

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**August 22, 2017**  
**Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

The properly called and advertised meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President Andrew Robison. Present were member Mark Schock, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Street Superintendent Jerry Snavelly, Ken Smith of Municipal Civil Corp. and two citizens.

Sadona Dillon, 255 E. Main, expressed frustration with the area in front of her house where a sidewalk was removed on June 28th and not replaced. The area collects water during rain and then that water seems to go down into some type of a drain. Mr. Snavelly stated there is a tile there that was broken and it has been replaced. The tile is open so water can flow through it. The water is draining into that perforated tile which it is suppose to do.

Another area of concern is the water flowing down Main Street following a rain. This water flows onto her drive and yard and eventually finds its way into her basement. The water is also affecting the retainage wall beside her house. Mr. Snavelly confirmed the wall is being pushed out and can be affecting the house. Mrs. Dillon said the state has patched the area in front of her drive approach and this is not fixing the problem. Mr. Robison informed her the concrete man did not install the sidewalk because doing so would result in more water flowing towards her house. The area in front of the house is all concrete and may not be sloped properly; it may have settled over time. The state has been informed of the problem by Mr. Robison. Mrs. Dillon said the problem just needs fixed.

Gayle Frye commented the finish work on the newly installed sidewalk in front of her house has not been completed. Dirt needs to be added and grass seed sown. She stated she is OK with the trees being gone but the area needs put back the way it was. Mr. Robison stated he would get it taken care of.

Mrs. Dillon was given the INDOT LaPort District Office phone number and was encouraged to contact them about the highway. Mr. Robison has called the office on numerous occasions without any results. Both Mr. Robison and Mr. Schock stated this was a highway problem. Mrs. Dillon asked if another drain could be installed between the two drains already along the highway but that will be an issue for the state to decide.

Mr. Snavelly stated he noticed the problem when the sidewalk was taken out and the spot is in the middle of the drive. He will go and look at it to see if there is a hole or a low area. There is the possibility of there being another broken tile.

Mr. Robison suggested a small bumps of asphalt be added to discourage water flowing up her drive since Mrs. Dillon stated the water from her drive flows towards the back of the property. The decision was made for Mr. Robison and Mr. Snavelly to meet with the homeowners (the Dillon's and Frye's) on Wednesday evening to discuss a plan of action.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., presented the final version of the plan for the storm water construction grant being applied for through OCRA, a SIP Grant. The 12 inch tile along Cemetery Street will be removed and a 24" tile will be put installed in its place. The project will affect the area along East Main Street, westward behind 110 -140 E Main Street, under SR 75, and then run west behind 108-150 West Main Street. Easements will need to be obtained for some of the area but the council felt there would not be any problems. Some of the property owners are directly affected by the storm water problems and have written letters of support. Two alternates will be included in the bids to allow for other work to be done if funds are available. By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison, the plan was approved.

Ordinance 2017-8, setting a storm water user fee of \$3.50 and Ordinance 2017-9, Amending Sewer Rates and Charges, were approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. The Capital Improvement Plan, a plan required to receive EDIT tax funds, was also approved by a motion from Mr. Schock.

The contract with Boyce charging \$900 to add the storm water fee to the billing program was approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. An estimated from Camflo to install air conditioning in the lab for \$2,517 was declined. Christian Brothers' estimate for painting the community building floor costing \$6,800 was tabled.

Mr. Schock moved to have cameras installed around the exterior of the community building and two at the stop lights. No costs were available. Mr. Robison seconded the motion.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked if the Council would be willing to support the Miss Camden Pageant by purchasing the crowns. Mr. Schock moved to allow up to \$125 for the crowns, seconded by Mr. Robison. Permission was also given to use the town's insurance for the event.

The Camden Lion's Club will hold their tractor pull September 9th at the Flora park

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

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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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