

# Minutes

## **Camden Town Council Meeting November 10, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and four guests. The minutes from the October 13th Council Meeting and the November Docket were approved following motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

### **Election Results**

Mr. Wagoner commended all who ran for the town council and congratulated the members elected to serve: Richard Fite, Candice Funk and Jeff Sieber. There was no opposition for the office of Clerk-Treasurer so by a recent change in election law, the Clerk-Treasurer position was not listed on the ballot.

### **Ordinance Updates**

**Ordinance 2011-8 2012 Salary Ordinance** – The salary ordinance was reviewed and discussed by the Council. There were no changes in the salaries but the compensation package was lowered. The town will contribute \$2,000 into the HSA for the eligible employees instead of the \$4,000 paid in the past. The cost of health insurance has risen substantially and the incoming revenue can not support the total increase. The town will continue to pay 100% of the premiums for the employees. Motion to approve the 2012 Salary Ordinance was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. Mr. Wagoner stated that most likely in 2012 the Council will need to look at joining some type of a larger group as a means to cut cost. He mentioned partners to consider might be the county, the school or Memorial Hospital.

**Ordinance 2011-9 Construction and Purchasing Policies & Purchasing Rules of Camden, Repealing Ordinance #98-6 and Ordinance 2011-10 Purchasing Agency and Purchasing Agents Repealing Ordinance #98-5** were passed by motions from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite.

Keystone Software Systems offered an Annual Record Storage, Offsite Store and A Back-Up Support Site agreement at a yearly cost of \$275. Following discussion, the Council and Clerk-Treasurer agreed to pass on the agreement. Backups are kept offsite and if emergency checks are needed, the bank could provide them.

### **Water Project and Wastewater System**

F&K started construction of the water line project Tuesday following a walk-through on the prior Friday. They expect to work through the winter and have the job finished by April.

Ken Smith has checked for alternative energy grants to help reduce the power cost to operate the wastewater treatment plant but did not find any grants. The best practice will be to operate the plant in the most energy efficient manner and conserve power.

Jerry Snavelly informed the Council a transformer was lost at the park well. Brand Electric from Lafayette was called for service. They notice some of the wiring was not up to code and will be back tomorrow to make changes. A new transformer was ordered but until it comes in, there is electricity to run the well if necessary and to provide some heat.

### **Hoosier Heartland Highway**

The county is working to prepare 75West to intercept with the Hoosier Heartland by improving the intersections north of Camden. Mr. Wagoner asked how beneficial it was to keep the stop sign at the corner of James and Water Streets. When the sign was installed, there were more children walking to school. Now with just kindergarten and younger, there are not that many walking to school. It was also mentioned there will be more traffic on the street once the roads are connected and the stop sign may be more of a nuisance than a necessity. If the sign is removed, speeding would need to be closely monitored by the town marshal. No action was taken on the matter.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

1. The Veteran's Day Program, sponsored by the American Legion, will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Community Center.
2. The Baptist Church will be open from 10am to 2pm on the third Saturday of each month with a food pantry.
3. The town office will be closed November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.
4. The Lions Club will host a chili supper December 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Carroll County Christmas baskets will be filled at the Community Building the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Baptist Church will have a living nativity December 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.
7. Representatives from the Carroll County Historical Society will be at the Library on November 17<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation on the progress of the museum and related issues.

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

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Richard Fite, Vice-President

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Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer