

**Camden Town Council Meeting
October 20, 2016
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison called the October meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs, and twelve guests. Claims for the months of September and October were reviewed and initialed by the Council Members prior to the start of the meeting.

The following motions were made and approved:

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 15th meeting by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel

Motion to approve the October 20th Executive Session (held at the Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library) by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel

Motion to approve the October 20th Executive Session (held at the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, Delphi) by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock

Motion to approve the October docket and Allowance Docket by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Laura Walls, CCEDC Director, updated the Members on county projects and reminded them of the four year contract. Town representatives, Mark Schock, Bob Overman and Julia Leahy were thanked for their volunteer service to the EDC. Accomplishments include: the move of the EDC office to the Industrial Park in February; Wigman Pig; tax abatement for IPC; contracted payment to Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission of \$5,000; Peters Industrial Development on W. Washington Street, Delphi; Next Day Container, additional shift; Lily Project Grant; donation of \$10,000 towards the Flora Depot Restoration; and support of Shafer-Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corporation. Ms. Walls stated she expects to make an announcement of a large expansion within the next thirty days. Unemployment figures for Carroll County were reviewed and the area is showing improvement - the area is still below the national average.

Glendon Wolf, Norris Insurance, reviewed the projected health insurance premiums for 2017 which show an increase of 9.6% but that increase is below other companies. Coverage costs would increase from \$3838.24 /month to \$4204.95/month. If the employee deductible is increased from \$3,000/\$6,000 (in network) to \$3,500/\$7,000 the premium increase would be 1% taking the premium to \$3854.53. The term of the agreement would be extended from 12-1-2017 to 12-31-2017 resulting in a thirteen month policy. Due to the national election and unknown expected healthcare changes, the policy termination dates is extended until January 1, 2018. Mr. Wolf expects to inform the Council of policy options in October, 2017. The rate for 2017 will only change if there is a triggering birth date. If the town stays with the current policy the community rates will not take affect and the trend has been to hold on to the transitional plan. Mr. Wolf will need a decision by November 1st. By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel the decision was tabled.

Linda Stapleton, NP at the Camden Health Center, introduced Linda Schrock, Vice President of Human Resources at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Ms. Schock spoke on developing an employee clinic to help reduce insurance cost. Following her short presentation the Council gave her permission to contract Glendon Wolf to collect information on the employees for determining the feasibility of a local health clinic for employees .

Appointment Reports

Everett Snoeberger, Area Plan Commission Board of Zoning Appeals, stated all county zoning ordinances are being combined into one documents with only editorial changes or statutorily compliance revisions.

Next year they will start to make changes to the zoning ordinance and a community group will probably be formed for the project. The ordinance proposed a couple of years ago had errors that needed revised. Once the new ordinance is written, the town will have several options in adoption which includes keeping the current ordinance, adopting a blended ordinance or adopting the entire new ordinance. A building inspector position may be included in the new ordinance. If so, and Camden adopts the new ordinance, the town may be expected to contribute to towards the cost.

Jason Dunning, speaking on behalf of E-911, mentioned the new CAD system has been bought.

Department Reports

Utility/Street Department:

1. Mr. Snavely reported he will return to work on October 24th.
2. The IDEM sanitary sewer inspection went well.
3. The north diamond at the Jackson Twp. park can not be used for the Lion's Club tractor pull due to the 100 foot setback required for the well.
4. Mr. Smith will have the bid packet for North Water Street ready for consideration at the November meeting.
5. Mr. Smith presented a packet of information on options for repairs to the storm sewer pipe south of town and parties who drain into that pipe. Funding options were also discussed and include applying for a construction grant, asking the county to assume responsibility thus taxing the drain or doing a joint venture on sharing the cost with the county. The town could apply for a \$500,000 grant which would be matched with \$140,000 in local funds. Mr. Smith was given permission to represent the town at the next County Drainage Board meeting.

Marshal Report:

Mr. Robison read the prepared Marshal's report and there were no comments or questions. It was announced that Randy Larimore will resign from the Marshal position effective October 28th. Deputy Marshal Dunning submitted a letter to Mr. Robison asking to be considered for the position. The Council approved the request. Officer Dunning stated he will advertise for a deputy on the academy site to see if there is interest there. The suggestion was made to allow Deputy Dunning to work more than the 24 hours/pay as outlined in the Salary Ordinance but for that to happen the ordinance would need to be amended. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned the Marshal Manual, adopted in 1995, outlines how deputy's are selected. It was also mentioned that due to the age of the manual and changes made through the years, the manual needs updated.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Ordinance 2016-5 setting the 2017 budget was approved as presented by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.

Following discussion of the need to upgrade from Key Budget to Key Fund and answering questions from the Council and the citizens present, the Council again tabled the request by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. Among the issues stated were Mr. Schock's concern about the price and Mr. Deel's concern of when another upgrade be required. Mr. Robison volunteered to call Keystone to see if the price was negotiable.

The yearly maintenance with Boyce Systems was approved by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.

The office will be closed November 8th, Election Day, November 11, Veterans' Day and at noon on November 10th due to training.

By a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock \$200 will be allocated for the purchase of a Christmas tree for in front of the Community Building. If someone is interested in donating a tree, it will be considered.

As part of the housing rehab grant, the town was required to have a project unique to the community. Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center will host an educational program in March. As a gift to the center, donations of pet supplies will be accepted at the town office.

Public Comments:

Lt. Gary Stanley, US Air Force Civil Air Patrol, asked to use the Scout Barn for meetings. He is working towards establishing a squad in Carroll County and plans to meet once a week and two weekends each month. It will take 20 members to make up the squad. The Youth Program is designed for those twelve years and older. At eighteen years members can join the Senior Members. Assisting in the presentation were Lt. 1st Class Megan Dunning and Lt. Katie Stanley. Permission was granted by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel. The meeting times will need to be coordinated with the Scout leaders.

Council Comments

1. One more participant is needed for the housing rehab grant but the household needed must meet the low income requirement. The applicant must be at or below a gross income of: \$17,360/one person in the house; \$19,840 two person house household; \$22,320 three persons, etc. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the town office (574-686-2121).

2. Mr. Robison will try to contact with Gray-Wolf Construction to repair the leak in the roof of the community building.

Misc.

Halloween will be October 31st 6pm - 8pm. The Lion's Club will have their party starting at 7:30.

Citizens were reminded to vote on November 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

Mark Schock

Brent Deel

Patricia Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer