

**Camden Town Council Meeting
June 8, 2016
Camden Town Office**

Mr. Robison called the budget strategy meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:30p.m. Present were Members Brent Deel & Mark Schock and Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly.

The Council Members and Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the 2016 budget and set a tentative budget for 2017 taking note of projects and anticipated planned improvements to the town's buildings, streets and equipment. Once the figures have been worked the budget will be returned to the Council for further consideration.

The Council discussed street work in 2016 utilizing the LOIT Special Distribution and a grant from INDOT. Water Street from SR 218 north to the town's limit may be milled and repaved if a grant is awarded. The cost is expected to be about \$73,000. INDOT would match 50% of the cost and the Special Distribution of about \$28,000 would reduce funds allocated in 2016 street appropriations by about \$9,000. The funds encumbered in 2015 for 2016 street improvements are committed to various street sections throughout the town and are not part of this project. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., who is preparing the grant application will be contacted to see if grant funds will cover repairs to sidewalks and ADA sidewalk ramps in the area where the street is being repaired. He will also be questioned on the road surface to ensure it will withstand semi-truck traffic which is noticeably increased. Rather part of the grant or not, estimates will be sought for sidewalk replacement and ADA ramps. It was noted there is one sidewalk that does not meet ADA requirements and correcting that situation will be included in the quote.

Mr. Robison mentioned he attended an INDOT meeting and has been calling them every other day to try to get SR 2018 repaved. The poor condition of the road has been reported by several citizens. Pete Wagoner, Camden's representative to the MPO told Mr. Robison the road was mentioned by three people at their last meeting.

Mr. Schock will have the roofs of the medical center and the community building inspected to determine if any patching or replacement is necessary.

The contract with EDC was signed following a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Mr. Robison spoke with Habitat for Humanity concerning a lot on East Main Street that will soon have a fire destroyed house removed. Habitat was told there are water and sewer hook-up available and the lot will probably sell for between \$4,000 - \$5,000. The information was taken and will be passed along to their land buyer.

IAC is to be contacted concerning communities who have allowed chickens in town to see how the ordinances are being enforced and what happens if they are not abided by. Other issues which will need considered are the well-being of the chickens and if the ordinance expands to

include other small fowl or animals (ducks or rabbits). The Council is reviewing information from other communities who have allowed chickens to see how well it is working for them and to determine what is best for Camden.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel