

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**May 19, 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 Members Brent Deel & Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and Attorney Anne Briggs. Mr. Robison welcomed ten guests to the meeting & thanked them for their interest.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 21st Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel. Following a review of the claims Mr. Schock made the motion to approve the May Docket & Allowance Docket which was seconded by Mr. Deel and passed.

**New Business:**

Joyce and Mark McCarty, Star Development, updated the Council on the Housing Rehab grant application. They have reviewed and self-scored the application. Most of the categories were maxed out in points except for the area of finance (local match). More points could be obtained and a stronger grant submitted if the town provided additional funds. The town has a "bank match" of \$14,000 from the previous three successful grants which will benefit the current application score. In addition, contractors will also make a donation on material and labor which will help the score. Eleven applicants are eligible for a grant of \$275,000. If the town contributes \$5,800 towards the project, the score would be increased 3 points giving the town 44 points total which Mrs. McCarty felt was substantial. Mr. McCarty stated the application is hitting all the goals set by the state but the state wants the towns to have more "skin in the game". Three areas have some flexibility in the scoring: financing from non-public sources, points from the town's match and the new area of unique feature. The unique feature must be a project that no other community has done and will benefit the grant recipients. The application deadline is July 1st. Mr. Schock made the motion to set aside \$5,800 from the Rainy Day Fund as local match, seconded by Mr. Deel and passed. In addition to the local match the Council approved the following grant documents:

1. The Displacement Affidavit by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.
2. The Assurance and Certification by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.
3. Mr. Deel made a motion authorizing the Council President, Mr. Robison, to sign such documents necessary for the grant submission. Motion seconded by Mr. Schock and passed.

**Appointment Reports:**

Scott Billings, Area Plan Representative reported he is now a member of the Executive Committee with Area Plan. The new Director, Doug Wagoner, was a building inspector in White County and has flood plain certification. The Committee is working on developing a long-term growth plan for Carroll County.

**Department Reports:**

Prior to receiving the Department Reports, Mr. Robison presented Mr. Snavelly with a Certificate acknowledging his 36 years of full time service to Camden. Mr. Snavelly worked part-time for the town while in high school and has worked for the town in the street and utility departments full time since graduation. The Council thanked Mr. Snavelly for his sincere dedication to serving the citizens of Camden

### **Utility/Street Superintendent**

Mr. Snavely reported Central Paving would be in town sometime in June to do the contracted street work and install the speed bumps on South Monroe Street. Routine street patching will be started next week.

The two pumps at the wastewater plant were pulled this week and a large amount of wet wipes had to be removed. The pumps were rechecked the next day and had to be cleaned again. A schedule will be followed to check the pumps. Citizens were reminded that although wet wipes are flushable, they do not break down and will cause pump problems if not disposed of correctly.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, presented the completed Storm water and Wastewater Study. If a grant is applied for, a fee will need to be enacted. To receive the maximum points in a grant application, the fee would need to be \$5.00/month. The various ways to determine fees are included in the study and will need to be studied.

Mr. Smith presented an unsolicited proposal to do a street inventory for potential grants from INDOT for additional roadway funding. Following discussion, Mr. Schock moved to accept the proposal at a cost of \$2,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Deel and passed. A traffic count will be taken on North Water Street in two weeks as part of an INDOT grant requirements.

### **Marshal**

Deputy Marshal Jason Dunning update the Council on marshal activities and reviewed the written submitted report expanding on the report.

### **Clerk-Treasurer**

1. The town will take part in the Youth Parade on June 4th.
2. The EDC contract is still being modified. Mr. Schock asked to have the release of contract term shortened from one year to 2 or 3 months. The EDC attorney is reviewing the change.
3. Installation of a flag pole will be allowed if one is donated by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.
4. Mr. Robison will contact the City of Delphi to ask them about sweeping Main Street.
5. Permission was given to allow Paint the Town May 28th with the understanding the removal date will be June 12th..
6. The fire contract with Jackson Township was signed by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.
7. A citizen requested a "Stop Ahead" sign on N. Water Street to warn drivers of the 4-way stop at the corner of James and Water Streets. Mr. Snavely stated there was a sign posted but he will verify it is still visible.
8. Contracts with Buckeye Sales for generator maintenance were reviewed and approved for one year. Mr. Schock made a motion to investigate the possibility of local entities joining together and having a mutual contract with one company for routine maintenance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Deel. Mr. Snavely reported the generator behind the community building needs repairs and will have the estimate resubmitted for consideration.

### **Disputed Ordinance Violations**

John Ohman, 267 W. Cumberland, was informed of Ordinance 1981-3 and was told his chickens were in violation of the ordinance and would have to be removed. Mr. Ohman requested the ordinance be reconsidered citing ordinances in other communities that do allow for hens to be kept with certain restrictions. He suggested the ordinance be amended with the following restrictions: limit the number of hens, no roosters allowed, not kill or slaughter, permit required, and penning requirements. Mrs. Briggs told Mr. Ohman during the time the Council considers the matter the hens could not be kept in

town; the violation would need to be abated. Mr. Ohman stated the hens have been removed from the property.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Ordinance 2016-4 Establishing Fund 257 for LOIT Special Distribution was passed by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. The State of Indiana recently released funds to the local entities with the intention the funds be used for street/road improvements. Although Ordinance 2016-4 allows for up to 25% of these funds be deposited into the Rainy Day Fund, the Clerk-Treasurer was approved to deposit 100% of the funds into Fund 257 to be used solely for the town's streets.

**Council Comments**

Mr. Robison reported the town's new pick-up truck could possibly be delivered in the next week or two. No decision has been made on the disposal of the current truck. Mr. Snavelly has ordered decals depicting the town's seal for the truck. The next matter will be to find a snow plow for the truck.

**Miscellaneous Business**

- A. The town office will be closed May 30th for Memorial Day.
- B. Camden's Youth Day Parade is planned for June 4th at 7:00.
- C. The Community Club will host a fish fry on June 18th.
- D. Town wide garage sales will be July 9th. Contact Deb Foreman or the office to get on the map and listed in the town sponsored ad in the Comet
- E. Also on July 9th a second Small Vendor Day will be held at the Community Building. Contact Andy Robison to get registered for that. Mr. Robison stated the first event went pretty well.
- F. During the month of June young people from a Seventh Day Adventist Church will be going door-to-door in Camden as a missionary project. Deputy Dunning asked that the Sheriff's Office be notified of the days they will be going door-to-door because of people reporting the activity to that department.
- G. Mr. Robison reported the spring trash pick up went well. Clinton County Disposal thought the tonnage picked up was more than last year. Mr. Snavelly and Dan Smith picked up the TVs and computers that are not allowed in the land fill and took those to the transfer station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Camden Town Council

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Andrew Robison, President

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Mark Schock

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Brent Deel