

Camden Town Council Meeting
May 21, 2015
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

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

Motion to approve minutes from the April 16th Public Meeting, the April 28th Executive Meeting and the April 28th Public Meeting was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk. The claims from April and May were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance Report were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite seconded by Ms. Funk.

New Business

1. Appointment Report

Bob McCain presented a written report from Vicky Bluemke updating the Council on E911 programs and project. Ms. Bluemke noted the E911 budget has used its reserved funds due to taking over expenses related to the Sheriff's dispatchers and not because of overspending.

Diane Wertz, President of the Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library, also submitted a written summary of library events. Her report included the library's new phone number (765-201-4745) which is the result of changing phone systems. Improvements to the library include a new security system and some new shelving. The Summer Reading Program which will start on June 2nd.

Julia Leahy, one of Camden's representative on the CCEDC Board, attended her first official EDC meeting on May 21st. The EDC, Carroll County Chamber and City of Delphi are putting together a strong plan to attract a small hotel/motel to Delphi. The Chamber emailed a survey to its members and other officials to help determine the need. The proposed hotel/motel, which would have about 40 rooms, would be in Delphi but not along the new highway. Mrs. Leahy also stated OCRA will take part in a meeting on June 1st, 5:30, at the 4-H Building to discuss a community entrepreneur program to help new businesses. The meeting is open to the public and everyone was invited to attend.

By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk, Scott Billings was appointed to the Area Plan Commission to replace Phillip Snowberger.

2. Department Reports

Mr. Snavelly reported the chlorine change over is being worked on as time allows. The sump pump pit is complete. Once the retaining boards are installed and painted, he will contact the State Chemist Office for another inspection.

Following a discussion on street funds, the decision was made to postpone the sidewalk replacement project until a later year and to re-allocate those funds to the street fund to allow for more street work. There are two trees which may need to be removed; if that work is done, the cost will be charged to the street line item. Mr. Snavelly will check the trees and if they look ok, the removal will be postponed for another year.

IDEM was in for a wastewater inspection and returned a satisfactory report.

The prepared Marshal's Report was distributed for review.

The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

Eric Downing, Clinton County Disposal addressed the Council to confirm they were satisfied with the service. The trash contract will be up for renewal in August. The Council stated they were satisfied and did not express any issues. When asked if a fall big item pick-up could be arranged, Mr. Downing felt it could be. A cost would have to be calculated (the current spring is calculated at 50c/month/customer).

Ken Smith is working on getting estimates for the handicap ramps. Mr. Fite strongly feels the ramps should be five feet wide and request the new ramps be installed at that width.

The Medical Center submitted an estimate from A&H Chapman for some heating and air conditioning work in the amount of \$1,424.00. Following discussion the Council voted by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk to not fund this expenditure. The Council was advised the expenditure was not planned in the budget and at this time it was advised to not fund the repairs.

Planning for the Community Garden will begin soon. Ms. Funk moved and Mr. Fite seconded the motion to start work now with the intention of completing the garden and having a dedication as part of the town's Bi-Centennial celebration in 2016. Mrs. Leahy mention the Bi-Centennial Torch will travel through Carroll County on October 6th, 2016. Twenty torch bearers will be selected to cover the route, which will take about four hours. Nominations for this honor are now being accepted.

Council Commented on the Following

Several nuisance violation letters have been mailed and most of those yards are now in compliance or working towards abating the problems. Those who do not correct the violations will have tickets written following the 14 day grace period allowed per ordinance. Mr. Snavely was asked if he has time to mow when required and he stated that would probably not be possible. An independent contractor will be advertised for and hired as needed to mow and do general yard maintenance. Proof of insurance will be required before anyone is hired. Mr. Sieber outlined the time frame once a property complaint is made: pictures of the property are taken and sent to the town's attorney who will then write a letter stating what the violation is and informing the property owner of the 14 days to correct the issue(s). After the 14 days, the property will be re-inspected and is expected to be corrected. If not, a ticket will be issued and a fine of not less than \$50 will be imposed. The second day is \$100 and the third day is \$200. The maximum fine allowed by ordinance is \$2,500. Each consecutive day of non-compliance constitutes a new offense.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Community Club Fish Fry is set for June 13th.
2. The town will take part in the Youth Day parade scheduled for June 6th at 7:00pm.
3. Hazardous Waste and Tire clean-up is June 27th, 8:00 - Noon at Flora.
4. The Town Office will be close Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day.
5. Town Wide Garage Sales are planned for July 18th. The town will sponsor advertizing, as done in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Camden Town Council

Jeff Sieber, President

Richard Fite

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Kandance Funk