

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**November 14, 2019**  
**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 Member Andrew Robison, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and nine guests. Council Member Mark Schock was absent. Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the October 9th regular meeting, the October 30th special meeting, the November Docket and Allowance Docket. The memorandum from the executive session was also approved by a motion from Mr. Robison. Mr. Deel provided the seconds for approval of all reports. Prior to the start of the meeting, Members were given an opportunity to review the claims and ask questions. A statement of acknowledgment of receiving the reconciled bank statements, appropriation report, revenue report and fund report was also signed. Signed copies of the Detail Revenue Report certification will be retained in the Docket binder along with the monthly docket, allowance report, and acknowledgment of receipt of monthly reports.

Kelly Gardner, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, presented information on an apprentice program they offer. The program includes education and testing of individuals interested in becoming certified water and wastewater system operators. Funding is also available through this program and grants to help with the certification and training cost. The candidate will need to meet certain requirements and the program will take a couple of years to complete. Packets were given to the Council Members for review. Ms. Gardner stated the program has been very popular and the Council should act soon if there is an interest. In concluding her remarks, a brief summary of what it would cost to contract for a certified operator was given. Should this need arise, the cost could be as much as \$10,000 per month. If the town does not qualify for this program, there are other programs available through Work1 and Next Level Jobs.

Glendon Wolf, Norris Insurance, reviewed the employee health insurance plans and costs for 2020. Due to the Affordable Care Act there will be changes that will affect the employees which include have a 20% deductible on office visits, inpatient hospital and urgent care. Currently the employees have zero deductible. Also, the out of pocket cost will increase. The premium cost to the town will increase by 3.22% but the changes in the dental plan will cover a portion of this increase. Mr. Wolf asked for a decision by Friday to ensure the employees will have their new cards by year-end. The town now receives three statements for the various employee insurance plans but these will be combined into one statement before year-end.

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., asked the Council if there is an interest in doing a planning study on the water system. The study would include the water valves, hydrants, lead goose necks, water meters (possible auto-read meters) and the water supply (wells). Following discussion, Mr. Robison made the motion to start the investigation and contact Amy Miller to serve as the grant administrator. A letter of engagement will be prepared for Mr. Deel to sign.

**Utility Superintendent Report:**

Mr. Snavelly announce Cody Walker of Delphi has been hired as his assistant and assumed the duties as of Monday. The north well is being worked on by Peerless Midwest; it was reported the well has some sediment fill which is being removed. The dump truck has the new plow but Mr. Snavelly feels the lift on the plow needs some adjustment (possible air in the lines) and will follow-up with North Central Outdoor Power. The cost of the plow totaled \$8,231 which is

slightly more than the estimate (\$8,035.10) due to an additional part being needed. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Deel, payment of this invoice will be made once Mr. Snavelly is satisfied with the plow. In addition, Mr. Robison moved to pay another invoice from Outdoor Power in the amount of \$351.33 for a pallet (49 bags at \$7.17 each) of salt. Motion seconded by Mr. Deel and the invoice will be paid with the plow invoice. Mr. Snavelly concluded his remarks stating the leaves will be picked up as time allows.

Mr. Deel read the Marshal's monthly report. The Council approved the Marshal's request to have the police car windows tinted at a cost of no more than \$200.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Report included:

1. Jeff Sieber was congratulated on his election to the post of Clerk-Treasurer, effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Sieber announced Camilla Downing will assume the duties of Deputy February 1, 2020.
2. The contract the town now has with Steve Pearson is for mowing but he helped Mr. Snavelly with leaf pickup on a couple of occasions, as mentioned at the October 30th meeting. A contract is needed so he can be paid for the time spent on the leaf pickup; Mrs. Briggs will prepare a simple contract. An invoice for mowing was submitted today after the office closed in the amount of \$50. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Deel, the invoice will be paid prior to the December meeting.
3. Mrs. Briggs was directed to start preparing a building standards ordinance as a means to correct unsafe buildings.
4. There will be a census in 2020 and the Town will provide certain means of support to including use of the community building for testing and training, at no cost, by a motion from Mr. Robison.
5. The Christmas tree will be delivered November 21st and help will be needed.
6. The office will be closed November 28th for Thanksgiving.
7. The year-end meeting is set for December 30th at 9:00am.

Following discussion, Mr. Robison moved and Mr. Deel seconded spending up to \$9,000 for flooring and installation at the Camden Medical Center. Logansport Memorial Hospital will be notified.

The following are agenda items carried over from prior meetings:

- Replace trees around town - no update from Mr. Schock on securing a tree inventory
- Repair tuck-pointing stones at Med Center - Mr. Deel has not secured a stone mason
- Finish painting the interior of the med center - no action
- Appoint representative to EDC; any news on EDC contract - no contact with EDC
- Exterior camera - no action
- Repair/replace town mower - will be dealt with in the spring

Marty Hodges expressed his opinion that more days are needed between the time the bills are mailed and the due date. He had a late fee due to his bank mailed check not reaching the office

until after the due date. Following discussion, he was advised to call the office to be told the amount due so he can process his check request earlier.

INDOT contacted the town office concerning Kandance Funk's drive and parking in front of her home at 221 W Main Street. The case information states" Ms. Funk is requesting no parking signs on SR 218 because vehicles are blocking her driveway. She says there are cars, trailers, and trucks that are doing this." The Council will have a letter prepared asking for signs that state "Do Not Block Drive" to be placed at her residence.

Mr. Robison made the motion to allow Mr. Snavelly to carry over any remaining vacation days he may have as of December 31st into 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Deel. One of the churches asked Mr. Robison if the town would be removing snow from their parking area. Mr. Snavelly stated he does remove the snow after the other areas are cleaned but if there is gravel and the ground is wet, he will skip those. Mr. Snavelly was asked to put up the winter banners this next week and to remove the dead tree from the Bicentennial Garden. Everett Snowberger has agreed to continue serving on the Zoning Appeals Board.

Peter Wagoner, MPO representative, reported INDOT plans to repair the arch bridge on SR 218 resulting in one lane closures. The Wild Cat Creek bridge on SR 75 S will be refurbished in 2021 at which time the road will be closed. SR 218 through Camden will be enhance in 2023 resulting in new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ADA ramps, and improved street drainage.

Camden Woman's Literary Club is sponsoring the Winter Bazaar on November 30th from 9 until 2; Santa will arrive at 10:00 and stay until 11:00; hayrides during the bazaar: and the town tree will be decorated and lit at 2:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Camden Town Council

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Brent Deel, President

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Mark Schock

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Andrew Robison