

**Camden Town Council Meeting  
October 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Jeff Sieber. Present were Member Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and five guests. Member Kandance Funk and Attorney Anne Briggs were absent.

Motions to approve minutes from the September 18th, September 30th and October 3rd meetings were made by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Fite. The claims from September and October were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance were also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

New Business

1. The motion to adopt the *2015 Budget, Ordinance 2014-2*, was made by Mr. Fite and seconded by Mr. Sieber.

2. Mr. Sieber moved to adopt the *2015 Salary Ordinance # 2014-3* as presented, seconded by Mr. Fite and passed. All employees, excluding the Town Council, will receive a 2% raise in 2015.

3. Following a review of *Ordinance 2014-4 Fax and Photocopy Fees* by the Clerk-Treasurer, the ordinance was passed by a motion from Mr. Sieber. The following cost will be assessed for faxes and copies: faxes \$1.00 to send; black/white copies 10c/page; color copies 25c/page; DVD \$1.00 each; and two sided copies will be charged as two pages. Pages larger than 8 1/2 X 11 will have a charge determined and posted by the Clerk-Treasurer.

4. The Keystone Software Maintenance Agreement for 2015 was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

5. Philip Snoeberger was appointed to the Area Plan Commission, replacing Suzie Waymire, by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

6. Eric Foreman, Fire Chief, informed the Council the department is now rated 04/4Y, a very good rating for the community. This rating puts the department in the top 17% nationwide and the top 10% within the State of Indiana and will be in effect for the next five years. Mr. Foreman thanked Mr. Snively and Mr. Mears for their help during the review. The next step will be testing the flow of every hydrant and marking the hydrants with various colors of tape to indicate the rating. It was also mentioned the department has twenty-five active members who have trained between 250 and 300 hours.

7. Van & Diana Kauffman announced they will open a new restaurant at 610 W. Main; it will be called "Back in Time Cafe". The building will need to be rezoned for business since it was closed for longer than six months. Other issues they will need to discuss with the Zoning Board were the placement of a storage shed, parking and signage. Mr. Kauffman has made arrangements with Brian Jones for parking on his lot by the railroad tracks.

8. The Council expressed an interest in taking part in a shred-it-day which was suggested by Joretta Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer Town of Flora. Details will need to be worked out as to when the truck will come.

9. Marshal Larimore submitted a draft *Ordinance and Parking Violation Notice* for approval. Discussion was held on whether to wait to print the tickets once the burn ordinance is enacted or to move forward and have the tickets printed now. The decision was made to print the tickets now and utilize the "Other" section for burn violations. Mr. Sieber explained the ordinance violation procedure will be: pictures will be taken and sent to the attorney who will write a letter and send a copy of the ordinance to the property owner. Five days will be allowed to abate the violation and if the problem is not corrected, a ticket will be written. Disputed claims will be handled by the town's attorney who will take cases before the Carroll County Superior Court.

10. The income surveys are almost complete and last attempts to contact people are being made by mail. The survey will determine if the town qualifies for federal grants directed towards helping the low/moderate income residents. Citizens are encouraged to respond.

#### Old Business

1. The town's new web page is active and citizens were encouraged to check it out.
2. The Council discussed open burning rules and would like to limit all outdoor burning to fire pits of an undetermined size. The ordinance is still in draft form but the Council anticipates it being complete by year-end.
3. The attorney for the Girl Scouts Council responded to Mrs. Briggs letter stating they had no interest in assuming responsibility for the Scout Barn. Although there have been rumors to the contrary, the Council has not discussed demolishing the building. The Council will discuss the future of the building with Mrs. Briggs and Mr. Sieber stated he would be willing to investigate giving the building to the local troop if they have an interest and if such an exchange is legally possible.
4. The Preservation Society is moving forward with their plans for a Christmas event on November 29th. The tentative schedule includes breakfast with Santa, a bazaar, hayrides around town, soup supper and conclude with decorating and lighting the town's Christmas tree. Mr. Sieber requested the tree be up and lights put on before the 29th. He would also like to have the winter banners and wreaths up.

#### Misc.

Early voting will be at the community building on October 25th and November 1st from 1 until 5.

Halloween will be October 31, from 6-8pm.

The Lions Club Halloween Party will start at 7:30 on the 31st.

The Town Office will be closed October 28th and November 12th for training, November 4th for election day and November 11th for Veterans Day.

The American Legion for host a Veteran's Day program November 9th at the Community Building. The Baptist Church will host a Veterans' dinner and invites the public to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

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Jeff Sieber, President

ATTEST:

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Richard Fite

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Kandance Funk