

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL - REGULAR**

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO  
Form 6101

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

Held

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, Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Dan Michael, Debbie Mason, Elizabeth Jones and Family.

**MINUTES**

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 regular meeting. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Elizabeth Jones addressed Council asking for a change of Ordinance #664 section C which currently states no residence shall keep a pig, horse, cow, goat, 3 or more dogs or any other animals including fowl or poultry in any pen, yard, lot or any enclosure situated within 200 feet of an inhabited house, which is from June 1983. Given it's been 40 years and with so many changes she would like Council to approve allowing Camden residents to have chickens at their residence with a specific amount and certain regulations. Council thanked her for her excellent presentation and said they would discuss and take her request under advisement.

Judy made a motion to enter executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss legal matters with the Village solicitor. Kate second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Judy made a motion to exit executive session at 7:36 p.m. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Rusty addressed Council and said all the red tape has been completed regarding 68 South Second and it is now ready for demolition. He just needs approval to start. Kelly made a motion to start the demolition at 68 South Second with Mark Klapper removing it at a cost of \$25,000.00. Debbie second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

The loan has been approved for the water meter replacement project, however the cost of the meters has gone up another \$13,000.00 since the wait. Becky mentioned she could use the utility deposit monies for the difference. Jeff made a motion to order the meters now before another price increase occurs. Kelly second.

Debbie mentioned that a new truck is needed as the oldest is a 2004 and it is nickel and diming us to pieces. Rusty has been looking for a newer used or brand-new utility truck so that tools can be kept at the site and not having to run back and forth to the barn. Council is also going to see what they can find.

**REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Ben mentioned the binders had information regarding a merger of Bricker and Eckler to Bricker and Graydon which is who we use regarding economic development and the CRA and TIF. There is a contract in there but it wouldn't cost us anything of course unless we use them. You also have the quotes from each bank regarding CD rates so a decision needs made on that. Also, a consensus is that we stay with First Financial on our checking and I need a final decision so that I can let the other banks know. Ben mentioned he and Rusty met with Lee Conkel from Layne who is looking at loan/grants for water and sewer projects that need done. Their cost is \$7,000.00 to submit any applications that the Village would want to apply for. This of course would be covered in the loan/grant monies.

Ben mentioned he met with Rob Jarrell from Medship and they discussed a guarantee which was agreed upon as a 10 year guarantee with a scale from year to year. He thank Council for everything that he has been a part of over the last few years and wish more could have been accomplished.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

After speaking with our solicitor regarding banking proposals, Jeff made a motion to keep our CD's with Somerville Bank as they said they would match the cost of the highest interest. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Jeff made a motion the Village checking account remain with First Financial. Kelly second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #1045-2023 accepting the revenue loss for the ARPA funds. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to amend Ordinance #1031-2021 to add Preble County Development Partnership as a representative to the TIRC. Kate second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Judy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1046-2023 adopting the 2023 Ohio Basic Code and declaring an emergency. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kate made a motion to approve the resignation of Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. Jeff made a motion to turn the vacation days Ben has earned at full time into sick time so that he can carry that with him to his next municipality. Judy second. 5 Yea. 1 Nay (Kelly). Motion passed.

Chief Spurlock mentioned Officer James Cagg would like to transfer some sick leave hours with him from his previous employment. Judy made a motion to allow 120 hours of sick leave be transferred to Camden pending documentation from his previous employer that he has that many hours to be transferred. 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. Carla second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Judy made a motion to approve the January Financial Statement. Kat second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Kate second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

*Rebecca Wilson*

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Toni Keesler, Mayor