

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMDEN INDIANA
DECEMBER 9, 2020

The Camden Town Council met in a legally advertised meeting on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 PM in the Camden Community Building.

Those present were, President: Brent Deel, Members Mark Schock and Andy Robison, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Sieber, Jerry Snavely, Marshal Jill Hammond, and 10 guests.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Schock and a second from Mr. Robison to approve the minutes of the October and November 2020 meetings as well as all Dockets and reports submitted.

Miriam Robison from the Carroll County EDC presented the council with an update regarding the EDC Director search and made a request for the council to approve the contract for 2020 that she presented at an earlier meeting as well as a new contract for 2021. The requested amount was \$6395.00 for each year. She also stated that they have a strategic plan in motion for the upcoming year. She also mentioned that funds from the town's EDIT monies can be used for the annual contract dues. The council informed her that they would discuss the options and get back with the EDC with their decision.

Julia Leahy and Neil Mylet spoke about the progress of the work being done in the old Select Seed building. They stated that they have been working with KIRPC on an OCRA grant to help with funds for public WIFI and being able to offer the service beyond their building. It was stated that they may be coming back to the council at a later date to ask about using the water tower as a point for their radio communication. Jerry Snavely spoke up and said that yes, the council has to give the ok to do so, but there are other entities that have to be included in the approval process. Mylet spoke and said that the vision of the facility is one that other states and communities will want to have as well.

He is wanting the Camden location to be the epicenter of future facilities. Space is being looked in to to house private, soundproof areas that individuals can go and speak with mental health professionals virtually. He also stated that he hoped to have electricity in the building soon after the first of the year. Council members asked Mylet and Leahy to keep them updated on the progress and what the town can do to assist in the completion of the facility.

Utility Superintendant, Jerry Snavely informed the council that the 2020 delivery of 25 tons of salt has been received. This amount should give some extra to apply to the next year order.

He also stated that some residents have piled leaves in the street expecting the town to pick them up. Snavely said he has spoken to the homeowners and explained that leaf collection has finished for the year and they would need to dispose of the leaves on their own. He offered to dump the leaves if they would bag them and set them by the curb.

Marshal Jill Hammond gave the council her monthly report as attached.

Clerk Treasurer, Jeff Sleber informed the council that the remaining balance of the town's allotted Cares Act Covid money has been applied for. He asked the council for permission to postpone utility Shut Offs until Dec 14 due to the fact that the December shut off date fell on the same date that bills are due. He felt that residents should have the entire day to be able to pay their bill before they are shut off. Council agreed on holding off until the next week.

Mr. Schock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robison to hire Elizabeth Lind as the new janitor for the Community Building. It was agreed to wait until January 2021 to have her begin.

Glendon Wolf spoke to the council regarding renewal and change to the employee health insurance. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Schock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robison to change the policy to the new 5RBY Plan. This plan will keep the employees from having a 20/80 payment after deductibles are met.

The final Permit for allowing chickens in town was approved and a motion by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison to have an annual permit fee of \$25.00 was passed.

Mr. Robison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schock to allow the Clerk Treasurer to sign the e-document allowing Empire Today to set the date for installation of the flooring at the Med Center.

Ken Smith informed the council that he can apply for a police car grant that would pay 55% of the purchase price. The council informed him to see what he can find out regarding the grant.

The council set December 28 at 10:00 AM for their Year End meeting.

Next meeting will be January 13, 2021

Mr. Robison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schock.

Council:

Brent Deel - President

Mark Schock

Andrew Robinson

Attest:

Jeff Sieber
Clerk-Treasurer