

Camden Town Council Meeting
October 15, 2015
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Alliance, Mr. Fite called the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00p.m. Present were Member Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and 11 guests. Member Kandance Funk was absent.

Minutes from the following meetings were approved by motions from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Fite:

- September 17th meeting with the Jackson Twp. Trustee, Deb Foreman
- September 17th Regular Council Meeting and 2016 Budget Public Hearing
- September 25th Called Meeting

The claims from September and October were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance Report were approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Fite.

Appointment Reports

1. Laura Walls, Carroll County EDC Director, updated the Council on projects being pursued and those that have been successful. Joe Mayfield, EDC President, and Bob Overman, Camden Representative on the Board, also spoke positively on the future of Carroll County's economic growth. The four (4) year contract (through July 15, 2019) was presented for approval with the dues remaining the same at \$10.50/person/year resulting in dues being assessed at \$6,395. Following discussion by the Council, the contract was tabled to allow all members an opportunity to review the document.
2. Pete Wagoner, Rail Corridor Commission, informed the Council the connector at CR 75 is being paved and is expected to be completed by November. He also stated the power plant in Logansport has signed an agreement which may be beneficial to local rail projects.

Department Reports

Utility Department:

1. Street Department - Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., Jerry Snavelly, Andy Robison, resident Joe Bradford and Laura Slusser, LTAP, met in the afternoon to determine what could be done to slow traffic on the S. Monroe Street hill. The best option would be installation of two speed bumps and proper signage. Mr. Robison made the motion to proceed with this solution, seconded by Mr. Fite. Mr. Snavelly will investigate the compliance regulations.
2. Mr. Smith will have quotes for the installation of 90° sidewalk ramps at the November meeting.
3. Mr. Snavelly, Mr. K. Smith and Dean Cripe met to discuss the broken field tile south of Camden. It is a county tile serving the area south of Camden and fields north by the park along with a portion of the town but the county says they will not assist in the repair cost due to the tile not being assessed. A maintenance form was completed but Mr. Smith was told the damaged area is the responsibility of the property owner. Mrs. Briggs was asked to contact the county to see what the impact of assessment on the drain would be. Mr. Snavelly will keep Mr. Cripe informed of the town's actions.
4. The new chlorine system is nearing completion. Electrical work still needs to be done but the tank, scales, day tank, pump and fittings are complete. Change over could take place in two to three weeks.
5. Billy Trapp asked about the installation of a ramp into the grocery store. Mark Schock stated the Masonic Lodge had not voted on the issue and would need an estimate.

The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

1. The 2016 Budget, Ordinance # 2015-3, was presented and adopted following a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Fite. Also passed was Ordinance 2015-4, Setting Rates for Photocopies.
2. An *Agreement for Consulting Services* with Viki Powers, Powers Grant Administration, for her work on the storm water/wastewater planning grant was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison. The local match for the grant, \$4,450, will be allocated to this cost.

3. The annual agreement with Boyce Systems for the Keystone system maintenance was also approved by a motion from Mr. Robison.
4. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a "Job Duties and Responsibilities" handout for a person to clean the community building. With the proposed changes, a person would be hired as a part-time employee without benefits to clean the community building and restrooms. Mr. Robison moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Mr. Fite. The 2016 Salary Ordinance will be written to include this new position and the 2016 Budget will be adjust with line item moves to allow for the cost. The moves will not increase the budget but will merely transfer funds from "Cleaning the Community Building" , Repairs & Maintenance to "Janitor", Personal Services.
5. The blanket bond in the amount of \$15,000 for the marshals was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison.
6. Following a brief discussion, the Council approved purchasing shelving, a storage unit and break room table & chairs for in the utility/marshal office. Mark Schock's suggestion of checking at Purdue's surplus for these items was accepted and will be acted upon.
7. An additional appropriation in the amount of \$700 will be requested in November for the Village Post Office Fund, a pass through fund, for the purchase of stamps to sell through the VPO.
8. There will be a Housing Rehabilitation Workshop for those persons interested in taking part in the grant. The workshop will be held November 12th at 6:30 pm at the Community Building. Interested persons were encouraged to attend.

Council Comments

- Mr. Fite reminded citizens November 3rd is Election Day and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
- Mr. Robison spoke with someone at INDOT's LaPorte office and Camden should be in their rotation to sweep Main Street, SR 218.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Comet will host a debate on October 22nd starting at 7pm at the Flora library for candidates in contested races in Camden and Flora. The public was encouraged to attend.
2. Halloween will be celebrated October 31 from 6pm until 8pm. The Lion's Club will host their annual party starting at 7:30.
3. The Town Office will be closed November 3rd for election, November 5th for software training, November 11th for Veterans Day and November 26 for Thanksgiving.
4. The American Legion will have their annual Veteran's Program on November 8th at the Community Building. A dinner for veterans and spouses will take place prior to the program. Ruby Robison should be contacted for more information.
5. The Preservation Society will have their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 28th at the Community Building from 10 until 2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 following a motion from Mr. Robison.

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Andy Robison

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Kandance Funk