

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

Thursday, January 5, 2023

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 – here, 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 was Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Dan Michael, Paul Taylor, Jodie Hunsucker and Caroline Bove.

The Mayor asked for nominations for President of Council for 2023. Kelly made a motion to keep Judy Michael as the President. Debbie second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 Nay (Jeff). Motion passed.

MINUTES

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 regular meeting. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. 1 abstain (Carla). Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Taylor and Jodie Hunsucker from Somerville National Bank addressed Council with a presentation on what they think Somerville Bank could do for the Village.

Caroline Bove from First Financial Bank also addressed Council with a presentation on what they are currently doing for the Village and thanked Council for all the years of business and partnership.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Ben mentioned that some people are sending messages to the Village Facebook page asking for various items. They will be making some adjustments to the Facebook page to try to correct this. Council said from now on simply tell them to send an email to the Village email and it will get addressed from there.

Ben also wanted to address leave as he had to miss work due to a funeral and the employee manual is a bit confusing because it says employees can take sick or funeral leave but it doesn't specify the time for funeral leave and he hasn't earned enough sick time to use what time he missed. Council said funeral leave is addressed in the new employee manual but they will discuss a few things and come back with a solution at the next meeting. Judy said we can't change the policy for one individual and not for everyone else just because you haven't earned your time yet.

Ben also mentioned that should we have any particular issues on zoning in the future he would like to consult with Jay Stewart who is specialized in this area and has been working on this project with the Village from day 1.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #1043-2022 for the Land Use Plan. Kate second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 2 Nay (Judy & Jeff). Motion passed. Debbie made a motion to table Ordinance #1044-2022 the Zoning Code. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. (This table was due to changes that were to be made that Jeff feels hasn't been done yet.) A meeting time to discuss these changes will be made on any upcoming Tuesday that Jay Stewart is available and Ben will let Council know a time.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie asked Council if they had talked to Chief Spurlock regarding his request which most have. Debbie made a motion to hire James Cagg from part time to full time effective 1/28/2023 at a rate of \$45,000.00. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Chief Spurlock also requested all his part time officers get an adjusted rate of \$18.00 starting 1/28/2023 (Officers Brad Brown, Jonathan Farthing, Tonina Lamanna, Jeremiah Morgan and Jeff Lemmons). Debbie made a motion to make this change as well. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

None

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. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly made a motion to approve the December Financial Statement. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8: 19 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Toni Keesler, Mayor