

Camden Town Council Meeting
May 10, 2017
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

The May meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Robison who opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming to the guests. Present were Member Brent Deel, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and seven guests. Member Mark Schock was absent.

Motions to approve the April 12th minutes was made by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Robison. After a review of the claims, Mr. Deel made the motion to approve the May Docket & Allowance Docket which was seconded by Mr. Robison and passed.

Star Development: Joyce McCarty stated that the CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Low to Moderate Income, Housing Grant issued by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority requires any conflicts of interest be disclosed. The applications have two conflicts of interest - Mr. Robison who will be participating in the program himself and Mr. Schock's mother, Linda Parrett, will be a participant. An opinion letter will also be required from the town's attorney. Once Form 236 is completed and the opinion letter is received, the information will be sent on to the state for approval. This issue is common in small communalities so the state is familiar with the occurrence. Mr. Deel and Pat Casserly will be the authorized signatures on the forms due to the conflict of interest. Mark McCarty informed the Council a lot of the paperwork is already taken care of. They are completing the 106 Section, Historical Review. It was noted that all of Main Street is part of Camden's historic district. Houses that are one block north or south are not affected and can have certain exterior changes whereas houses within the district would not be allowed those same type of improvements. The Scope of Work and Section 106s will be sent and then bids taken. Once the bids are received at a public meeting, they will be tabled by the Council and reviewed for completeness by Star Development. Recommendations will then be made at a later date as to which contractors are best qualified and responsible to be awarded the projects.

K&L Lawncare - Kenny Bass and Richard Berkshire stated they are ready to do another round ordinance violation corrections for lawn maintenance if the Council is interested. It was stated that the property at 432 East Main was mowed because of the grass being so tall. Discussion was held on the notification to homeowners and due process. The Marshal stated he had taken pictures of two properties which were recently forward to the Clerk-Treasurer. Those properties will receive letters notifying them of the violation and the action the town will take if the violation continues. Marshal Dunning questioned the procedure for follow-up once the warning letter is mailed. Mrs. Briggs stated a continuing violation could result in a citation or court action. By a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Robison, K&L Lawncare will be awarded the contract for nuisance ordinance violation (tall grass) correction for 2017.

Department Reports:

Although Jerry Snavelly was absent, he informed Mr. Robison everything was going good.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation stated INDOT is offering another round of Community Crossing Grants. This round will have a 25% local match instead of the current match of 50%. Qualifying work can be done on any town owned street and the local match is allowed from the following funds: Riverboat, MVH, LRS and Rainy Day. These funds can be used for storm drains, sidewalks and tree removal (if it is in the right-of-way) in addition to street work. Mr. Smith will do a traffic count on the streets selected by the Council and Mr. Snively. The Council approved proceeding with an application. Street patching will start as time allows.

Jason Dunning read the Marshal's report. Marshal Dunning asked about the ordinance allowing for a reserve program. Mr. Deel asked how many reserve officers there would be and was told he would start with one.

The Council discussed several other matters involving ordinance violations and nuisance properties. The property on East James Street, across from the park, still has an old basement area that has not been filled. The property owner told the Council this would be taken care of last year but the issue remains. There is a property at the corner of West Washington and North Union Streets that has three cars parked along the street that appear to be abandoned. The Marshal requested better follow through on the complaints and action taken to avoid repeat offenders.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the contracts from Buckeye Power Sales for routine generator maintenance. Last year the Council expressed an interest in reviewing bids from another company. Mr. Robison stated he would review the past contracts with Buckeye and one proposed by Indiana Power Service & Supply to see if they are comparable.

The Council was reminded the Request for Qualifications was advertised and statements due on June 5th. Interviews are scheduled for June 12th but no time is set. Per discussion a time to start the interviews will be set at a later date.

A customer disputed receiving a bill. He was scheduled to have his water shut off in November but an outside leak, on the customer's side, was noticed by his son while checking the property in April. The customer was billed for the water due to the work order stating the town had shut the water off in November. The customer maintained the water was not turned off and therefore the leak was not his responsibility. Following discussion the Council concluded the shutoff could not be verified therefore the bill was forgiven.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mrs. Briggs is preparing an updated ordinance regulating the use and sale of fireworks. The Council approved the proposed ordinance being written to just referencing state statute and repeal the outdated ordinance. Mrs. Briggs will have an ordinance ready for the June meeting.

Council Comments:

Mr. Robison is consulting with a plumber for ideas on how to best install drain and water supply lines to the exam rooms at the med center. They will visit the site on Saturday to work out the scope of the project and then bids can be let.

Mr. Deel asked about the bid to repair the sidewalk on East Main Street. The contract discussed last month was for work on North Water Street only. A bid is still needed for this work. Mr. Smith noted the Community Crossing's grant must have the work completed by July 31st.

Miscellaneous Updates:

The Community was reminded a softball tournament will be held at the park May 16th - 20th with twelve teams participating on Saturday.

The office will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

The Community Club will host a fish fry on June 17th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 by a motion from Mr. Deel.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel