

**Camden Town Council Meeting
November 2, 2015
Camden Town Office**

Mr. Fite called the properly called and advertized special meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 8:45a.m. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and the town's appointees to the Carroll County EDC Board Bob Overman, Julia Leahy and Peter Wagoner.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the payment of the dues as outlined in the Contract for Professional Community and Economic Development. The contract which was presented at the October 15th Council Meeting based membership dues on the most recent census figure times \$10.50. The Town Council made a request over four years ago for the formula to be changed to be an equal percent of the EDC budget divided by the total EDIT distribution. This same request was mentioned each year the contract is presented for approval and the town was reminded the contract was binding and could not be changed until it matured. Based on the contract presented, Camden's dues for 2015 will be \$6,395 which is 52.2% of the tax funds received by the town in 2014. Using this same formula, Burlington returns 58.7% of EDIT revenue in dues, Delphi 20.8%, Flora 34.1% and the County 37.5%. If the EDC would have considered the proposed change and based the dues on a percent of the EDC budget compared to the EDIT distribution, the percentage due by all participating units of local government would be 33.95%. Under the proposed formula, the City of Delphi would see their dues increase drastically but all other participating entities in the county would see a reduction in dues. Camden's dues would be \$4,151.67.

During the discussion on the matter, the Council Members agreed they would like to be involved with the EDC but feel the treatment on the dues should be equal. The Members also noted Camden was the last to be approached in regards to the contract and all the other members have signed. Mr. Robison moved to sign the contract with the stipulation that if the dues structure is not changed, the next contract would not be signed. Ms. Funk did not agree with that motion. Following discussion, Mr. Robison moved to negotiate with the EDC on paying a fair share of the dues at \$4,151.67 and to submit the offer to EDC President Joe Mayfield along with a letter of explanation. Ms. Funk seconded the motion. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to prepare the proposal. Mr. Overman stated he would explain Camden's position at the next EDC meeting so that Board would be aware of the town's thoughts and position on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Andy Robison

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Kandance Funk