

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**December 11, 2019**  
**Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-President Mark Schock 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 eight guests. Council President Brent Deel was absent. Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the November 14th regular meeting, the December Docket, and Allowance Docket. Mr. Schock 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.

Tammy Arnett, representing the Carroll County 4-H Shooting Sports, stated the grass parking area at the range is not as large as it once was due to so much material being placed on the brush pile. She also noted the gravel parking lot has a pile of old street material and a second pile of stone, again taking away from the parking. Mr. Snavely, Street Superintendent, explained the stone is left over from the storm water project but the quality is not suitable for use along the town's streets or in parking areas. He intends to use this stone for a drive that runs behind the sewer ponds. The brush pile has gotten "out-of-hand" due to people bringing down the remains of trees from the summer storms. Scott Arnett informed the Council he is willing to move the brush pile with equipment he owns. Shooting Sports will start the first Wednesday in April; the goal will be to have this taken care of prior to then. Mr. Schock requested an email detailing their suggestions and, if they use their equipment, copies of their liability insurance. Once the proposal email is received, a walk-through will be scheduled with Mr. Snavely.

Angie Brown, Carroll County Health Department, presented pictures of the property at 546 E Main Street and expressed grave concerns about the condition of the property. In her opinion, the property should be condemned and torn down. The property was on the last tax sale but there were no bids. The town places sewer liens on the property and she feels those liens can be removed to make the property more sellable. The State Board of Accounts sent an email to the town stating they are not aware of any statute which allows the removal of a lien once it is filed. Ms. Brown informed the Council the County's attorney, Ted Johnson, could provide that information and she will email the code number to the town. Attorney Anne Briggs explained to Ms. Brown the process the town is required to adhere to if a property is torn down and the first step will be to enact an Unsafe Building Ordinance. The first draft of such an ordinance was presented to the Council at this meeting. Mrs. Briggs has done some research into the property and found the ownership is with the five children, all believed to be minors. The wife has a 25% interest if the property is sold. Acting under the advise of Mrs. Briggs, the Town Council will take no action until the ordinance is prepared and properly passed. Ms. Brown stated she could put yellow tape around the property and post "Do Not Enter" signs and was asked to do so by the Council.

Jeff Sieber, Clerk-Treasurer elect, presented an estimate of \$150 for labor to paint the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Paint will need to be provided. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock, the estimate was approved with the understanding the work was not to begin until 2020.

Utility Superintendent Report:

1. Leaf pickup is finished for this year.

2. Cleaning the north well is probably finished at about 140 feet. The motor and pump may need to be replaced. Once the pumps are tested, bacteria samples will be taken and then the well will be back in service. It was noted that during the time of repair the town had only the one well in service. This could be a problem if there were a major fire event.

Mr. Schock read the Marshal's monthly report.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Report included:

1. The contract with Steve Pearson for leaf pickup help was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.
2. The contract with Purdue University for the Carroll County 4-H to use the shooting range was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.
3. "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Camden, Indiana, Approving First Amendment to Inter-local Cooperation Agreement" for the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission was presented and approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock. This Amendment transfers financial responsibilities from the Clerk-Treasurer of Camden to the Clerk-Treasurer of Flora. In addition, Section 4.1 was amended to removed the language "at least one of whom shall be a member of the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation" as a representative requirement for appointment to the Board. Representatives will be appointed by a majority vote of the respective Town Councils.
4. Jeff Sieber will assume the financial duties of the Town of Camden effective Noon, January 1, 2020 and Patricia Casserly's duties will expire at 11:59am on January 1st, 2020. Mr. Sieber's duties, as stated in IC 36-5-6-6, include but are not limited to: (1) Receive and care for all town money and pay the money out only or order of the town legislative body (2) Keep accounts showing when and from what sources the clerk-treasurer has received town money and when and to whom the clerk-treasurer has paid out town money and (3) Manage the finances and account of the town and make investment of town money.
5. The year-end meeting is set for December 30th at 9:00am.
6. The Clerk-Treasurer read a brief statement thanking her staff, Mrs. Briggs and her office staff, the Councils and citizens for their support during her time in office. Her last day in office will be December 31st.

New Business:

Replacing the flooring at the medical center was briefly discussed with Mr. Schock asking to have the estimates re-sent to him. No response has been received from Logansport Memorial in regards to the request to share half of the projected and approved \$9,000 cost.

Request For Qualifications for a water planning study have been advertised in the Comet and letters mailed to five firms. Responses are due in the Town Office no later than 2:00pm on January 13th. Interviews are expected to take place the week of January 20th and contract awarded the same week.

Old Business:

1. Employee health insurance policy for 2020 was approved keeping the deductible for office visit, inpatient hospital and ER/urgent care at 0% with a monthly premium cost of \$3,446.35.
2. The town did not meet the requirements to take part in Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Association apprenticeship program.
3. Repair tuck-pointing stones at Med Center has no update.
4. No action was taken on finishing the painting the interior of the med center.
5. Appointments will be made to the various boards in January. Julia Leahy reported Laura Walls, EDC Director, will be at the January meeting to present a new contract. The cost is expected to remain at \$10.50. When questioned about this year's dues, she was not sure how that would be worked out.
6. No action was taken on the exterior camera.

Mark Holsomback submitted a letter requesting a second adjustment on his water bill - the repaired leak carried over into a second month. The request was approved by the Council by a motion from Mr. Robison.

Mrs. Leahy gave the Council a brief update on the building at 110 E Main Street which will soon be Chamber property. She said the Chamber is now focusing on securing grants for the property in Delphi and it will be 2 - 3 years before any work can be done on this building. Once work begins, the goal will be to develop an agricultural base innovation center.

A retirement party will be held for Mrs. Casserly on December 30th at the Library from 4:00 until 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

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