

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMDEN INDIANA
MAY 12, 2021

The Camden Town Council met in a legally advertised meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Camden Library Meeting Room.

Those present were, President: Brent Deel, Members Mark Schock, Andy Robison, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Sieber, Attorney Anne Briggs, Jerry Snavely, Marshal Jill Hammond, and 4 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. Deel to approve the minutes of the March and April meetings as well as all Dockets and reports submitted.

Utility Superintendant, Jerry Snavely stated he is currently working on the Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report that will be mailed in the next few days. He said that he and Assistant, Codey Walker have been working on cleaning the curb areas of Main Street to help keep the drains free of debris.

Snavely stated that he is working to get Walker enrolled in a class for mosquito pest control spraying. The Sprayer is to be taken to Gas City on May 18 to be calibrated. President Deel complimented the guys on how well the burn pile has been kept burnt down and cleaned up.

Marshal Jill Hammond gave the council her monthly report as attached. She also said she has recently sent out 26 ordinance violation letters, some of which have fines attached to them.

The council complimented the Marshal of how nice the town is looking due to her staying on top of the ordinance violations.

Clerk Treasurer, Jeff Sieber informed the council that letters have gone out to businesses asking if they want the flower pots left in front of their business or have them removed. The town is not paying to have them filled this year as owners did not take care of them in the past.

Clerk Sieber informed the council that the utility bills have become a real problem with mailing them. The postal service is not getting the cards out to patrons in a timely manner and many times not being received at all. Sieber said he has been to the Flora PO twice and called numerous times to file a complaint and see what steps can be taken to getting the bills out as needed. No one from the Post Office has ever returned a call. Sieber said he is very frustrated with the situation and would like to get a resolution to the problem.

Sieber stated the Town Office has been contacted about Camden starting up the local Farmer's Market again for county residents. He informed the council that he would not mind having the office be a point of contact to sign up and would be contacting Julia Leahy at the County Chamber office to see about helping with advertisement. The Market will be held the second Saturday of each month from June-Sept. 10Am -2PM. Council gave Sieber permission to carry on with the plans.

The council, with a motion from Mr. Robison, second from Mr. Schock, approved the American Rescue Act Ordinance 2021-2.

Mr. Deel stated he has received an estimate for LED lighted stop signs that would be installed at the corner of Main and James streets. Mr. Smith stated that the signs may be eligible for grant funding and asked that the council allow him to look into it.

The estimate for the digital sign for the garden area has been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Ken Smith informed the council that 160 million dollars has potentially been made available for water and waste water needs. When and if it is made available has yet to be announced but he is watching the information daily. He has been working on a grant for part of the expense for the police vehicle, however, needs some information from the Clerk Treasurer regarding some budget items and will be meeting with him on Friday.

Signatures are being received on the petition to abandon the George Hunt drain that the county is trying to assess residents for in town. The meetings and conversations regarding the drain have become controversial and heated at times. It is unknown when the county will actually hold the next meeting, however, the council and many residents plan to attend the meeting to express their discord in the matter.

Steve Pearson is once again mowing the property at 499 West Washington and bills will be collected through the summer and a lien will be placed on the property at the time.

Town wide Spring Clean up will be held on May 22, Town wide Garage Sales will be July 10 and the Masonic Tractor Pull will be held Aug. 7.

Mr. Robison stated that he had received a Thank you to the town from the ladies that represented the town at the Chamber Ladies Luncheon.

Next meeting will be held June 9, 2021.

Mr. Robison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schock to adjourn at 7:50.

Mr. Schock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deel to adjourn at 7:18PM.

Attest:

Council:

Jeff Sieber
Clerk Treasurer

Brent Deel - President

Mark Schock

Andrew Robinson

