

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer read and signed the Annual Certification of Elected Officials to the Executive of the Town of Camden on Compliance with Municipal Nepotism Policy Involving Direct Line of Supervision and the Annual Certification of Elected Officials to the Executive of the Town of Camden on Compliance with Municipal Nepotism Policy Involving Direct Line of Supervision.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:05. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and seven guests.

The motion to approve the November 8th minutes was made by Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. The November Docket and Allowance Docket were approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel. Claims were reviewed and signed by the Council prior to approving the docket.

Department Reports:

Utility Superintendent Reported:

(1) "Stop" and speed limit signs have been ordered along with certain street naming signs. Mr. Snavely requested clarification of which type of "Camden" signs the Council was looking to replace. He was told to check pricing to replace the green "Camden" signs with blue signs to match the new street name signs. These three signs are at the town entrances along the highways.

(2) The dump truck has had several repairs including tires and hydraulic hoses. The Council was reminded that the price to repair the truck bed, planned for the spring, may be almost as expensive as replacing the bed. A decision on the truck bed will be made once more information is available.

(3) Mr. Robison opened and read aloud the one bid received on the Community Crossing Street Grant for pavement of certain streets in Camden. The total street bid was \$175,695. An estimate was received from ABC Concrete to install ADA mats as part of the street project; that estimate was \$12,726. Both were taken under advisement to allow the Council time to review the information. The town was awarded an IDOT grant in the amount of \$141,765.30 and will match with \$47,255.

(4) Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., reported the storm water grant was awarded in October and eight months are allowed to complete the design (May 31st). Mr. Smith is about half finished with the design so he is satisfied with the work progress and expects to be finished in about a month.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Reported:

(1) Resolution 2017-G, Additional Appropriation, in the amount of \$400 for the Village Post Office Fund was introduced and approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.

(2) The updated agreement allowing county-wide governmental law enforcement agencies use of the town's shooting range was approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded

by Mr. Deel. The agreement prohibited use of the range on Sundays and during hunting season, November 15 - December 31st. A sign-in log will be required. Other terms of the agreement remained the same.

(3) Linda Stapleton request two "Reserved Parking for Med Center Patients" and one "Handicap Only" signs at the med center. Mr. Snavelly was asked to look into how this could best be done and a decision will be made at the January meeting.

(4) The Council meetings will continue to be held the second Wednesday of the month at the Library.

(5) A list of appointees whose terms expire December 31st was given to the Council for consideration. Mr. Schock resigned from the EDC due to his work schedule.

#### Public Comments:

Ron Wertz would like to have a dry hydrant install south of town off SR 75 at a small pond for the fire department to use as an alternate fire water source. Mr. Wertz stated having that water source could potentially save the town's water system in cost of treating water and use of water to fight a major fire. The cost is estimated at \$815 for all material. This alternate source of water could also potentially give the community a better ISO rating, raising it from the current 4 to 3 and by doing so, property owners may save on insurance costs. Mr. Wertz has permission from Michael Leonard, the property owner, but a written agreement would be needed. Mr. K. Smith offered to donate half the cost and the Council suggest looking for grants for the remainder. Mr. Wertz will work with Mrs. Briggs on preparing an agreement.

#### Council Comments:

Mrs. Briggs was directed to write a letter to 157 N. Monroe to clean up the lot.

Two items the Council were considering to address through ordinances were table indefinitely. Issues with illegal turn on of water violate state statute and are a Class A misdemeanor. The county prosecutor should be contacted when this happens. Issues with illegal dumping of trash in the dumpsters may considered at a later date.

Due to Mrs. Briggs receiving the MOU with the County Drainage Board late in the day, discussion was tabled to allow Members and Mrs. Briggs time to review the proposal.

Mr. Deel will work with the Deputy Marshal on determining the best way to handle the computer hard drive issue. There is no update on the status of the Marshal

#### Miscellaneous:

Mr. Schock stated the Masonic Lodge will host a Wilburn Jones Antique Tractor Pull July 21st at the park. The prize money will be a percent of the pull fee.

There is a person interested in removing the walnut tree at the Scout Barn lot but he will not pay for the tree - he will remove it for the wood. Council gave their approval with the stipulation proof of insurance be provided (\$1M coverage requested).

Tom Hedde, past Clerk-Treasurer for Camden, introduced himself and stated he is running for the 38th District seat in the House of Representatives against incumbent Heath Van Natter. Mr. Hedde expressed his goals if elected and asked for local support.

Steve Pearson volunteered to mow the Bicentennial Garden without charge if he was given the job to mow the water tower lot with a rate of \$15 - \$20 per week. He was directed to put the offer in writing and present it to the Council.

The year-end meeting will be December 20th, 6:00PM in the town office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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