

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting February 14, 2013

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 nine guests.

A motion to approve minutes from the January 10 meeting was made by Ms. Funk and seconded by Mr. Sieber. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 18 planning meeting was made by Mr. Sieber and seconded by Ms. Funk. The Council reviewed and initialed the APVs for January and February. There were no questions on the docket. Ms. Funk made the motion to approve the docket as presented, seconded by Mr. Sieber and passed. In other financial matters, discussion was held on the transfer of funds into the Rainy Day Fund. The Council approved preparing a resolution to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund into the Rainy Day Fund. The resolution will be prepared for signatures at the March meeting. The Council also reviewed the 1782 Notice from the DLGF which sets the maximum property tax rate allowed for the Town to collect. The property tax rates are: General Fund, \$1.5763; CCD, \$.02; and Cum Sewer, \$.04 for a total allowed rate of \$1.6363. The Council reviewed the budget cuts suggested by the Clerk-Treasurer. These cuts will bring the budget in-line with the anticipated revenue. At the suggestion of the Clerk-Treasurer, the budget will not be officially reduced but the Council will be aware of the reduction in spending needed to avoid using reserve funds. The 1782 Notice was signed by Mr. Fite.

The Council was given information on the revenue and expenses in the Sanitation Fund. Currently, the contract with Clinton County Disposal is based on 250 customers but the town is billing 241 customers. The revenue is not covering the expenses. Following a review of the customers who are not paying for the service, the Council determined letters are to be mailed to the ones without dumpsters asking them if they are using the town's service and if they are, they will be billed for the service. Fite's Garage and Jackson Twp. Fire Department will be charged for the service per Mr. Fite and Eric Foreman, Fire Chief.

New Business

1. Susan Waymire was appointed to the Area Plan Commission by a motion from Mr. Sieber, Seconded by Ms. Fite. It was noted that the town has representatives serving on several boards and commissions but there are no feed back reports. Appointees will be contacted and asked if they would like to give the Council an update on what their boards are working on and their accomplishments.

2. Maple Leaf on Main will soon be opening in the former Camden Grocery location. They will serve a light lunch and provide groceries. The store expects to open March 1st. Bisby's Auto Repair in open and expects to have a ribbon cutting when the weather permits.
3. Shawn Ashby, Tami Arnett (Shooting Sports Coordinator for Carroll County 4-H) and Tobe Leazenby (Carroll County Deputy) expressed an interest in applying for an NRA Range Grant to make improvements at the shooting range. The town will need to be the lead applicant and administer the grant. By a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Fite, the town agreed to participate in the grant application which is due December 4, 2103.
4. Laura Wells, EDC Director, made a presentation to have Camden join Carroll County and the City of Delphi with a shared web presence. In earlier discussions there was a cost associated with the change from Perfective Web Design to One-Technology but Ms. Wells stated the EDC Board feels strongly about all communities being on the same site and will pay the cost associated with the transfer and maintenance through 2017, a total cost of \$5,437. After 2017, the yearly cost would be for hosting (\$240) and maintenance and support (\$500). The EDC Board would pay for all cost to develop and maintain the site for the towns. Ms. Wells further stated the county would have a uniform look under the county's new brand and show cooperation by all working together. The town would have the final say and approval of the town's site. By a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk the suggestion was tabled until the fall.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer suggested the Council consider allowing a Village Post Office to be set up in the town office. This would be a service to the community once the post office experiences the expected reduction in hours. The VPO would sell stamps and accept flat rate boxes for mailing. A sign would be provided by the Postal Service but the town would have to provide the labor to hang/install the sign. There are shipping and handling fees to purchase the stamps on-line but the town will collect a small fee from the Postal Service and that fee would help cover all cost. The Council approved moving forward and submitting an application.

Ordinance Issues

Ordinance 2013-1 On Economic Development Repealing Ordinance 2004-5, authorizing the payment of expenses listed in the ordinance in promoting the betterment of the town from the General Fund or any other appropriate fund was approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

The Council was asked to consider increasing the mileage reimbursement from \$.485 to closer to federal rate of \$.565. By a motion from Ms. Funk, Mrs. Briggs was directed to prepare an ordinance tying the reimbursement rate to the federal allowed rate and not to a specific amount.

Project Updates

ADA Compliance - Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, stated the plan was approved by the ordinance adopted in January and the next step will be to go through the list of streets and decide which ramps to work on. Mr. Smith stated this work could start in the summer.

Main Street Program – Jeff Sieber asked to have TDS contacted about donating funds to replace trees removed along Main Street in front of the gravel parking at the Community Building. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to write a letter requesting funds.

Street Lights – The Clerk-Treasurer anticipates the lights to be installed sometime next month.

Miscellaneous

1. Eric Foreman updated the Council on the town's fire truck insurance. The replacement value of the truck is set at \$290,000 for insurance, a 10% increase from last year. The accessory items on the truck are covered by another policy, also held by Jackson Township. The fire department responded to seventeen calls in January.
2. A blood drive will be held on February 23. People were encouraged to volunteer.
3. The Community Club will host a fish fry on March 16th, 5:00 – 7:00

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by a motion from Ms. Funk

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

Jeff Sieber, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

