

**Camden Town Council Meeting
February 18, 2016
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison called the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00p.m. Present were Member Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and two guests. Member Brent Deel was absent.

Motions to approve the minutes from the January 18th Public Hearing and Regular Council meeting was made by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. Following a review of the claims Mr. Shock made the motion to approve the February Docket & Allowance Docket which was seconded by Mr. Robison and passed.

Department Reports

The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

1. The Annual Report and Budget for the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission was distributed to the Council and reviewed.
2. Several contracts were presented for approval and were accepted following motions from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison:
 - a. the contract for use of the town's shooting range by the Carroll County 4-H, through Purdue Extension
 - b. the annual contract with the American Red Cross for use of the Community Building as an emergency shelter
 - c. the contract with Star Development for writing and administering the grant with Indiana Housing

Mark McCarty, Star Development, was present to explain the application process and dates by which the grant would progress. The application will be made available from the Indiana Housing on May 2nd and will be due back July 2nd. The grants will be announced in September and communities will have 18 months following completion of award documents to complete the project. Ten applications have been received from Camden homeowners and Star Development is in the process of qualifying the applications. The goal is to apply for a \$300,000 grant. Each home will be allowed between \$20,000 and \$27,000 for repairs, based on the work that is required. The town will be required to allocate a little over \$3,300 towards the projects. Star Development will continue to accept applications from homeowners until the end of March since the Indiana Housing has set back their application due date. Mr. McCarty stated a public hearing will be held in April.

3. A letter was received from Delphi Community School Corporation asking the late fees on the February water bill be waived as the payment check took exceptionally long to be delivered by the postal service. Following discussion, Mr. Schock moved to waive the fee as the school is a government entity and not allowed by law to pay late fees. It was noted that this would be a one time exception. Motion seconded by Mr. Robison and passed.

4. The alley vacation on East Main Street has been recorded with the county.

Public Comments

Dean Cripe asked the Council if any decision was made on the drain running through his property south of town. Mr. Robison stated the county should access the drain and start collecting funds for repairs. Although the drain collects storm water from the town it is not a town drain. Mr. Cripe stated he will discuss it with the county. He went on to say the watershed affects about 50 property owners and it will take time to build up reserves. Before an assessment can be applied, 51% of the area wide landowners would have to agree to the assessment and he would like for the town area be considered one entity instead individuals being accessed.

Council Updates

Mr. Schock met with Laura Walls, Joe Mayfield and Miriam Roberson, CCEDC, to discuss the dues and felt the meeting was very good. He proposed the town pay the dues of \$6,395 for two years and then dues would be renewable at the town's discretion for years three and four. The contract would be renewable after two years with one year extensions. The EDC would continue to support the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission. Mr. Schock made the motion to pay dues of \$6,395 for the next two years, with the Council approving renewing the contract years three and four individually. Motion passed. Mrs. Briggs will be asked to review the contract once it is provided. When asked by the Clerk-Treasurer if 2015 dues were to be paid, Mr. Robison stated there was no contract for 2015 and the dues would not be retroactive. Pete Wagoner has resigned from the EDC Board and Mr. Schock was appointed to fill that position.

The Council will meet in executive session on February 25th at 1:00 and again at 6:00 in the town office to interview potential employees for the part-time deputy marshal and cleaning person positions. Notices will be posted and the newspaper notified.

Old Business

The Council again tabled the matter of updating the budget program and a decision on purchasing banners for the Bicentennial.

Miscellaneous Items

The Community Club Fish Fry will be March 12th, the second Saturday of the month, due to spring break making it hard to recruit volunteers.

The Masonic Lodge is replacing all the windows in their building and due to the crack in one of the windows, Relay for Life will not be allowed to paint the window.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel