

**Camden Town Council Year-End Meeting
December 27, 2016
Camden Town Office**

Mr. Robison called the 2016 Year-End Meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 3:00 p.m. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Street Superintendent Jerry Snavelly, Assistant Dan Smith and Ken Smith of Municipal Civil Corp. Year-end claims were presented to the Council for review prior to the signing of the docket. The minutes from the December 15th meeting, the December Year-End Docket and Allowance Docket were approved following motions from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.

Mr. Schock made the motion to approve **Resolution 2016-D, Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations for the Town of Camden**, seconded by Mr. Deel and passed.

The Council Members and Clerk-Treasurer signed anti-nepotism certifications in regards to hiring of employees and contracting with those considered to be relatives.

The Town Council will hold their annual planning meeting on January 19th at 6:00 in the Library.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., spoke with the Carroll County Drainage Department in regards to the large ditch running through the east side of Camden flowing south out of town and then west to the creek. This drain is known as the George A. Hunt Drain. Pulled records show the drain was installed in 1908 as an open ditch and then upgraded in 1913 to a tile drain. It originally ran as far north as the school and then stopped. Over the years the drain has been added onto and areas served expanded. The County is willing to consider repairing the original drain after reassessing the in-town property owners (which would be somewhere around \$25 per year) and the farmers would be assessed a certain amount per acre. Once funds are available the drain would be repaired. The County would probably install a 24" plastic line. The County would regulate the drain rates and any improvements would have to go before the County. There are no funds available now to cover necessary repairs - the county collects drainage funds and those are held for specific drains and can not be applied to other drains which may need repairs. If Camden were to take over the drain, the town could apply for an OCRA grant which would cover 80% of the cost and possibly get an additional, smaller grant, from USDA Rural Development. The Town anticipates it would also need a loan to cover the local match. The town could then assess fees on those who use the drain to pay off the loan and set funds in reserve for future maintenance. A fee of \$2/month/property was recommended to be assessed for those in town and those outside of town who drain into the ditch would be assessed a set amount per acre. The fee of \$2/month was suggested as it would give the grant application a better chance of being approved. The Council discussed ways this fee could be implemented without having a negative effect on the residents. Mr. Smith recommended a 27" reinforced concrete tile with a life of at least 50 years. Mr. Smith stated the loan rate would probably be 2.3% and could be taken out for as long as 38 years. During discussion, Mr. Snavelly questioned the condition of the drain along Water Street and Mr. Smith stated he would use a camera and check that drain. The Council expressed concern that the repairs for the drain would be completed after the street work that is now planned for Water Street resulting in the street being torn up after just being repaired. Discussion was held on how to avoid that issue through preparing for the drain repairs when the street is being repaired.

Mr. Smith plans to attend the meeting on January 19th to discuss options the town may want to consider that would promote economic development.

Mr. Snavelly mentioned the filters in the water treatment plant would need upgraded and the wells inspected in 2017 so those issues will need to be incorporated into the town's 2017 goals.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

Mark Schock

Patricia Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel