

# Minutes

## **Camden Town Council Regular Meeting January 16, 2014**

The Camden Town Council first meeting of 2014 was called to order at 7:00 by President Richard Fite, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Jeff Sieber and Kandance Funk, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and four guests. Mr. Fite thanked Jerry Snaveley and Tom Mears for the excellent work on clearing the streets following the recent snow storm. He received several compliments from citizens regarding the streets.

The minutes from the December 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved following a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Minutes of December 30<sup>th</sup> Year End Meeting, were approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Being as there were no questions on the claims, the January Docket and Allowance Report were approved following a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

### **New Business**

The Council members reorganized for 2014. Ms. Funk made the motion for Mr. Sieber to serve as President for 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Fite. Mr. Sieber moved for Ms. Funk to remain as Vice-President. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Fite continued to conduct the meeting after discussing the officer change with Mr. Sieber.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a list of three outstanding checks that have been on the books for at least two years. By a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Fite, the funds will be receipted back into the funds from which they were originally drawn.

The Council was given information on the funds available for transfer into the Rainy Day Fund. The total budget for 2013 was \$357,236 with a December 31 ending balance of \$65,247 after allowing for encumbered funds of \$18,000. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber, \$35,723 will be transferred into the Rainy Day Fund. A resolution for this transfer will be prepared for the February meeting.

The Camden Medical Center will host a Health Insurance Marketplace for people to learn more and register for the new health coverage. The event will be held January 23; appointments are encouraged.

Discussion was held on replacing two computers, the Clerk-Treasurer's and the Street Superintendent's, and upgrading the Marshal's computer in preparation for Window's 7 support being discontinued— Windows 7 Professional will be the upgrade. The computers should cost about \$669 each and have three year warranties. There will be additional cost for labor and transfer of data. The computers will be ordered from Dave's Computer World by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.

Mr. Sieber expressed frustration with NewWave Cable Company. Service has been down for extended times due to upgrades being made. Mr. Sieber spoke with the company and was told credit will be given to customers who call to request it. NewWave's computer can tell the length of time service was down for each customer and the credit will be based on their records. People were advised to wait until the end of

February to report their lost service so the work and possible outages will be completed. It was called to the Council's attention that alley's have ruts from their trucks. Mr. Sieber suggested contacting one of their managers when the work is completed.

The Council would like for the people appointed to represent the town on various committees and boards to report back on their meetings. They will be asked to send or call in a report or attend one of the regular council meetings as their schedule allows.

### **Old Business**

1. *Amendment to Ordinance Number 2007-4, Sections III and V*, revisions are prepared and will be adopted at the February meeting.
2. Peter Wagoner updated the Council on the Rail Corridor Commission. He stated a land option agreement was signed by CCEDC and Dean & Connie Cripe and progress is being made. He stated the Cripes were interested in doing something to help the community and Camden and by making their land available for development. Utility service for the area could be provided by White/Carroll County REMC, NIPSCO and the Town of Camden. Ken Smith has provided rough estimates of what could be provided by the town. The railroad right-of-way could be used to run utilities. Mr. Wagoner stated this was a big step forward because it is hard to get land committed towards development. The next public meeting of the Rail Commission will be Monday, at the new Flora Town Office at 12:45.
3. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, expects to have the wellhead protection plan completed by February. He will also continue to look for grants for the sidewalks on the west side on Monroe Street. When asked about the required ADA ramp construction, Mr. Smith stated he would get three quotes. Even though the town set the ordinance to install one ramp per year, the Council requested two separate quotes; one will be for just one ramp, estimated cost of \$1,200, and another quote to do two ramps. If two ramps are within the budget, the Council would like to have two completed this summer.
4. The garage on north Armstrong Street has been removed. Concern has been expressed about the condition of the house on that lot and the Health Department will be asked for guidance.
5. Mrs. Briggs was asked to investigate an ordinance to require sidewalks be cleared of snow. She stated she believes it can be done and will work on it next month.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Water meter readings will be estimated for the February bills due to the snow.

The office will be closed January 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.

A marketing plan for Camden needs to be started. Improvements to the town will be addressed this year to make the community more appealing.

Mr. Sieber reported One Forty Family Dining owner Seth Kerr was concerned about the seniors in Camden losing the noon lunch delivery program. Mr. Kerr believes the

seniors need to have some type of lunch delivery program available and will implement one effective March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meals will be delivered in Camden on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week at a cost of \$5 each for a total cost of \$65 per month. Each meal will have a meat, potato serving, vegetable and dessert. People interested should call 574-686-2865.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Camden Town Council

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Jeff Sieber, Member

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Richard Fite

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Kandance Funk

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer