

# **Minutes**

## **Camden Town Council Meeting January 12, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by Member Richard Fite, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Jeff Sieber, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and eight guests. The minutes from the December 27th Council Meeting and the January Docket were approved following motions from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Fite stated the first order of business for the newly elected council was the election of officers and the appointments of representatives to the various boards. Ms. Funk made the motion to elect Mr. Fite Council President; motion seconded by Mr. Sieber and passed. Mr. Fite moved to elect Ms. Funk Vice President. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sieber. The Council reappointed Mrs. Briggs as Town Attorney for the next four years.

Other appoints made by the Council are:

- Diane Wertz – Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library Board (Motioned by Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber)
- Pat Baker – Carroll County Area Plan Commission (Motioned by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk)
- Peter Wagoner – Carroll County Administrative Committee of APCTC/MPO (Motioned by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk)
- Peter Wagoner – Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor, Inc. (Motioned by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk)

Two vacated positions were tabled: Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (K-IRPC) and Carroll County Zoning and Appeals Board. Mr. Fite stated he would contact Chuck Foreman to see if he is still interested in remaining Camden's representative to the 911 Committee.

### **Financial Matters**

The Council was presented a list of checks to be received back into the fund from which written pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5: Lafayette Gun and Gear in the amount of \$49.99 written on 11-12-2009.

Ms. Funk made the motion to continue support of the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor, Inc., with a contribution of \$1,000. The focus of the Coalition in 2012 is on assuring that the highway is complete by late 2013. In 2012 the Coalition will continue

to work on completing the regional connectors to enhance economic development potential and improve public safety.

A transfer of \$29,370 into the Rainy Day Fund was approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.

A contract for fire protection was signed with Jackson Township and the Town. The cost of \$5,000 will be paid in two installments due June 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15.

### **Water Line Project Update**

Due to the change in elected officials, Mr. Fite signed Financial Management Form 9, Authorized Signatures for Payment Request, for the OCRA grant.

Ken Smith gave an update on the work being done. Line 1 is complete and line 2 is proceeding on schedule. The work is going fairly well with no major problems and the budget is on track. A few questions were asked:

(1) Eric Foreman, Fire Chief, asked about the number of new hydrants. Mr. Smith stated he would need to check the plans to give an exact number and offered to leave a set of plans in the town office if Mr. Foreman would like to review them.

(2) Everett Snoeberger asked how the lines were meeting the 10 foot separation rule. Mr. Smith and Mr. Snavelly stated the water and sewer lines meet or exceeded the distance requirement. The only time they are close together is when they cross and at that point they meet the 18" requirement. When asked where the lines would not in compliance Mr. Everett stated he did not know.

(3) Ron Wertz questioned the easements at the cemetery. Mr. Smith stated he used the plat maps from the county when determining the easement required but he would meet with Mr. Wertz to go over the map differences.

### **Med Center**

The Council approved a few minor repairs to the center: the stained walls and ceiling walls in the back are to be painted, ceiling tile in the basement is to be replaced and the heat panels in the Chiropractors' office will be repaired. Mr. Fite will contact Denny's Heating and Cooling in Logansport for the heat issue and the clerk-treasurer will contact someone locally for the other repairs. The request for the town to re-install a door to separate the patient waiting area and the exam rooms was denied. If the center would like to have a door, they may install one at their expense.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

1. Andrew Robison expressed concern about a neighbor burning something other than approved material in his wood burning stove. Mr. Robison stated the smoke

was so bad it woke them up at 1:30 last week and they suffered burning eyes from the smoke. Mrs. Briggs stated this is not a violation of the open burning law but did violate the nuisance ordinance for the smoke. A letter will be sent to the property owner per a motion from Mr. Sieber. Mr. Robison also expressed concern about an old barn on another lot. It is attracting rodents and is unsightly. A bank owns this property. The Council requested a letter be sent.

2. Ron Wertz questioned liens being placed on properties. Mrs. Briggs explained the lien process.
3. Ms. Funk stated she has received complaints about a barking dog on the southwest corner of James and Monroe Streets. Mr. Sieber stated there was also a barking dog at the corner of Cemetery and Sanderson Streets. Mrs. Briggs was instructed to send letters on this matter, also.
4. Eric Foreman announced the new fire officers for 2012 and gave a brief update on the fire departments training and certification.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

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Richard Fite, President

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Kandance Funk, Vice President

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Jeff Sieber, Member

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer