

**Camden Town Council Meeting  
September 13, 2017  
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison opened the public hearing on the 2018 budget. It was explained that this meeting was to give the citizens an opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns they may have on the budget. Marshal Dunning asked if there was a copy of the budget available and was told he could get a copy at the town office. The budget is planned for adoption at the October Council Meeting. Being as there were no questions from the citizens or the Council, the public hearing was closed.

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Member Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and five guests. Member Brent Deel was absent.

Motions to approve the following minutes were made by Mr. Schock and seconded by Mr. Robison:

August 9th Storm Water Public Hearing, as prepared by April Bradley  
August 9th Regular Meeting  
August 14th Proposed Waste Water Rates  
August 14th Proposed Storm Water Fee  
August 22nd, Adoption of Storm Water Fee and Sewer Rates

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

Appointment Reports:

Ross Larimore, the town's representative to the Carroll County Area Plan Commission, reported the County Commissioners did not approve the zoning changes proposed by the Commission. A written statement as to their objections has been received and Area Plan is working to address the concerns.

Department Reports

The Marshal reported:

1. Marshal Dunning stated he will not be responding to non-emergency calls when he is not on duty.
2. The Marshal requested a revised ordinance which will include a stated fine for failing to stop at the "Stop" signs. The current ordinance does not state a fine but follows the state statute. Mrs. Briggs presented a draft ordinance, complete except for the fine. Following discussion, the fine will be set at \$25 which will be payable to the town's Ordinance Violation Bureau at the town office. Mrs. Briggs will prepare the ordinance for adoption at the October meeting.

3. Marshal Dunning inquired as to the status of a reserve officer program. When asked how it would affect the town's insurance, he stated Mr. Deel told him the insurance would increase about \$5. The Clerk-Treasurer stated the Council had been sent an email about the cost and it was more than \$5. Mr. Schock asked to have the information resent.

4. The status of the Marshal's Standard Operating Procedure document is unclear.

The Clerk-Treasurer's report included:

1. Resolution 2017-F, Reducing the 2017 Cum Sewer Budget, was approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. This action was taken to reduce the allowable expenditures in Cum Sewer during 2017. By doing so, there will be more funds available in 2018 which will be needed for the SIP Storm Water Grant local match.

2. The Internal Control for Budgeting Purpose and Procedures is being added to the Internal Control Manual. The Council received a copy of the Controls prior to the meeting via email.

3. The contract for trash service will expire in August, 2018. Mr. Schock requested of the prior bid documents be sent to the Council Members for review and to aid in preparing the next bid. The current contract is for three years.

4. Copies of the proposed 2018 Salary Ordinance were email to Council Members for review; the changes reflect the decisions made during the budget planning meeting. The Ordinance should be ready for adoption at the October meeting.

5. The bid notice was in the paper for the Housing Rehab. Star Development had a couple of local contractors express an interest in bidding.

6. Mr. Schock asked how the citizens were responding to the storm water fee. The Clerk-Treasurer stated only one person asked about the fee. The utility customers are writing checks in the correct amount and there have been no real questions on the change.

#### Public Comments:

Teresa Hensley, 454 E Main Street, appeared before the Council to request an adjustment to her September water bill. An outside hose was found to be on which increased her water bill to \$453.32 instead of her usual minimum bill. The Clerk-Treasurer explained she could not approve the adjustment since the problem was not a leak that had been fixed. The adjustment calculation was given to the Council. Following discussion, the Council approved the adjustment with the statement that this is a one time adjustment. Mrs. Hensley stated she took the knob off her outside hose outlet so the problem should not happen again.

Ross Larimore, who live south of town on SR 75, asked for an update on the storm water project since it will impact his property. He was told the direction of the project has changed and the line will run just a little south and then west towards the cemetery. That line size will be increased from 12 inches to 24 inches. The ditch that runs through Mr. Larimore's property will continue to be a county ditch.

#### Council Comments:

Mr. Schock reported the Lion's Club Tractor Pull was well received at its new location at the Flora Park. Attendance was good and the track worked well. There were many positive

comments and they were pleased with the first year. The Horse Pull and Garden Tractor pull held in Camden went well and is a good event for the town.

The Council asked the Marshal to check the property at 252 E. Cumberland for high grass and weeds. The neighbors have mowed the back of the property but the front and side are high and possibly violate the nuisance ordinance.

Old Business:

- > The decision to paint the community building floor was tabled.
- > Cameras will be installed on the exterior of the community building and at the intersection of SR 75 and 218. Work should be completed by the end of the month.
- > Mr. Robison will speak with Mr. Snively about getting the curbs painted.
- > There are a couple of trees that need to be cut if the budget allows.
- > INDOT has completed the ADA ramp work with the possible exception of sowing grass seed. Mr. Robison spoke with the La Porte District Office and was told they will be doing work to improve the storm water drainage at properties on East Main Street. It may be as much as three weeks before they can do the work but a work order is being prepared.
- > The property at 271 E Main Street had dirt and seed added along the sidewalk and where a tree was removed. The property owner stated she was satisfied and the project is now considered completed.

Miscellaneous:

The Camden Pageant will be this Saturday, September 16th at 6:00. The community is welcome to attend and enjoy the evening.

The Council extended a warm welcome to the new owners of the Camden Pizza King and encouraged people to try their new lunch menu.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

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