

Camden Town Council Meeting
July 11, 2018
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Deel opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:00. Present were Members Mark Schock and Andy Robison, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and five guests.

Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the June 13th regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Schock. Prior to the start of the meeting the Council was given the opportunity to review the claims. The July Docket and the Allowance Docket were approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. Council members were given copies of the monthly reports and a statement to sign acknowledging receipt of the reports listed (monthly revenue, appropriations, fund and bank reconciliation reports). This form will be filed with the monthly docket.

Billy Kirkham, representing Colonial Life Insurance, gave a short presentation and asked permission to offer their benefit program to town employees. They offer free 24 hours service of direct call to a doctor who can prescribe over the phone to all AIM members. This service is complementary and the employees do not have to sign up for their insurance for this benefit. The insurance offered would be for accidents, cancer and critical care. It is similar to Aflac Insurance but with lower rates. A list of member municipalities will be emailed to the town.

Following discussion, Mr. Robison moved and Mr. Schock seconded approved subscribing to Reach Alert as a means to keep citizens informed of local warnings, notices and local events. Mr. Robison asked that the town register for one year of service. Mr. Schock requested cancellation fee information and to determine when the one year contract would start. Cost of this service (\$250 for the first year and then \$500 for years 2 and 3) will be from Promotion of Town. Citizens can sign-up over the internet or phone.

Department Reports:

The Utility Superintendent Reported:

(1) Scope of work on the next round of street resurfacing, paid partially through a Community Crossing Grant, was discussed. Mr. Deel stated every street not paved this year would be on the grant application along with the sidewalk on N. Monroe Street. It was noted that the sidewalk would need fill in certain locations due to being so low. Also, sections of sidewalks on N. Indiana and N. Water Street would be included. Mr. Schock asked for the street be ground down where needed. ADA ramps are not a concern for the Council at this time due to a number of the ramps being installed on prior projects; the number of risers will probably be about the same next year as this year.

(2) Street work done through this year's grant is in process. The Clerk-Treasurer asked permission to pay the invoice when presented, which will be prior to the next Council meeting. Once the work is approved by Mr. Snavely and Mr. Deel, the payment can be paid per a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

(3) There is no update on repairs to the dump truck.

(4) The contract for construction of the storm water will probably be signed at the August meeting, after "Release of Funds" notification.

The Marshal Report:

Mr. Deel welcomed the new marshal, Jill Hammond and read the Marshal Report in her absence. In the report, Marshall Hammond reminded people of the importance of having properly display house numbers to aid first responders and other emergency personnel.

Marshal Hammond had inquired about hiring her husband, Kevin, as her deputy. Following research, Mrs. Briggs reported that action would violate the nepotism law since the Deputy Marshal would work under the direct supervision of the Marshall. The Town Council can not provide an exception to the State Statue by loosening the regulation. Mr. Schock moved to table discussion until more information is received.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

Due to the new contract with Clinton County Disposal, the cost of trash service has increase to the town (\$12.25/household/month). The customers are paying a rate of \$12.35 which is less than the amount the fund will need to remain solvent. In addition to paying for the trash contract, funds are needed for the cost of postage, bill cards and envelopes. The Clerk-Treasurer suggested a new rate of \$12.50. Mr. Schock requested a cost analysis before setting the rate.

A public hearing on the housing rehab grant will be held July 24th, 4:00, in the town office.

Dates to work on the 2019 budget could not be determined until the Council checked their calendars.

By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock, the Community Center will continue to be used as a Red Cross Shelter.

"Statement for Camden Disaster Plan Manual" was updated and approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel.

The Clerk-Treasurer will attend an INDOT workshop on July 25th held in regards to the next round of Community Crossing Grants.

Public Comments:

Richard Huston informed the Council he delivered seven loads of clay to the tractor pull track for the Masonic Lodge and asked the town to pay the \$600 invoice. He felt Camden should absorb the cost and not the Masons. Mr. Huston stated the track was on town property and the event will benefit the community. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned the Council should be careful about the precedent being set and the payment may appear irregular due to the three Council members also being Lodge members. Following discussion, Mr. Schock made the motion to make a \$500 donation to the Mt. Zion Lodge; motion seconded by Mr. Robison and passed. The funds are to taken from General Fund, Promotion of Town.

Council Comments:

1. A contract with Steve Pearson was signed for mowing of lots in violation of the nuisance ordinance by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

2. Mr. Robison stated he asked about marking for handicap parking at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. The two spaces would need to be ten feet apart and have the blue paint. If this is a parking regulation they would like enforced by the Marshal, a sign would need to be placed on the building. The Mayor of Delphi will be asked about the painting. During this discussion, the Council also discussed having the area in front of the town office and at the med center sealed. Mr. Deel had a person in mind to contact for this work.

3. It was reported to the Council that the property at 213 E Washington has rodents going in and out of a basement window. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact the health department.
4. Mr. Robison requested the Marshal visit the 218 Market due to his concern about the change in traffic flow. He noticed cars being confused as to the new entrance and exit and felt additional signage may be required.

Miscellaneous:

1. The Wilburn Jones Memorial Masonic Lodge Tractor Pull will be July 21st starting that morning.
2. NWISWD will collect hazardous material on June 23rd at the Flora Municipal Shop on North Division Street.
3. Diane Wertz was congratulated on taking over the Camden News Column for the Comet. Mary Whitfield had written the column for over forty years and is now retired.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Camden Town Council

Brent Deel, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Robison