

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMDEN INDIANA
JUNE 10, 2020

The Camden Town Council met in a legally advertised meeting on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 PM in the Community Building. A change from the normal location was made so social distancing could be implemented.

Those present were Council President Brent Deel, Members: Mark Schock & Andy Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Sieber, Jerry Snavelly, Jill Hammond and 9 guests.

Mr. Deel lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after opening the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and a second from Mr. Schock to approve the minutes of the March 2020 meeting and all Dockets and reports submitted. Reports covered the time period since the March meeting since Covid 19 has kept the council from meeting in person since that time.

Lynette Martin was appointed to the Jackson Township Library Board by a motion from Mr. Schock and a second from Mr. Robinson.

President Deel presented Utility Superintendent, Jerry Snavelly with a plaque in recognition of his 40 years of employment with the town.

Snavelly reported that 3 estimates were received for a replacement of the town mower/tractor. Mr. Schock made a motion to purchase a 72 in deck mower from John Deere in Logansport for a total price of \$22,809.00 with a \$10,000.00 trade in allowance. An estimate was also received from Cub Cadet, however, that particular model did not allow any tractor use capability.

Mr. Snavelly also asked the board if they were wanting him to be checking on trees within town that may need attention or cut. Council members suggested he do a drive around and make a list of what trees need to be dealt with.

Marshal Hammond presented her report for May (as attached).

Clerk Treasurer, Jeff Sieber stated he had received Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement grant papers from Ken Smith and would be working with him to file amounts for expenses the town has incurred in virus protection items.

Mr. Schock made a motion to approve the mowing contract with Steve Pearson for mowing a vacant property at 499 W. Washington Street. Second was made by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson stated that he felt it was time they took action in making Marshal Hammond a full time employee. He said that she has asked about the possibility quite some time ago and nothing had been done since. An Executive Meeting will be held with the Marshal on Monday, June 15, at 6:00 PM in the Town Office.

An estimate was received from Alan George for \$2000.00 for removal of the dirt pile that was made after clean up of the burn pile, shooting range area. Motion was made by Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Schock.

It was stated that the cameras have been installed on the pole in front of the Town Hall and the pond area.

Marshal Hammond reported that she has been working on Ordinance Violation notices and 3 properties that are in need of repair/demolition.

Town resident, Jarrod Kendall spoke to the council regarding the ordinance on allowing chickens within town limits. He asked that the council look into other town ordinances and revise ours to allow a few chickens to be allowed in town. Ken Grimes spoke up and said he was there to support Mr. Kendall in his request as he would also like to have some chickens on his property.

The council said they would look into what some other towns are doing and speak with the town attorney and come back with a plan at the next meeting.

Ken Smith spoke about grant funding he is working on for a water project that would be a 90/10 grant for replacement of all water meters. An agreement was also signed by the board allowing Mr. Smith to look into a Wellhead Protection Plan.

Melissa Chapman asked the council if there is still a sidewalk agreement as they are getting ready to pour new steps and walkway at the front of their house on Washington Street. Council members told her that the last time the town did sidewalk work, it was done with a grant, however, if she would bring an estimate of the work for a new sidewalk to the next meeting, they would look into it.

Mr. Robinson said he had been contacted by his neighbor regarding the Richardson property. He stated he wanted something down immediately by the town or he was going to take further action. Mr. Robinson told him that since the property did not sell at Sheriff Sale, the property is actually in the hands of the county, not the town. Mr. Robinson has looked in to other options that can be taken to get the property taken care of.

Mr. Schock stated that the Town Park is reopen and that there are some ball teams that have begun playing again. The Mason's Tractor Pull has been cancelled for this year.

Community Fish Fry is tentatively scheduled for July 18.

Town Wide Garage Sales will be held on July 11. Sign up sheet for sales to be placed on a map is located in the Town Office.

Next meeting will be held July 8, 2020.

Mr. Robinson made a motion with a second from Mr. Schock to adjourn at 7:45.

Council:

Brent Deel - President

Mark Schock

Andrew Robinson

Attest:

Jeff Sieber
Clerk-Treasurer

