

**Camden Town Council Meeting
December 15, 2016
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison called the December meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Member Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs, and seven guests. Council Member Brent Deel was absent. Claims for the months of November and December 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 November 17th meeting by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison

Motion to approve the December Docket and Allowance Docket by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison

Edwin Buswell, Executive Director of Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (K-IRPC) informed the Council of a grant that could possibly be used to cover 50% of the cost if water and wastewater lines are extended south of Camden to an industrial site. He stated the description of the project was within the guidelines of allowable projects. These grants normally allow \$1.2 towards project cost and other grants are allowed to be piggy-backed. K-IRPC cost are a 5.5% fee, \$5,000 for labor standards and \$3,000 for environmental review and are charged only if the grant is awarded. There are two phases - a. proposal is submitted and it that is approved an application is prepared. Completion of the proposal can take 30 days and the grant application usually is 60 days. The funds are for public works and can not be used on private property construction. The landowners of undeveloped property have 5 year restrictions on selling their property at the appraised value before improvements to prevent windfall sales. A State Revolving Loan can be used as the local match. The first thing to be done would be an environmental review and then procure the engineer. The Council will contact Mr. Buswell in January with its intentions.

Department Reports

Utility/Street Department:

1. Mr. Snavelly reported the tower is cleaned, painted and disinfected. A crew will return in the spring to finish up some painting and possibly inspect the tower again. The Council thanked Mr. Snavelly and Dan Smith for the extra work and hours required with this project.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, presented a Request for Quotes for improvements on North Water Street. He was asked to amend the quote to include removal of two sections of the street which have heaved. The Purchase Order for INDOT Construction was received and funds should be expected in 3 - 4 weeks.

Mr. Smith requested to attend the year-end meeting with information on the storm water ditch and plans to attend the Drainage Board meeting in January.

Marshal Report:

Mr. Robison read the prepared Marshals Report.

By a motion from Mr. Schock, John Chapman will be hired as the town's deputy marshal at regular deputy pay. Mr. Robison asked the Marshal and Deputy be reminded to stay within the Marshal Budget for time worked.

Clerk-Treasurer:

"Ordinance #2016-5 2017 Salary Ordinance" was passed by a motion from Mr. Schock.

The property and liability insurance renewal 2017-18 was approved and signed by Mr. Robison. Cyber Liability and Privacy Coverage was discussed and declined. A Disaster Recovery program offered by Keystone was also declined

Currently, the Council will continue to meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 in the Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library. The Council may make a change in the date after discussing the issue with Mr. Deel who often times is required to work during the meeting date. The Council approved a payment of \$250 to the Library for the use of the room. Election of officers will take place at the year-end meeting, the date of which was not set. The Council will meet in early January to discuss goals for the year.

Appoints of volunteers to various Boards and Commissions were approved.

Bob Overman, re-appointed for three years to the CC EDC; his term will expire 12-31-2019;

Everett Snoeberger, re-appointed to Zoning Appeals Board; his term will expire the 1st Monday in 2020;

Scott Billings, re-appointed to Area Plan Commission; his term will expire 12-31-2019;

Other one year terms that will expire 12-31-2017 include:

Andrew Robison, Emergency Management and K-IRPC

Bob McCain, E-911 (Ellen Dunning may attend with non-voting rights in his absence)

Peter Wagoner, CC Administrative Committee of APCTC/MPO

The "Contract of Shooting Range" with Purdue University was approved by a motion from Mr. Schock.

Utility Adjustment Request

Mr. Manning, 289 N. Church Street, asked to have his late fee of about \$8.00 forgiven due to financial hardship. The Council could not waive the fee but did offer suggestions on where he might check for assistance.

Council Comments

Mr. Schock and Mr. Robison expressed pleasure with the recently attended Area Plan meeting in regards to the rezoning for the GEP plant south of Camden. He stated the meeting was very professional and well attended.

Also, thanks were extended to those who helped with decorating the town's Christmas tree and organizing the Preservation Society's Christmas Bazaar and the hayride organized by the Masonic Lodge.

The Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission and the Carroll County EDC were thanked for the GEP jobs announcement held at the Camden Community Building.

Misc.

The Town Office will be closed December 26th and January 2nd for the holidays.

The Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center will host a special program in the Community Building on March 22nd at 6:30. This program is fulfilling one of the requirements set forth in the IHCD requirements for the Low-to-Moderate Income Housing Rehab Grant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

Mark Schock

Brent Deel

ATTEST:

Patricia Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer