

**Camden Town Council Meeting  
November 14, 2018  
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Brent 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 seven guests.

Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the October 10th meeting, seconded by Mr. Deel. The November Docket and the November Allowance Docket were approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock. Prior to the start of the meeting the Council was given the opportunity to review the claims and ask any questions. Council members were given copies of the monthly reports.

Pam Robison, 486 E Main Street, informed the Council a person approached Area Plan for a zoning variance to place a mini-house on the lot next to her lot. During the Zoning meeting (which did not have a quorum), the Director stated the house was required to be at least 700 square feet and be on a foundation. Mrs. Robison questioned the 700 square feet saying she thought the town's requirement was 1000 square feet. She also questioned the wisdom of allowing mini-houses to be placed within the town limits. Mr. Schock stated he was of the opinion the Town would be required to follow the county zoning regulations at the minimum and was not sure if a town zoning rule would supersede the county. The Council directed Mrs. Briggs to clarify the minimum square feet allowed in town and the minimum requirements for allowing such a structure in town. A letter will be prepared by Mrs. Briggs and since the Council has met, Mr. Robison is authorized to take the letter to the next zoning meeting and attend as the town's representative. Mr. Robison mentioned the person who is requesting the change does not own the property and questioned how a zoning change could be made without ownership.

Ron Swayze, property owner of the field north of Jackson Twp. Park, asked permission to go on town property at the park, approximately 15 feet from his field, to lay new drain pipe and tie into the catch basin behind the property at 695 N. Water Street. Permission was given but Mr. Swayze is to get with Mr. Snavelly when he starts working.

Department Reports:

The Utility Superintendent Reported:

- (1) Water Treatment Plant and Wells: The two wells and iron filter will need to be cleaned. It was also noted that the man-ways on the filter are no longer approved due to being too narrow and will need to be replaced. The master meter was tested and a check valve was found that needed to be replaced. Currently, Mr. Snavelly is getting ready for the pump testing. Peerless was called away from the site and the return date is unknown.
- (2) Storm Water Project: The project is going along pretty well. The foreman is staying in touch with Mr. Snavelly and checking if any questions arise. A broken tile was found under the drive going back to the ponds which will need to be repaired/replaced. Mr. Snavelly stated he is also checking into extending the tile further north towards the highway but will need to check the easements and costs.

- (3) Dump Truck Bed: An estimate will be requested closer to December to achieve a more accurate pricing.
- (4) Grading Alleys: This work may have to wait until spring due to the change in weather.
- (5) Leaf Pickup: The men are picking up about five loads per day. The site close to Clymers is not working out due to soft ground and too close of an area for turn-around.

#### The Marshal Report:

Deputy Marshal Steven Tkachuk read the prepared report. A copy is included as part of the report. Mr. Schock stated he noticed two boys on a four-wheeler looking over the storm water company's equipment being stored down at the ponds. He asked for the area to be patrolled. Mr. Robison informed the Members Marshal Hammond was able to review the surveillance tapes at the library to determine a bench was broken by accident and not in malice.

#### The Clerk-Treasurer's Report:

The 1782 Notice for Budget Year 2019 was accepted as presented by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Ordinances 2018-3 and 2018-5, adopted at the October meeting and properly advertised, were briefly reviewed.

Resolution 2018-E, Transfer of Funds in EDIT, was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Resolution 2018-F, Adopting a Policy and Procedures for Cyber Security, was adopted by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison.

The Council was informed that Bob Reef of RME Insurance reviewed the Town's liability insurance with the Clerk-Treasurer and made a couple of recommendations. He suggested the town add coverage for sewer backup on private property, increase the umbrella policy from \$2M to \$4M and add cyber liability. More information will be coming before the changes are presented for approval.

The Clerk-Treasurer recommended accepting the banking package from Lafayette Bank and Trust which will have certain features beneficial to the town in increased interest earned and tighter internal controls. After a review of the proposed changes, the Clerk-Treasurer stated a resolution would be prepared for the December meeting to adopt the changes.

#### Old Business:

- (1) The Council approved the Anthem Silver Blue Access PPO 3300E for the employees health insurance. Norris Insurance will be notified of the change which will have a monthly premium of \$3,366.45.
- (2) Quotes for painting the interior of the Community Building will be sought in the spring. Mr. Robison stated Toby Schock was contacted about the soffit on the east side of the building and he was able to make repairs quickly. Mr. Schock feels a vent pipe will need checked in the spring and perhaps the area will need tarred.
- (3) The medical center has one room that still needs to be painted.
- (4) The Council reviewed the quote from C. Wolf Corporation to install electricity to the Bicentennial Garden. After reviewing the two options, the Council voted to approve the electrical specifications in the Garden area and the placement of two lights at the flag pole. The cost to install five Mission Bollard lights was declined.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Swayze told the Council he felt it was unfair that a property on North Indiana Street was receiving town services (water, wastewater, trash, etc) at the same rate as Camden taxpayers without paying town tax. During the conversation, it was mentioned that there are other properties outside the town boundaries receiving the services and annexation was discussed.

Council Comments:

Mr. Schock announced the town received a Community Crossing Grant from INDOT in the amount of \$186,137.25 which will complete the paving of town streets. He requested a letter be sent thanking INDOT for the grant and the paving of SR 218.

Miscellaneous:

The Camden Woman's Literary Club will host this year's Holiday Bazaar on November 24th from 9am until 2pm in the Community Building. Santa will be at the Bazaar from 10:00 until 11:00 and the town Christmas tree will be decorated at 2:00. Refreshments will be served during the tree decorating. Mr. Deel stated he will provide hayrides from 9 until 2.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Camden Town Council

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Brent Deel, President

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Mark Schock

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Andrew Robison

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer