

**Camden Town Council Meeting  
September 17, 2015  
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Alliance, Mr. Fite explained the selection of officers, as done at the August meeting, was not done with a proper motion and second and asked the Members to make proper motions for the selection of President and Vice-President. Mr. Robison moved and Ms. Funk seconded for Mr. Fite to fulfill the term of President until year-end. Ms. Funk then moved and Mr. Fite seconded for Mr. Robison to serve as Vice -President. Mr. Fite welcomed Mr. Robison to the Council filling the seat vacated by Jeff Sieber.

The 2016 Budget Public Hearing was opened by Mr. Fite. Present were Members Fite, Robison and Funk , Clerk-Treasurer Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and 10 guests. Mr. Fite explained this was a public hearing and the public had a right to express any concerns or ask questions on the budget. Members were given copies of the budget they had prepared at the July 21st Budget Meeting and the floor was opened for questions. Mr. Fite stated the budget would be adopted at the October 15th regular meeting. Being as there were no questions or concerns expressed about the proposed budget, the public hearing was closed following a motion from Mr. Fite seconded by Mr. Robison.

The Regular Meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by Mr. Fite. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Andy Robison, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and ten guests.

Minutes from the August 20th and 25th meetings were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite. The claims from August and September were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance Report were approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Ms. Funk..

Mark McCarty, Star Development, was introduced and explained the application process for a low-moderate income housing income grant through the Indiana Housing Authority. A list of qualifying incomes, which are used to help determine candidates, was presented. Other factors are home ownership and living in the home. There have been changes in the program and the communities are to "buy into" the project; local units of government are now expected to contribute funds. Mr. McCarty felt the town should anticipate allowing between \$3,000 and \$6,000 as local match and suggested using Rainy Day or EDIT funds. The maximum grant request is \$350,000 and they would expect to submit 13 - 16 homes in the application. Those people purchasing property on land contract and those living in house trailers do not qualify for the program. Mr. McCarty stated they would plan to submit the grant application in 2016. There is no cost to the town for there work until a grant is awarded and then they are paid through the grant. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Robison, the council voted to move forward on the application. Mr. McCarty stated they will plan a workshop for interested persons sometime this fall. When asked about local contractors doing the work, Mr. McCarty stated they can be used if they meet the qualifications and are certified in lead base paint abatement. If enough contractors are interested, a one day workshop on lead base paint will be held. A sign-up sheet for interested persons will be available in the town office.

Glendon Wolf, Norris Insurance, reviewed the options available for the employees' health insurance. If the renewal date with Anthem BC/BS remains 12/1, the rates will increase 47.5% to \$4,100.59/month due to the new ACA rates however, if the date is changed to 10/1 the increase will be 31.6% (\$3,643.15/month). Mr. Wolf explained a quote was also sought from Pekin Insurance and other companies but they were higher than the rate offered with a 10/1 renewal date. Also, if the company is changed, the ACA rates will automatically go into effect. If the renewal date is moved to 10/1, the rates should have lower increases (because composite factors are applied instead of ACA rates.). The Council tabled this discussion until later but understands the decision must be made sometime next week.

### Appointment Reports

1. Bob McCain submitted a written report informing the Council the County Council defunded the administrator's position for E-911. The head dispatcher will be responsible for those duties.
2. Pete Wagoner reported the connector north of Camden is expected to be completed in November. There have been contractor issues but he has noticed work being done on the ramps.
3. Mr. Fite mentioned the EDC has not requested dues and asked Mr. Wagoner if he had any information. Mr. Wagoner stated he did not notice this concern being a discussion topic on the EDC agenda for next Thursday's meeting but he will inquire for the town.

### Department Reports

#### Utility Department:

Jerry Snavelly reported there are a couple of spots on South Monroe Street he is checking but other than that, the streets are looking good. Most of the equipment has been purchased for the chlorine change over. He is having a stand made due to the cost of purchasing a ready made unit. The permits are in order but a change order was put in for a 300 gallon tank.

During discussion on the streets, the issue of speeding and reckless driving on South Monroe was brought up. Several suggestions were offered on ways to discourage speeding - signs, tickets issued and speed bumps. Mrs. Briggs stated there are statues that the town must be compliance with in regards to traffic signs and radar and engineering assessments may be required. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Ms. Funk, Mrs. Briggs was asked to investigate what can be done. Mr. Smith stated he would have someone from Purdue's technical assistance program contact Mrs. Briggs.

Leaf pick up will start sometime after October 10th.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation gave an update on the 2015 Project List and will have more information by the October meeting. He is having trouble getting contractors due to the small scale of work being requested but he hopes to have responses as the summer construction season ends. As part of the wastewater/stormwater planning grant, smoke testing will take place after the agreement is returned from OCRA.

#### The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

1. Kathy Cottrell, 158 E. James Street, requested a speed limit sign be moved so they would have a larger space to park their vehicles. The Council approved the move but requested. Mr. Robison expressed concern about any vehicle being parked in such a way it would intrude upon the street and Mr. Snavelly to verify that would not be the case when the sign is moved.
2. The Marshal is having trouble with the switch on his radar and would like to replace the unit which is 10 - 15 years old. Replacement parts are not available. Ms. Funk moved a grant be pursued before the unit is bought; motion seconded by Mr. Robison.
3. Halloween hours were set for October 31st from 6pm until 8pm per a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Ms. Funk. the Council.
4. The Preservation Society will host a Holiday Bazaar and Breakfast with Santa on November 28th from 10am until 2pm. A tree will be once again be placed in front of the Town Office and a donation of a tree will be sought by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Robison.
5. Chuck's Towers and Flowers offered to donate mulch for the Bicentennial Garden. The Council expressed thanks for the generous offer and Ms. Funk moved to accept, seconded by Mr. Robison. Mr. Fite was thanked for the material and labor he donated to repair the sign in the garden.

### Public Comments

Billy Trapp raised the question of private citizens using the shooting range - the town's liability insurance would not tolerate such use. It is used by Purdue Extension (4-H) and the local law enforcement for training but they provide proof of insurance and have proper supervision.

Andy Robison questioned the amount charged to the Senior Complex for hydrant maintenance. The rate is set per ordinance and is based on the number of units. Citizens who own empty homes but keep the water on are charge the fee the same as empty apartments.

Frustration was expressed by Mark Schock on a dog getting into the laundry mat. The building is having a problem with fleas and feel the dog is to blame. Due to the extermination cost, the Lodge may be force to close the business.

#### Council Comments

Mr. Fite thanked Little Fawn for donating the metal used on the refurbished announcement sign.

#### Miscellaneous Items

The Camden Pageant will be held September 26th; applications are available at the town office.

Kentucky Mountain Mission will collect donated items on Sunday, September 27th from 1pm until 8pm. This will be the only day items can be brought to the Community Building due to the Pageant being held on the 26th.

The annual Fireman's Breakfast will be October 3rd at the Fire Station. Please note the change in location.

The Town Office will be closed November 3rd for the election and November 5th for software training.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 following a motion from Mr. Robison.

Camden Town Council

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Richard Fite, President

ATTEST:

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Andy Robison

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Kandance Funk