), Phil Dysard (Palmer Group) and Sylvia Arcuragi.

MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting. Kate second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Combs from 58 Cottage addressed Council regarding his marked sidewalks and said prior to them getting fixed is there anyway the Village can address the storm sewer flooding issues at the intersection. He feels it would be pointless to replace the sidewalks and then the Village come tear them up just to fix the storm sewer. Kelly said first that storm sewer has been fixed twice and it's just so flat there that it doesn't run any faster. Second if you can't fix your sidewalks the Village will do them and assess your taxes and you have a period of years to pay it. If you replace them yourself and the Village were to come tear them up to look at the storm sewer again then we would replace them anyway. Jeff said if you need more time for your sidewalks you need to contact Rusty. Tony said should I just wait until I here from you later and Kelly said I can promise you that the drain issue isn't going to be something until way later.

Adam Craft, Preble County Commissioner addressed Council by introducing Palmer Energy as an electric aggregate program which he said is a rising issue right now. He also touched on an issue that Debbie mentioned regarding a program that out of 88 counties, Preble County was the only one that did not apply. Kelly also asked him to see about the Commissioners having a meeting in the evening where more people could attend and see what the county is doing.

Phil Dysard with Palmer Energy and independent consultant gave a presentation (passed out information) on what the aggregation program consists of and said because it is an opt out program it has to be on the ballot to be voted on by the people. He gave a sample Resolution for gas and electric to Becky for future use if needed.

Pastor Rose from Camden Community Church addressed Council about a few trees in front of the church that has caused some structural damaged to the church and curbs and sidewalks. Kelly said he did contact someone about taking down the trees but they have not reached back out to him. He told Pastor Rose if he wanted to get a quote and get back with him he will see what can be done.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky said a public meeting needs to be set regarding the demolition of the house on South Second that has been condemned. A meeting was set for Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Becky has scheduled her public records training for August 18th and will be representing the whole Council.

MAYORS COURT REPORT

Nancy presented her resignation as the Clerk of Courts effective tonight but will finalize everything tomorrow. Kelly asked why and she said she just needs to. Practicality is a 2-week notice. Kelly made a motion to accept her resignation. Carla second. Roll call. 3 Yea. 1 Nay (Kelly) 1 abstain (Debbie). Motion passed. (Debbie asked Becky to prepare an ad to get posted right away)

REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Ben mentioned he is on a path to pursue a CDBG for downtown revitalization and there are 2 things needed. 1 is to define a downtown district and 2 we have to adopt a design standard which could be like 3 buildings and a possibility of receiving \$250,000.00. As of right now we do not have a zoning code so we need to consult with our legal counsel so I want to get permission to talk with the legal counsel to pursue this grant opportunity.

He also mentioned the Town Hall loan extension – Becky and I have worked with Frost Brown Todd and First Financial on the loan extension for Phase 1 – so what we are basically doing is a last second effort to extend the loan for 90 days which will take us to October. After that we will need to do a long-term extension that will lock us in for 5 years at a higher interest rate of 4.3%. Kelly made a motion to approve the 90-day extension. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 Nay (Jeff). Motion passed. Jeff asked if there was a cap on where we are on income to loan and is the Village bound by anything. Kelly said you have to refinance this one there is no way around this. But it depends on the source of the income and what you are pledging as collateral and so forth. Jeff said he would like to know what that figure is.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly made a motion to approve the 3rd and final reading for Resolution #2048-2022 to approve the ODOT paving for 2023. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Kelly made a motion to adopt Resolution #2048-2022. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Toni asked Council to decide which insurance policy the Village would like to go with. Kelly said he is comfortable with who we have. Jeff stated there is an \$18,000.00 difference and if we need to watch our money. Kelly said I get it but this company has really been there when we needed it. Debbie made a motion to stay with VFIS/Glatfelter. Kelly second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 Nay (Jeff). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kate made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2050-2022. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Kate made a motion to adopt Resolution #2050-2022 the ballot language for General Operating Expenses. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Kate made a motion pursuant to ORC 731.17 to dispense with the 3 reading requirement and pass with 1 reading Resolution #2051-2022. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Kate made a motion to adopt Resolution #2051-2022 the ballot language for Police Protection/Operating Expenses. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Kelly wanted to emphasize how important it is to see that these renewals pass and if you calculate the figures it's only .60 or .70 cents per household. Both levies actually are for Police because what we generate for the General fund ends up helping the Police Department.

Lieutenant Stemp asked Council to approve the part time hiring of Officer James Cagg at \$17.15 per hour starting 7/30/2022. Jeff made a motion to approve the hire. Kate second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 abstain. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

Kelly said he did talk with USDA and they are supposed to get some numbers together and they do offer 3.1% refinancing and when we get our ducks in a row for Phase II we could do a long term 30-year loan.

Kelly said he did call and talk to ODOT about when they are going to mow 127 but what do you think it would cost to get a farmer or someone to come and mow just that within the Village. Kelly would like to know.

Jeff said Heritage Ohio will be back August 24th to do their final review.

Jeff mentioned getting some new benches at the park around the playground equipment. Debbie made a motion to purchase 6 new tables (black) for Tylersville Water Park not to exceed \$7,000.00. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Rusty and the guys will move the tables from the waterworks park to the roadside park and dispose of the ones at the roadside park.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Jeff made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Carla second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jeff made a motion to approve the bills. Carla second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 P.M. Kate second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Toni Keesler, Mayor