

**Camden Town Council Meeting
January 10, 2018
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

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 six guests.

The motion to approve the December 20th minutes was made by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel. The January Docket and Allowance Docket were approved by a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock. There were no questions concerning the claims that were reviewed and signed by the Council prior to approving the docket.

Election of officers for 2018 were:

Brent Deel, President, by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison
Mark Schock, Vice President, by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Deel

Anne Briggs was re-appointed as town attorney for the next two years by the Council.

Following the election, Mr. Deel assumed responsibility of the meeting.

2018 Council appointments to various Boards:

CCEDC - Julia Leahy whose term expired 12-31-2017 was re-appointed for another three years
Mark Schock's replacement is yet to be named
CC Emergency Management - Brent Deel
CC E-911 - Ellen Dunning (motion by Mr. Schock, second by Mr. Robison)
K-IRPC - Brent Deel
C-FRCC - Peter Wagoner and Connie Cripe (motion by Mr. Schock, second by Mr. Robison)

ABC Concrete submitted a revised bid for the installation of ADA mats. The Community Crossings Grant through INDOT was written with 16 ramps as part of the project at a cost of \$14,726. The initial bid from ABC Concrete was written for just 15 mats. The question was asked if the cement portion of the project should be rebid. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., pointed out the past three times cement work has been bid only one contractor, ABC Concrete, submitted. Following discussion, Mr. Schock moved to accept the bid, seconded by Mr. Robison and passed. Contracts with Central Paving and ABC Concrete were approved and signed by motions from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison.

Mr. Smith discussed the George Hunt and James H. Lesh drains which run through Camden. The town's storm water project can continue without affecting these county drains but it would be beneficial to the county and the town for the drains to be reclassified as vacated and the town assume responsibility. The county has not assessed fees on the drains nor have they performed maintenance. The Petition for Reclassification of Existing Legal or Public Drain (George Hunt drain) was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock. This petition request the drain be vacated by the county. Next introduced was *Resolution 2018-A, A*

Resolution of the Town of Camden, Carroll County, Indiana to the Carroll County Drainage Board, requesting the transfer of the James H. Lesh Drain from Carroll County to the town of Camden. Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock. The third document approved for Mr. Deel's signature was a letter to the Carroll County Drainage Board. This letter explains the actions of the Council involving the George Hunt and James H. Lesh drains. The Memorandum of Understanding, between the Commissioners of Carroll County, the Carroll County Drainage Board and the Town of Camden, which had been tabled at the December Council meeting, was not accepted by the Council by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Chris Underwood and Mike Barron, Broadway Broadband, requested use of the town's rights-of-way for installation of internet fiber. Fiber would be hung on poles and buried using easements. Mr. Snively commented there is antennae space on the town's water tower but the maintenance providers would need contacted before an antenna is installed. The Council was told the town office and library would be offered service free of charge. Following discussion, the matter was tabled until the February meeting to give the Council time to review the proposal. If the proposal is approved, a contract will need prepared.

Appointment Reports:

Julia Leahy, representative to the CC EDC, affirmed her interest in continuing to serve on the Board. The question was raised on payment of the 2017 dues, which have not been invoiced. The Council was confused as to why an invoice had not been sent requesting payment since the Town is under contract. Julia will address this at the meeting planned for Thursday morning. Mr. Robison stated when the contract was signed in 2016, for the years 2017 and 2018, the EDC Director told the Council part of the dues went to support the C-FRCC and the Chamber of Commerce. The support for the C-FRCC was terminated by the EDC in 2017 and Chamber membership dues paid by the EDC for 2017 were decreased from \$1,200/year to the non-profit rate of \$120. Payment of dues was tabled until an invoice is received.

Peter Wagoner, C-FRCC, briefed the Council on the Commission's response letter for the EDC termination and the newly proposed memorandum. The term's requested could not be made due to lack of authority by the Commission (as outlined in the Inter-local Cooperative Agreement with the towns of Flora and Camden) to accommodate their proposed voting membership. The membership requirements cannot be changed via a MOU/Agreement with the EDC. The Commission also stated they no longer intend to receive direct financial support from the EDC and will use other sources for support. Mr. Wagoner stated the Rail Commission desires to work with the EDC on future rail-served projects and work in harmony to bring economic development to Carroll County. The 2017 Annual Report and 2018 Budget were presented to the Council

Department Reports:

Utility Superintendent Reported:

(1) The "Camden" signs belong to the state. Mr. Snively was asked to contact Brian Foreman at Vital Signs to see what it would cost to make and install new "Welcome" signs for the four entries into town. He was to get costs for 4x8 and 3x5 signs.

2. Patient parking at the med center will be reserved with a portable sign when a large event infringes on patient parking.

Marshal Report:

Mr. Deel stated there is no update on the marshal status but the issue should be resolved shortly.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Reported:

(1) One more person/family is needed to fulfill the requirements of the housing rehab grant through IHADA. The applicant would need to be under the 40% income level as provided by Star Development and stipulated by IHADA. Letters have been sent to some citizens providing this information. Mr. Schock suggested contacting Area IV for suggestions. The Council was told there would be a reduction in the amount provided to the program if this applicant can not be found.

(2) A Rainy Day transfer in the amount of \$38,840 will be prepared for approval at the February per a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

(3) The SRF water loan, taken out in 1999, has been paid in full. Monthly transfers will now be made to build a water fund reserve for future major expenses or projects.

(4) At the December 20th meeting, the Clerk-Treasurer stated she would investigate the possibility of the town reimbursing her for individual health insurance and going off the town's plan as a means to save cost. After discussing the proposal with AIM's attorney, another attorney recommended by AIM and Mrs. Briggs, she was told there really is no way to legally do the change.

(5) The 2018 federal mileage rate is \$.545. The town follows the federal rate in paying mileage.

(6) Ecova, payment processor for TDS, request the late fees be waived. The Council stated they could not waive the fees.

Old Business:

Mr. Robison stated he was not able to talk with each of the law enforcement departments on the shooting range contract and requested the contract be mailed to each.

The suggestion of the town helping to install a hydrant south of town will not move forward. Mr. Robison spoke with Jackson Twp. Trustee, Deb Foreman. The fire chief told her it was not needed.

Mr. Deel has no new information on an external hard drive for the marshal.

The person interested in taking down the walnut tree at the Scout Barn did not have the necessary insurance.

Steve Pearson submitted an estimate of \$20/week to mow the water tower lot and provide free mowing at the Bi-Centennial Garden. He will provide the necessary certificate of insurance. When asked if anyone would be helping him, he stated his 14 year old son would. The Clerk-Treasurer stated his help would need to be over 18 years old due to the machinery he would be operating. Mr. Pearson stated he would check that out with the insurance. By a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison, the terms were approved for one year.

Public Comments:

Mr. Pearson praised Mr. Snively and Mr. D. Smith on the street snow removal following the last storm.

Mrs. Leahy stated she approached the new convenience store about having a ribbon cutting but they were not interested. They hope to have a Grand Opening event with their pizza supplier.

Miscellaneous:

The town office will be closed January 15th for Martin Luther King Day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

Camden Town Council

Brent Deel, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Robison