

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison called the August meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00p.m. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and five guests. Claims for the months of July and August were reviewed and initialed by the Council Members prior to the start of the meeting.

The following motions were made and approved:

Motions to approve the minutes from the July 21st meeting by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock

Motion to approve the memorandums from the two executive sessions (July 28th and August 11th )by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel

Motion to approve the August docket and Allowance Docket by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock

**Department Reports**

Mr. Snavely will be off work for a period of time due to back surgery. During his absence, Dan Smith will be attending the meetings to answer any questions the Council may have. Mr. Smith and Mr. Robison took the pick-up truck to have the new snow plow installed. That work is complete. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp. reported he and Mr. Snavely visited with Dean Cripe and Mr. Schock (County Surveyor) about the drainage ditch which ones on the east side of Water Street and drains through Mr. Cripe's field. Mr. Smith stated in that section of town about 40% is east of the drain and 60% is on the west side. The drain runs about midway through that section of town and goes across towards the field. The surveyor stated the drain was installed in the early 1900s and has not been under assessment for many years. He is thinking about putting it back on assessment. One option on repairing the drain would be to apply for a CFF grant in conjunction with the county. Mr. Smith will continue to work on options for this problem and stated one option is to do nothing and let the county assess the town. Mr. Schock asked what the match is and was told a 10% match is acceptable so on a \$500,000 grant the town would contribute \$50,000. If they chose to apply a 20% match for a higher score then \$100,000 would be required. Mr. Deel suggested waiting to see what the county would do. The first round for the CFF grant will be next year. Although a maintenance program will need to be established, Mr. Smith felt there were options to consider besides a storm water fee.

The Marshal's report was read aloud by Mr. Robison.

The Clerk-Treasurer had three discussion items:

1. The public hearing for the 2017 budget will be during the September regular Council Meeting and the budget will be adopted at the October meeting. Due to the Clerk-Treasurer having a planned absence from the September meeting, the Council was given a copy of Forms 1 and 3 to review and have an opportunity to ask questions prior to the September meeting. Form 3 is no longer required to be advertised in the paper but can be viewed on the DLGF website. The form

will be posted in town allowing citizens another opportunity to see the proposed budget. Lynette Martin, Deputy Clerk, will cover the September meeting.

2. The Members were given copies of Carroll County Community Wide Short Term Transportation Projects List, 2015, and asked to consider updating proposed project. Changes to the list can be made at any time.

3. A spreadsheet of mowing costs was given to the Council and they were asked when they want the mowing of nuisance violation properties to end for this season. The Members felt the mowing should continue for the time being and did not set an end date.

### **Disputed Ordinance Violations**

Melissa Chapman came before the Council because she has received three letters concerning her property and one letter about putting business trash in with her household trash. She was very disappointed to receive the letters and felt someone should have stopped in and visited with them on the issues. Mr. Robison explained letter writing is the process as to how this is done and not personal.

### **Council Comments**

The cost to repair the school's fence damaged by a tree branch is \$377.27 per a quote from Todal Fence. Following discussion, Mr. Schock made the motion for Mrs. Briggs to send a letter to Ross Striebeck at the school's corporate office and offer to split the repair cost. Mrs. Briggs stated that although the limb was from a tree on town property, the town had no prior knowledge of it being weak and may not have liability. Motion seconded by Mr. Deel and passed.

Two truck bids were received in the manner and time frame advertized and opened by Mr. Robison. The first bid was from Shawn Ashby for \$1,251 and the second from Jesse McPeak for \$700. Mr. Deel moved to accept Mr. Ashby's bid of \$1,251, seconded by Mr. Schock and passed. The transfer of ownership is expected to take place within the next week.

The Council tables a preventive maintenance contract with Camflo for a yearly inspection for the office air conditioner.

By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel, the estimate from Aaron Record to remove two trees was accepted. One of the trees is at the school and the second is at 285 W Main Street.

Mr. Deel questioned Mr. Smith on the asphalt bid for N. Water Street. He was concerned with the road not being ground down and two additional inches of asphalt being laid. Mr. Smith explained the process and the reasoning the work is done the way it is. In the formal bid, the issues will be worked out. Four hundred twenty four lineal feet of sidewalks and six handicap ramps are included in the project.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Lion's Club Horse Pull is this Friday night and the Tractor/Truck pull is Saturday.

The Camden Youth League will have a Dan's Fish Fry will be August 27th.

The Miss Camden pageant is scheduled for September 22nd.

The Mountain Mission will start collecting items at the community building on September 24th for pickup around the 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.

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Camden Town Council

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Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

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Mark Schock

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Brent Deel