

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting March 20, 2014

The Camden Town Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Jeff Sieber, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Member Richard Fite, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and twelve guests. Member Kandance Funk was absent.

The minutes from the February 20th regular meeting and the February 25th meeting concerning the roof at the med center were each approved following motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber. The claims from January and February were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Payroll Allowance Dockets were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite.

New Business

1. Committee Reports:

a. Bob McCain submitted a written report for E-911 for March. Changes in personnel were reported along with those taking additional training. An after action meeting was held with several departments on ways to improve after an event. Texting "to" 9-1-1- may be available by this summer. Facebook is being used and there have been numerous postings. Social media has been well received.

d. Peter Wagoner, representing Carroll County EDC and the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission, had little to report. The Rail meeting was canceled due to members being ill but Mr. Wagoner did report the Cities of Logansport and Kokomo are working on having the 765 Steam Locomotive come sometime in August. Julia Leahy, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Director, is working with this group to see if the engine can be brought to Camden and Flora.

2. The contract with Red Cross for the use of the community building as an emergency shelter was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

3. The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council permission to make adjustments in the billing of customers with a "negative" consumption. Due to the severe winter, the meters were last read on November 10th resulting in three consecutive months of estimating. There were a few customers, probably less than 10, who were overestimated and have negative consumption. These customers were billed for water that was not used. The customers will receive a bill on April 1st for trash service and hydrant fee but not be billed for the water and sewer. By a motion from Mr. Fite, the Council approved these adjustments as a one time event and will not change the water rate ordinance to allow for this to happen again unless specifically requested.

Some customers will notice their bills being abnormally high. These were probably just cases of more water being used sometime during the winter. Those customers with exceptionally high usage have been contracted and leaks are being repaired.

Old Business

The contract with Purdue University for the use of the shooting range was approved following a motion from Mr. Fite. Mrs. Briggs approved the liability language change and felt the necessary protection for the town was put in place.

Ken Smith presented information on contractors he has contacted about installing the ADA sidewalk ramps. He is also working on the wellhead protection plan.

The Council is waiting to hear from the contractors who are scheduled to repair the front of the community center and replace the roof of the med center. Both are expected to start anytime with the improved weather.

Miscellaneous

The Council requested stone be replaced in certain alleys.

Shawn Ashby reported 340 people were served during the fish fry. He noted the oil used to fry the fish was bean oil donated by DuPont Pioneer Hybrid in Frankfort. This is a new product they are promoting and he has heard many favorable complements

Primary early voting will take place at the community building on May 3rd. Regular voting will be May 6th.

Spring cleanup is May 10th.

Parade day is May 10th. Also that day, the Camden Preservation Society is planning a community awareness day.

Town wide garage sale day will be July 19th. People interested in taking part can register their sale at the town office. The town will sponsor an ad in the Comet promoting the sales and maps will be prepared.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Jeff Sieber, President

Richard Fite

Kandance Funk

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer