

Organizational Meeting
January 19, 2017
Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library

The Camden Town Council met to organize and set goals for 2017 on January 19th, Camden-Jackson Twp. Library Reading Room, at 6:00pm. Present were Council Members Andrew Robison, Mark Schock, Brent Deel, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Utility Superintendent Jerry Snavelly and Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation.

The first order of business was the election of officers for 2017 with the terms set for one year. Mr. Deel made the motions nominating Mr. Robison and Mr. Schock continuing their roles as President and Vice President, respectively. By a motion from Mr. Schock, Anne Briggs was re-appointed as town attorney.

1. Housing Rehab Grant - another person is still needed in the very low income level but someone has expressed an interest in her mother applying. The grant contract and other required forms will be signed at the regular council meeting.
2. Grant for Water Street paving - two bids were received and will be opened at the regular meeting. Mr. Smith estimated the paving to be about \$67,505 and the sidewalk (cement) cost to be about \$14,076. The Council was given an Excel sheet of funding available for this project and also other street work, sidewalks and the town's building.
3. Storm drain south of town - if the town take control of this ditch, a grant will be considered. The grant would cover 80% of the cost. Total cost for the project would be between \$300,000 and \$500,000 and the town's match would be 20%. Mr. Smith stated the town does have options and one would be to do nothing. If that is the case, the county would start collecting fees and once they have enough money the ditch would be fixed. If the county fixes the drain, the cost would be at 100% and therefore the town's share could be higher than if the town repaired it. Mr. Smith further stated the county is not accessing 30% to 40% of the drains in their jurisdiction and this project will be placed in the rotation. The Council will need to know if other entities will contribute towards the costs and how fees can be accessed. The Council will need to be told the process on assuming responsibility for the drain. If a grant is applied for, a public hearing will need to be held the first part of February to fit in with the grant's timeline.
4. Grant for extension of lines to GEP plant - the town is waiting to hear when this major project will move forward and once information is made known, the town will sign agreements with Umbaugh and Ice Miller.
5. Start replacing sidewalks - the Council was given copies of Ordinance 2007-2 Establishing a Sidewalk Construction and Financing Policy. Members will review the existing sidewalks and inventory necessary repairs using this ordinance as a guideline.

6. Repairs to dump truck bed and hitch - cosmetic repairs are needed on the dump truck due to wear and tear and the erosive effects of salt. Mr. Snively stated he would look into the repairs in the spring or summer.

7. Inventory of buildings to know what repairs might be needed:

Paint the inside of the community building and the floor - Mr. Robison will look into this.

Disposal of old stove and refrigerator - these appliances will be disposed of at the spring cleanup. Mr. Schock felt he could get used appliances at the Purdue Surplus Store.

Scout Building - the Council will look at this building when they inventory the sidewalks.

Med Center - no repairs were noted with this building.

Mr. Snively will change a few of the light bulbs in the community building and the Council can determine if they want to switch all the bulbs to LED.

8. Update any ordinances - a couple of the ordinances may need to be reviewed and re-written. Mentioned in particular were the golf cart ordinance. Mr. Snively mentioned one homeowner who is parking a trailer in the alley blocking access to the water meter.

9. Remove 2 trees on town property (S. Schock and French's) and trees at the ponds and drive - an estimate was received from Aaron Record to remove three trees: 213 Washington Street, \$1,000; 602 N Water Street, \$1,500; and 597 N Water Street, \$500 for a total of \$3,000. By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel the Council voted to approve the tree removal which included grinding down of the three stumps.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

Mark Schock

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel