

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**August 9, 2017**  
**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 7:00 p.m. Present were Members Brent Deel, and Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and eight guests.

Motions to approve the following minutes were made:

July 12th meeting: Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel  
July 14th Executive Session: Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel  
July 20th meeting: Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock  
July 26th meeting: Mr. Deel seconded by Mr. Schock

Following a review of the claims, Mr. Deel made the motion to approve the August Docket & Allowance Docket which was seconded by Mr. Schock.

As advertised in the June 28th edition of the Carroll County Comet bids for the rehabilitation of six homes in Camden were received up until noon at the town office and were to be publically opened at the meeting. Mr. Robison informed the Members only one bid was received which was from Aluminum Brothers, LLC. Mr. Robison opened the sealed bid and read aloud Bid Form B:

193 East Main Street, \$20,896  
199 South Monroe Street, \$34,362  
269 North Illinois Street, \$11,643  
384 East Washington Street, \$18,075  
196 North Indiana Street, \$14,610  
486 East Main Street, \$26,451  
370 North Monroe Street, \$25,139

Mr. McCarty, Star Development, informed the Council this particular contractor had some issues with a subcontractor demonstrating improper safe handling of lead base paint chips and was under review by the EPA. Even though there were no other bids, the recommendation was made to decline this bid and rebid the project. Following discussion the Council voted by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel, to reject this bid and rebid the work. Mrs. McCarty stated it has become difficult to find contractors willing to bid on these projects because they are considered small projects. She spoke with Area IV in Lafayette trying to locate general contractors in this area and was unsuccessful. She also had a conversation with Area V in Logansport and was given a couple of contractors in the Kokomo area who may be interested and qualified to bid and perform the work. There may be contractors in the Rushville and Richmond area but due to the travel distance their bids will reflect the additional expenses. Mr. Robison stated he would contact local contractors and see if they would be interested. Since certification is an issue for the smaller contractors, Mr. Schock asked about the process to become lead base paint certified and Mr. McCarty gave a brief review of the process. There are certain thresholds which must be met with the grant and the community has met the first two. The ultimate deadline is sometime in 2018 so there is time to rebid but an extension may need to be requested. Star Development will continue to strive to find qualified contractors with the goal of finding two and rebidding the project as soon as possible. It was noted the grant

administrators have grants in process not only in Camden but also Delphi and Wolcott which will need general contractors so there is a great need for qualified contractors.

The public hearing on the OCRA SIP Storm Water Grant was opened at 7:20 and Mr. Robison turned the hearing over to April Bradley of Powers Grants. Ms. Bradley read the prepared statement stating the town was applying for a \$500,000 grant which will benefit low to moderate citizens in the amount of \$317,150. The town will provide the local match in the amount of \$100,000 which will be from the Rainy Day Fund (\$82,000) and Cum Sewer (\$18,000). The original legal notification stated the town would seek a short term loan in the amount of \$80,000 but during preparation of the 2018 budget it was determined local funds could be used and the expense of borrowing could be avoided. Mr. Robison presented Resolution 2017-E Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment which authorized the application submission and commits the local funds as expressed. Mr. Schock made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Deel and passed. Two citizens who live on East Main Street, Jason Grysch and John Baines expressed support of the project due to rain water issues they have that are affecting their properties and homes. Ms. Bradley was given permission to prepare the minutes of this public hearing which will be included as part of the grant application.

#### Appointment Reports:

Pete Wagoner, the town's representative on the Area Planning Organization for Metropolitan Planning, presented the Annual Transportation Planning Report for Carroll County, Delphi, Camden and Flora. He stated it was mentioned at a recent meeting that although SR 218 was being spot paved a full repaving was not planned for another four to five years.

It was also reported the GEP project is continuing to move forward and dirt should be moved after the first of November.

The Carroll County EDC canceled the contract with the Rail Commission of unknown reasons notifying the Commission of this decision in April which will become effective as of August 23. The two groups were to meet August 10 so the EDC could present their terms for a new contract but this meeting was canceled on August 6th by the EDC. No new meeting date is set but the EDC stated they would prepare a draft MOU for consideration at a later date.

#### Department Reports

Utility/Street Superintendent, Jerry Snavely reported:

1. Repairs are needed on the dump truck and Mr. Snavely was instructed to be a couple of estimates and report back.
2. The new street signs were delivered - placement will take place after information is gathered from Purdue LTAP.
3. The vac truck discussed at a previous meeting has been invoiced and the payment is on the August docket.
4. Mr. Schock asked that the curbs be painted before fall.

Although the Marshal was not present to give a monthly report due to training, Mr. Robison stated sever letters will be going out to property owners who are not in compliance with the

nuisance ordinance. Deputy Marshal Chapman prepared a list and verified the violations with pictures. Mrs. Briggs was instructed to prepare the letters.

The Clerk-Treasurer's report included:

1. The public hearing for the Storm Water Fees and Sewer Rate Ordinances will be held on August 14th at 6:00. These same ordinances will be presented for adoption at a meeting on August 22nd at 6:00.
2. The 2018 budget public hearing will be September 13th and adoption is planned for October 11. Both will take place during regular council meetings.

#### Public Comments:

Two citizens who live on East Main Street expressed concerns about the property at 546 E Main. One was very frustration with the lack of action to address issues he has experienced and reported to the authorities. At the conclusion of the discussion, the citizen was asked to leave his contact information so the town marshal could be informed of the matter and get back in contact.

#### Council Comments:

Toby Schock submitted an estimate of \$244 to enclose plumbing in the lab room at the medical center. The estimate was approved following a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Robison. This amount will be added to the prior repair cost at the center and will be 50% funded by Memorial Hospital.

ABC Concrete and Construction submitted an estimate of \$10,900 to replace 390 feet of sidewalk along the east side of North Monroe Street. During discussion the Council concluded a study of sidewalk repairs is needed to prioritize the work. The Members will set a time to review the sidewalks and later meet to determine which needs replaced first and what funds are available. Mr. Schock expressed there are sections along Water Street which need replaced and since the street was recently paved the sidewalks in the same are should be repaired before another area is worked on. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the public she may be using ABC Concrete to do work at her property and wanted that disclosed since they may be doing work for the town.

Dave Smith is working to prepare an estimate to paint the walls and floor in the Community Building.

Mr. Deel presented information on purchasing security cameras to be placed strategically around the Community Building. No information was available on rather there would be any monthly maintenance fees. The matter was tabled to allow the Members time to review the information.

#### Miscellaneous:

Cornerstone Cafe opened on August 8th and is receiving good reviews on social media. The new owners did considerable interior painting work, adding tables and removing the grocery shelving.

The annual horse pull and garden tractor pull will be August 19th. There may be a ball tournament for boys age 8 and under but those plans have not be finalized. The Lion's Club tractor pull is planned for September 9th and will be held in Flora. Several improvements have been made at the park in preparation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

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