

**Camden Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2012**

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

A motion to approve minutes from the November 8th Council Meeting was made by Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk. Following a review of the claims, there were no questions on the docket. MS. Funk made the motion to approve the docket as presented, seconded by Mr. Sieber and passed.

**Council Appointments**

The following appointments were approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk:

1. Re-appointed Dan Casserly to EDC. His term will expire 12-31-2015.
2. Pete Wagoner was appointed to the EDC to fill the position held by Kandance Funk who resigned at the November meeting. Mr. Wagoner's term will run until 12-31-2014.
3. Pat Baker was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Andy Robison who resigned at the November Council Meeting. Mr. Baker's term will run through 12-31-2015.

The Council will need to make an appointment to the Area Plan Commission to fill the vacancy created when Pat Baker resigned. This term will expire on 12-31-2015.

**Project Updates**

Barbara McCain provided documentation to Mr. Sieber on the Camden Preservation Society's membership in the Indiana Main Street Program. Mr. Sieber stated the Preservation Society will contact the state after the first of the year to verify membership and become re-instated.

The Habitat for Humanity home, North Sanderson Street, is under construction. Those interested in volunteering to help with the build need to complete the volunteer application which is available at the town office. Unskilled laborers will be needed starting January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Discussions were held with Duke Energy on which three lights along Main Street will be removed and when the new lights will be installed. Following a discussion on the effects of removing certain lights, the Council voted to remove the following lights: NW corner of Main and Cumberland; SW corner of Main and Highway 75S; and NW corner of Main and Armstrong. Mr. Snavelly is to contract the State Highway Department to let them know the poles will be removed and the highway will need to relocate/replace certain stop and speed limit signs.

Mr. Snavelly gave a progress report on repairs to the drain/ditch tile on Highway 75S by Select Seed. The tile is plugged by a large root causing water to back-up into Select Seed's

basement. This area will be excavated next week to replace the tile with the hole and root. Eventually, the area will need a permanent fix, probably slip-lined. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council that at some time in the future, the town may need to impose a storm water fee. This fee would cover the cost associated with repairs and maintenance to the drains and ditches which run through Camden. Currently, these repairs are paid from the Cum Sewer Fund but with decreases in the property taxes, other sources of funding will need to be considered. If the town ever needs to apply for a grant to help with repairs, a fee will need to be in place to make the grant application competitive. The fee could be as little as \$1.00 per month. No action was taken on the matter.

### **Ordinance issues**

1. ADA Transition Plan was adopted and Resolution 2012-E was signed.
2. The Council declared a moratorium on the collection of dog tag fees by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Citizens will not be required to purchase pet fees until further notice.
3. The family at 1151 W 450 N requested to be included in the town trash service. Since they are on town water and pay the hydrant fee, the Council voted to extend trash service to their home by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.
4. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, suggested the town create an economic development plan. Since the County does not have a comprehensive plan in place, Mr. Smith suggested the town build its own. By doing so, it will put the community in a better position to apply for certain types of grants. Mr. Smith will be at the year end meeting to provide more information.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

The Council declined Keystone Software Systems proposal for Disaster Recovery.

The Camden Town Council will continue to meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the library. By a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk, the Town will pay the library \$250 for the use of the building in 2013. The year-end meeting will be Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am at the town office. The next regular council meeting will be January 10, 2013.

The town office will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas.

Memorial Hospital will replace the small water heater at the Med Center which has not worked for the past few months.

Volunteers are needed to Christmas Baskets at the community building the week of December 15.

The Indiana Blood Center will host a blood drive at the community building January 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 thru 7:00 with a goal of having 36 people participate. A sign up sheet is in the town office. Blood drives are scheduled once each quarter in 2013.

Mr. Fite stated the Council would like to thank the families and businesses who decorated for the holiday season. A special appreciation was extended to the people whose donation made the street decorations possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Camden Town Council

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Richard Fite, President

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Kandance Funk, Vice President

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Jeff Sieber, Member