

# **Minutes**

## **Camden Town Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

**December 9, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Andy Kelly and Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and two guests.

Mr. Fite made the motions to approve the minutes from the November council meeting and the December docket. The motions were seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. The year end meeting will be held on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the town office. The final bills for 2010 will be presented for approval and year end transfers will be made during the meeting.

## **2011 Salary Ordinance**

### **Ordinance 2010-5**

The 2011 Salary Ordinance, which will hold wages the same as they have been for the third year, was approved. Mr. Wagoner stated that although the wages were not increased, the employees were spared any changes in their health care package. The town will absorb the 2011 premium increase. He concluded the by stating the town has been generous on health care and tight fisted on the wages.

## **Appointments & Contracts Signed**

1. Bob Overman was re-appointed to the Carroll County Economic Development Board for a three year term expiring at the end of 2013 by a motion from Mr. Kelly.
2. Mr. Fite moved to accept the "Contract for Fire Protection between Jackson Township and the Town of Camden". The contract amount, \$4,500, and terms remain without changes.
3. The contract with Municipal Civil Corporation for work to be done on the water line project was also signed by a motion from Mr. Fite.

## **Wells in Camden**

The ordinance adopted at the November council meeting concluded issues with private wells being used for potable water in town limits. One home with a private well is in the foreclosure process and the mortgage company was notified of the new requirements by Mrs. Briggs. A copy of the notice was given to the Clerk-Treasurer for filing. Mr. Wagoner stated the foreclosure sale will take care of the well issue on the one property and the other property owner has expressed an interest in connecting to town water in the spring.

## **Town Projects**

1. Housing Rehab has started on the qualifying 12 homes. Mr. Wagoner has had two neighbors tell him how nice the one home looks since the repairs started. Star Development submitted their first draw so contractors could be paid and expects to submit a second draw in the near future.
2. Exterior work has started on the additional restrooms for the community building. A contractor's meeting was held on November 27th and notice to proceed was issued. The contractor plans to start the interior work mid January and have the job finished before spring. The outside sewer work was done today and is ready to be tapped into.
3. Construction on the water line project will begin in the spring. The preliminary plans, including the specs, should be ready by the January council meeting. Mr. Smith noted the lines will be 8" instead of the 6" as originally thought. Contractors will be asked to bid the 6" lines as an alternative and will be considered if cost requires.

## **Summarization of Grants Awarded**

Mr. Wagoner gave a brief review of the grants the town has received since 1998. From 1998 through 2005 grants were awarded for the water tower, water treatment plant, fire truck, a small sewer project and a few small projects such as leaf vacuum and trees. These grants totaled about \$1.1 million with a local match of about \$440,000. This averages to about \$225,000 per year in funds. From 2006 through 2010 the town received a little over \$2 million in grants with a local match of about \$392,000. Housing grants have totaled \$690,000; wastewater grants totaled \$557,000; water grants totaled \$767,000, police car grant almost \$25,000 and the grant for downtown planning was \$30,000. The town has been able to maintain the infrastructures and keep utility rates reasonable because of the grants.

## **Update on the Hoosier Heartland and the 75 Connection**

During a meeting held in Lafayette on Monday evening, the Coalition decided to not oppose the construction of a round-about in the area where the Heartland connects to I-65. The feature will save the state \$5M and resolves a few other local issues. The design will accommodate large trucks and should help the traffic move smoothly.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

1. Leaf pickup is now finished for 2009. The machine is put away and the truck is ready for snow and ice.
2. It was noted there are no lighted Christmas decorations this year. The flower pots were filled with holiday greenery as a cost savings while still offering some holiday spirit. If people would like to have lighted decorations, they may need to consider making donations to help with the cost. Operating expenses keep going up but revenue does not which requires cuts where they can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Camden Town Council

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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