

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMDEN INDIANA
AUGUST 11, 2021

The Camden Town Council met in a legally advertised meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Camden Library Meeting Room.

Those present were, President: Brent Deel, Members Mark Schock, Andrew Robinson, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Sieber, Attorney Anne Briggs, Jerry Snavelly, Marshal Jill Hammond, and 6 guests.

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

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

Utility Superintendant, Jerry Snavelly reported that work on 75, south of the flasher light is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 17. He also stated that Godloves had been in town and put a camera down the tile in front of the old bar area to see where or if the outlet was open. After the test, it was determined that there is no outlet to the drain after the State had done some work in that area. Snavelly said he had reported this to the State Highway Dept and they told him they would get to the drain when they had a chance to do so. Snavelly also reported to the council that he will be having surgery on August 31 and that he plans to have all testing and reports done before he leaves. It is anticipated that he may be gone up to 2 months but plans to stop in on a regular basis to do any paperwork that needs done. Codey is gone the rest of this week on vacation. He will be back next Monday.

Marshal Jill Hammond gave the council her monthly report as attached. She also mentioned that there were no know problems during the recent Tractor Pull.

Clerk Treasurer, Jeff Sieber informed the council that the first deposit of the ARP (covid) funds have been received and a part of it has been used for the down payment on the new electronic sign. He also informed the council that he has had his first meeting with the DLGF for the 2022 Budget. Figures will be finalized for the council in the next few weeks and the Public Hearing for the Budget will need to held prior to the next Council meeting.

A misunderstanding on the new Trash contract was discussed with Eric Downing, owner of Clinton County Disposal. It was the understanding that there was no increase in the contract amount for the first year of the 3 year contract, however, once a paper was received across the Clerk Treasurer's desk that the figures did not match what we are currently paying. After speaking with Mr. Downing, it was clarified that he was under the understanding that a bond was required for the contract and the cost of the bond is what increased the number. The council felt they had approved one cost and the company had actually advertised a different amount. It was decided that Mr. Downing would check to see if he could have the bond revoked and if so, Mr. Schock made a motion that we rescind the current approved contract to revoke the bond amount. Seconded by Mr. Robison. A new contract will be signed if changes are made. It was understood that all current services would continue until the matter was resolved.

Ron Swayze spoke to the council regarding a drain that runs across some land he owns on the north edge of town. He stated that the drain is broken in at least 5 known areas and drains not only his property but the park and possibly some town drains may drain in to it as well. He was asking for the town to consider helping to pay for part of the repair if we find the town drains do actually drain in to it. He estimates the repair to be roughly \$5000.00. He said that the Township Trustee has committed \$1000.00 to helping with the repair since the park is on the drain. Mr. Snavelly suggested the town do a dye test to see if we have any drains that connect to the area in question. The council informed they would make a decision once they knew more about the drain connections.

Attorney Briggs received a letter from Mr. Johnson, who is council for the Carroll County Surveyor requesting the town make a motion to accept the George Hunt into the Camden drains and the county would relinquish the rights to the drain. Briggs suggested that the council actually pass 3 separate resolutions as opposed to one. By doing 3, [the town would take over the individual assessment fees, then we could do away with the fees and then finally acquire the drains. Mr. Schock stated that the town needed to make it very clear what we were acquiring and it would leave nothing to question. The resolutions would need passed at the September meeting and returned to the Surveyor before September 17.

Ken Smith informed the council that there are no funds available through the USDA for a Police Car Grant due to the town's financial standings. He also stated that he had received a donation for 1 lighted Stop sign that will be installed before the next meeting. He is working to see if a donation can be received for the second one. He had also received word that the Carroll County EDC is still pursuing a business for the land at the east end of Camden. Smith also stated that he will look in to a possible Acquisition/Demolition Grant for the old Elevator area.

Sieber reported that the next Farmer's Market would be this Saturday with several new people requesting applications for booth space. The final market will be held on September 11.

President Deel said that they had 378 hooks at the recent Tractor Pull that was held and had 2 sleds running at most times. He thanked the community for their support of the Masons and the annual event.

Next meeting will be held September 8, 2021.

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

Attest:

Council:

Jeff Sieber
Clerk Treasurer

Brent Deel - President

Mark Schock

Andrew Robinson