

**Camden Town Council Meeting
October 11, 2017
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:00. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and six guests.

Motion to approve the September 13th minutes was made by Mr. Schock and seconded by Mr. Deel. Mr. Robison presented and signed the memorandum from the Executive Session held on October 6th with respect to an individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct. The memorandum certified the Members received information and discussed that topic only and any final action would be taken at a public meeting.

Following a review of the claims, Mr. Deel made the motion to approve the October Docket & Allowance Docket which was seconded by Mr. Schock.

Bid packets for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Project through IHCD were accepted at the town office until noon on October 11th. Two bids were received, opened by Mr. Robison and read aloud:

House Address:	Company: Hopkins	Bid Amount:	Company: Bergstrom	Bid Amount:

193 E Main		\$34,225		\$39,651
199 S Monroe		\$64,610		\$39,834
269 N Illinois		\$23,830		\$16,106
384 E Washington		\$44,145		\$29,639
196 N Indiana		\$34,460		\$17,234
486 E Main		\$51,750		\$25,570
370 N Monroe		\$43,485		\$20,087

Star Development stated they invited eleven companies to bid; three showed an interest. One copy of each bid was given to Star Development and the Council tabled action until the bids have been properly reviewed which is expected to take a couple of weeks. A decision on contractor selection is expected at the November Council meeting.

Glendon Wolf, Norris Insurance, presented the Council a packet with options for the employees' health insurance. The current plan will have an 8.8% increase effective 12/1 if no changes are made. Two other options were detailed out - one would have a 7.15% increase and the other option has a decrease of 10.97%. The options will result in greater increase to the employees with out of pocket expenses and/or deductibles. The plans allow for HSA accunts which town employees self-fund. A second health plan was briefly explained but that plan from United Healthcare did not offer any out-of-network coverage. The Council took the information under advisement and thanked Mr. Wolf. If no change is made, nothing will need to be done; if the Council changes the plan, a form will have to be completed specifying which plan was chosen.

Department Reports:

Utility Superintendent Reported:

- (1) Leaf pickup has started.
- (2) Repairs are needed on the dump truck. An estimate of \$3,111.82 was received but this does not include painting the entire bed. Due to the truck being needed now for leaf pickup and later

for snow removal, the Council felt the work could wait until spring as there is no danger with using the truck as is. By a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock, the dump truck repair suggestion was tabled until spring.

(3) Mr. Robison announced the town received \$141,765 from INDOT Community Crossing Grant. The town will have a local match of \$47,255 which is planned in the 2018 budget. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., will be asked to put the project out to bid with separate bids for asphalt and ADA ramp work. There was discussion on whether any sidewalks were included in the project but it was explained they were not included in the application so they could not be part of this project's funding.

(4) Following a discussion on tree removal Mr. Schock moved to table further discussion until November which was seconded by Mr. Deel. The town has a list of five trees that need to be removed, totaling \$3,600. The Council requested an email detailing the cost and location of the trees. Mr. Deel volunteered to find a buyer to cut the walnut tree at the Scout Barn. Other known expenses that will affect the budget are salt for the streets this winter and the cost for street sign posts which have been ordered.

(5) The Council wants to install security cameras at the intersection of SR 75 and 218 but Duke Energy will not allow the street light poles to be used to provide the wiring. There is another pole that can be used but ownership of that pole is unknown and they are not sure it is in the proper location. Mr. Snively will contact Duke and ask for another opinion.

(6) The scissor lift is not working. By a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock, Delphi Body Works will be contacted to come check it out.

The Marshal reported: No report

The Clerk-Treasurer's report included:

(1) Ordinance 2017-10 setting the 2018 budget was presented. A short statement was read explaining the budget (\$493,340) and the tax rate of \$1.79. The tax rate and budget will be reviewed when the 1782 Notice is received. The Clerk-Treasurer stated the town should cut the budget and tax rate once the Notice is received. The proposed cuts were outlined in an email and the suggested final tax rate should be similar to the 2017 rate. Ordinance 2017-10 was passed by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.

(2) Ordinance 2017-11, 2018 Salary Ordinance, was approved by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.

(3) Ordinance 2017-12, Repeal/Replace 92-4, was passed by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. This ordinance set a local fine of \$25 for failure to stop at a stop sign and will go into effect thirty days after being advertized per state statute.

(4) By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel, the annual maintenance agreement for the Boyce Keystone Systems covering Fund (\$1,570), Billing (\$2,000), Payroll (\$1570) and Assets (\$550) programs was approved.

(5) The Council directed Attorney Briggs to investigate ordinances dealing with illegal dumping of trash at the town's dumpsters. The dumpsters are for Camden resident use only and permission should be sought before trash is left. Mrs. Briggs was also asked to work on an ordinance dealing with illegal turn-on of the town's water meters.

(6) Mr. Deel will investigate upgrading the town's WiFi to work better with the security system.

(7) By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel, a letter of support of the Deer Creek Sugar Creek Watershed will be prepared and signed by Mr. Robison.

(8) When asked if the town should continue mowing the property at 213 E Washington, the Council voted yes by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. A lien will be prepared for mowing charges to date and filed at the court house.

Council Comments:

The Council met on October 6th to discuss an employee issue. Mr. Robison stated the attorney, Mrs. Briggs, advised the proper action would be to suspend the marshal from service. By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel the marshal Jason Dunning was suspended without pay until the issue is resolved.

Mr. Schock asked if the Carroll County EDC had contacted the town about dues or addressing the Council and there has been no communication from them.

A paint proposal from Cardwell Construction was opened for consideration. Following discussion, painting of the Community Building floor was tabled and will be considered again in the spring.

Camera nine of the new security system is not working. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to hold their check until the problem is resolved.

The discussion on sidewalk replacement was tabled until spring due to uncertainty on the pricing and winter approaching.

Mr. Schock inquired about the sidewalk still needing replaced on East Main Street and was told the contractor planned to do the work this week but the rain pushed the work back. There have been numerous delays on this work due to unforeseen issues with an unknown broken drain under the sidewalk and an issue with water draining from the street.

Miscellaneous:

Halloween will be celebrated October 31st, 6 - 8 pm.

The Veterans' Program will be at the Community Building on November 5th.

The Camden Preservation Society will host the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 25th. Contact Deb Foreman (574-686-2020) for information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

Mark Schock

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel