

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
January 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm at the Jeffersontown Fire Department #2. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, attorney Carrie Ritsert, and commissioners Brad King, Gary Osborne, Chris Gordon, and Gayle Wilhelmi. The minutes of the December meeting were distributed. Gary made a motion to accept the minutes. Chris seconded and the motion was passed.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed.

Old Business: There was some discussion about the six properties on Taylorsville Rd. where the rear of the property is part of Cambridge. Carrie recommended approaching each homeowner first via a letter outlining our desire to either acquire the land or to annex their entire property. She also recommended getting the land appraised first, and then having a survey done to establish exact boundaries. Carrie also said enacting an occupational tax is a consideration if any of the properties are developed. Sherry will compose a letter and send copies to the Board for suggestions/approval.

There are still two unpaid tax bills. The house at 4224 Browns Lane is empty and was recently taken off the market, and the home at 2919 Cambridge Rd. is still for sale. Sherry will compose a letter to the owners of the properties and advise that we will be filing a lien for the outstanding tax bill if they have not been paid by Feb. 1.

Sherry found what appears to be Andrew Howell's cell phone number. She has forwarded the information to Jeremiah at Carrie's office. Hopefully we will have some answers on how to obtain our files from his previous law office.

The Cambridge website has been updated, but there are still some corrections needed. It lists the wrong contact number for Brad, and incorrect meeting times and dates on the calendar. Sherry recommended that tabs for ordinances, minutes, and city news be added. This would help residents find information more easily.

Sherry distributed a list of the 23 properties she identified as being rental houses in Cambridge with the names of the owners, names of occupants, and whether or not they have registered in compliance with the new ordinance. Six have filled out and paid the rental fee and one sent in a partial payment as they no longer will rent the house after February. Sherry will send letters (to those who have not complied) asking for the rental form to be completed and returned with the fee, and reminding them that we will place a lien on the property after 20 days of receipt of this letter if necessary for non compliance.

Brad distributed copies of prices for signs and installation costs from Cadillac Sign and Decal. The price for reflective No Parking Fire Lane and Speed Limit 25 signs were \$42.50 each. A non-reflective Caution Children at Play was \$31.20 but we assume a reflective one would also cost \$42.50. The cost for installation was estimated at \$250 which included posts. An inventory of how many of these signs that need to be replaced will be done next. Chris made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$700 from Cadillac for the purchase of new signs. Gayle seconded and the motion was passed. Sherry felt that Sammy could install the signs on existing poles. It was also suggested that any Neighborhood Watch signs could be discarded.

New Business: A resident on Miles Rd. reported that an LGE light pole was struck by a truck and is leaning. Brad will contact LGE to request a fix.

Rick Farrow on Lowe Rd. applied for the Homestead exemption on property tax. The PVA sent a refund of approximately \$78 to Sherry for his taxes. He owes approximately \$80 in late fees and interest that he never paid for Cambridge taxes. Sherry will send him an invoice that reflects those charges so it will show why Cambridge will keep the refund to cover these costs.

Sherry received a letter stating Cambridge is in line to have all properties reassessed by the PVA so we may need to adjust the tax rate.

Chris feels that he may be able to take care of the Cambridge website. He has experience with maintaining websites.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:50. The next meeting will be February 18 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,