

# Minutes

## Camden Town Council

### Regular Meeting

December 11, 2007

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Member Michele Everett, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and sixteen citizens. Member Andy Robison was absent.

The minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum of qualified members to accept the minutes.

The docket was approved as presented and signed by a motion from Mrs. Everett.

### **Emergency Shelter Generator Installed & Tested**

Mr. Wagoner announced the generator for the Community Building has been installed and tested. Charles Wolf Construction placed the project on “high priority” and had the work completed ahead of schedule. The generator will run on natural gas. If the natural gas is cut because of an emergency, propane gas can be trucked in and used. The Community Building required some re-wiring to work properly with the generator. As a result of the work, the entire building can be used in a power outage to provide communication, police protection and lab work so the water and wastewater departments can continue to function.

Monday night eight volunteers attended the first of two classes offered by the Red Cross on how to run an emergency shelter. The goal of the training is for local people to be exposed to the “Red Cross Way” for shelter management and to offer suggestions on what would succeed locally. If a major catastrophe occurred, the Red Cross would come to Camden to man the shelter and provide assistance. The shelter may also be used by the Red Cross as a regional shelter.

## **Housing Grant**

Mr. Mark McCarty, Star Development, spoke briefly on the housing grant awarded Camden citizens. Forty applications were submitted to the state seeking funding; this list was narrowed down to twenty for consideration. From the twenty, nine applications were funded – three of these were written by Star Development. Work will start on the thirteen homes in the spring. Mr. McCarty stressed his desire to use local contractors and expressed his thoughts that local contractors may be hesitant to participate due to the paperwork. Concerns can be addressed by contacting Star Development. Contractors are required to have lead base paint training, carry \$1 million liability insurance and have Workman's Comp Insurance. The Council also supports the effort to utilize local contractors and strongly encourage them to contact Star Development with any questions.

“Resolution of the Town of Camden, Indiana, Authorizing the Submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority; Receipt of CDBG Funds; and Addressing Related Matters” was passed by a motion from Mrs. Everett.

## **Leadership Carroll County**

Dr. Thomas Anderson was awarded the Ralph Rohrabough Scholarship for Leadership Carroll County. Dr. Anderson will take part in the five week course designed to better enable citizens to affect the future of the community. The 2008 session will be the third opportunity for involvement in an initiative from Carroll County at the Crossroads.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

- Motion was made and accepted to decline terrorism insurance coverage for Camden's liability insurance.
- Council Members Mr. Robison and Mrs. Everett were recognized and thanked for their years of service to the community.
- The Town Office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years.
- Swearing in of newly elected officials will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Year end meeting will be December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the purpose of clearing up accounts payable for 2007.
- Monthly Council meetings will be held on the second Thursdays instead of second Tuesdays of the month starting in January, 2008.

- Paula Behren approached the Council to request permission to house horses on the property at 495 East James Street. Permission was given due to horses being permitted for the prior owner.
- A concerned citizen request property on East Main Street remove a couch from the front of the lot and a refrigerator from the rear. The marshal will be asked to investigate and take appropriate action.
- Jimsie Doyle asked if the town would remove a tree from her front yard. The request was denied because the tree is not on public property. Mrs. Doyle asked if the town would reimburse her for cost she incurred to remove a tree she felt was on public property. That request was also denied because the action occurred prior to receiving approval for the work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Andrew Robison, Member

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Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer