

**Camden Town Council Meeting
September 18, 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 Kandance Funk, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and five guests. Member Richard Fite was absent. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Sieber stated the evening's meeting was also the Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget.

Minutes from the August 21st meeting were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. The claims from August and September were reviewed by the Council and then the Docket and Claims Allowance were also approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

New Business:

1. Being as the meeting was also the public hearing on the 2015 budget the council reviewed the budget as presented noting the proposed budget was as discussed at the budget planning meeting except for a couple of adjustments required. There were no comments from the citizens present. The budget will be adopted at the regular October meeting.

2. Glendon Wolf, Norris Insurance, presented the health insurance rates for 2015. The renewal rate for the same policy as now carried will increase 20.6%. Mr. Wolf checked with Pekin to determine their rates for the same coverage and found they were considerably higher. He is waiting to hear back from Anthem for the another rate quote; this rate is expected to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000/ month. Dental, life and vision insurance rates will remain the same as 2014. A change in plans will not improve the employees coverage as that is mandated by the healthcare laws. If plans are changed, the town will not be allowed to go back to this coverage, it will be lost. Mr. Sieber stated he felt the rate quote from Pekin was just too high and should not be considered. Ms. Funk agreed so the only option would be Anthem. In 2016, the healthcare community rate will go into effect and rates will probably be drastically increased. Mr. Sieber made the motion to table further discussion to allow time to review the information presented and then call a meeting in early October to make a determination on how best to proceed with the insurance. Motion seconded by Ms. Funk. Proper notice will be given for the meeting and Mr. Wolf will be notified so he can attend to answer questions.

3. The marshals will be notified of unpermitted golf carts being noticed on the streets.

4. INDOT is to be notified of the damages done to the sidewalk at post office from semis cutting the corner during the time of the recent detour.

5. The town's new web page is nearly completed and has a cleaner, fresher look. It is expected to be activated by October 1st.

6. The Camden Preservation Society is planning a Christmas program for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Events will include breakfast with Santa, bazaar & "make a craft", soup supper provided by the community churches and decorating & lightening of the Christmas tree. Mr. Sieber made the motion for the town to provide the hot chocolate and cookies that will be served during the tree decorating. Motion seconded by Ms. Funk and passed.

7. Star Development was contacted about doing another housing rehab grant for low/moderate income homeowners. The program has had a few changes since the town last participated. The town can apply for up to \$350,000 to work on 15 homes. The target recipients will be elder or handicap homeowners and

families. The town will be required to provide a match of approximately \$4,000 which can be allocated from Rainy Day, Riverboat or EDIT. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the grant will be pursued after the first of the year and the application will be submitted in late summer/early fall.

8. In preparation for possibly submitting a DR2 grant for storm water repairs, the town will contract to have an income survey done by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Mrs. Funk. Once completed, the survey will be good for four years and is expected to cost about \$1,900. An ad will be placed in the Comet, notices will be posted and mention will be made on the billing cards so citizens will be aware of the survey and encouraged to participate. The grant applications will be due in November or December.

9. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the Council approved the purchase of a new Xerox copier at a cost of \$4,400.

Old Business

Ordinance Violation Issues

A citizen expressed his concern for the condition of certain property in Camden. The yard at 587 E. Cumberland needs mowed and cleaned up. A complaint was voiced a few weeks ago about the tall grass and boat/furniture in the yard. The condition is not improved. Another issue was the stray dogs and cats. They would like for people to keep their pets at home and on a leash when walked. During the conversation they stated a large dog came after them when they were walking on Washington Street. A letter will be sent to the property owner and renter informing them of their violation of the nuisance ordinance. The county does not have animal control but the marshal will be informed of the dog situation. Mr. Sieber voiced his frustration with the property at 157 N. Monroe Street - the yard is a mess and a letter was sent advising them of the ordinance violation. Ms. Funk stated it was time to start doing something about the continuance violations and fines should be imposed. The marshals will be asked to attend the meeting when the health insurance is discussed so these issues can be better handled.

Mrs. Briggs is working on the burn ordinance.

Mrs. Briggs researched the deed to the Scout Barn to determine if/how the property can be disposed of, if the Council chooses to no longer be responsible for it. The deed states it is for the exclusive use of the Boy and Girl Scouts. Mrs. Briggs said a quit claim deed could be done and then give it to a Scout troop. The Town is not required to maintain the building. The Girl Scouts, the only active group in town, will be contacted to see if they have an interest in the property.

Project Updates

The wellhead protection plan was returned with a couple of request for additional information which has been submitted. The plan is expected to be approved without further delay. The application for the change over in the chlorination system has been submitted but he is still waiting on the approval.

Mr. Snavely reported Duke Systems will be cleaning roots from some of the sanitary sewers. The work will begin Friday or Saturday. They will return next year to treat the same lines and then come everyone other year.

Misc.

Kentucky Mountain Mission collection will be Sept 27 - 28 at the Community Building.

The Fireman's Breakfast will be Oct 4th.

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

Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 31, 6-8pm. The Lions Club Halloween Party will host their annual party starting at 7:30 on the 31st.

The 2015 Budget will be adopted at the October 16 Regular Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:0 by a motion from Ms. Funks, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

Camden Town Council

Jeff Sieber, President

ATTEST:

Richard Fite

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Kandance Funk