

# Minutes

## **Camden Town Council Regular Meeting March 10, 2011**

The Camden Town Council met in regular session on March 10, 2011, at the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library. Mr. Wagoner opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Town Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and five guests.

Mr. Kelly made the motions to approve the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Mr. Wagoner and passed. The minutes from the Joint Meeting with the Township and the March docket were approved by motions from Mr. Fite. In other financial matters, the Council approved Resolution 2011-2, Additional Appropriation Resolution, by a motion from Mr. Kelly. Additions were approved in the General Fund (\$13,000), Rainy Day Fund (\$3,000), Wagering/Riverboat (\$5,000) and EDIT (\$2,000) for improvements to the community building and funds for the local match to the water project.

### **Utility Bills**

Due to the weather, it was not possible to read all of the water meters in December, January and February. Meters were read in March so there may be some customers who have bills out-of-the-ordinary.

The utility rates are being reviewed by O.W. Krohn & Associates and the Council decided to meet with them on March 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss rate options.

### **Town Project Updates**

**Community Building** – Construction of the restrooms is nearly complete and cleaning is being done. An open house and dedication is planned for this Sunday from 2 until 4 to give the community an opportunity to thank the Carroll County Community Foundation and REMC (Round-Up Grant) for their financial support of the project. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, will also be thanked for donating his engineering services. The public is invited.

**Water Line Project** – The water line project will be a major undertaking and some people will be inconvenienced with the digging. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held today with eleven contractors in attendance and bid opening will be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Construction is expected to begin in April.

**Housing Rehab Project** – The housing rehab is moving along with some homes nearing completion. A more complete update will be given next month.

### **Local Ordinances**

1. A letter was written to the pet owner whose dog was getting into trash. There were no complaints this week.
2. Mrs. Briggs contacted the Clerk-Treasurer in Delphi concerning their ordinance on cars parked on the street for an extended time. She will stop by the office to get a copy of the ordinance for reference and to see if it addresses the issues Camden is having. The town does have a junk car ordinance to take care of other issues.
3. Too many dogs are running loose and not being cleaned up after. People were asked to just do the right thing and clean up after their pets.
4. The marshal is compiling a list of properties that need to clean up. A letter will be sent to people not in compliance. Spring cleanup will be May 19<sup>th</sup> and the scrap metal drive will take place again this year.
5. Vandalism took place at the old garage on Main Street when a glass Coke bottle was thrown through a plate glass window.

### **Carroll County Branding and EDC**

Dan Casserly, representing the Branding Committee, approached the Council to request a letter of support. This program is an offspring of the Carroll County at the Crossroads and a division of their Vision Statement in creating an identity for the County. The company selected to prepare a branding theme for the county has experience working with counties and cities to create a uniform theme. The cost is expected to be \$40,000 of which they have \$15,000 committed. The Focus Group is considering how to raise funds not only from government units but also businesses and community/church groups. Mr. Casserly stated Camden is appreciated for their strong support of economic development. He requested a letter of support for the program stating he would return with more information on the plans, ask for participation and request funding.

Laura Walls, EDC Director, stated the EDC is partnering with the group and supports their efforts. She further stated the branding was not only for economic development but to unify the county. Ms. Walls will prepare a draft letter for the council to consider.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. The Council tabled a preventative maintenance contract with Buckeye Power Sales for the town's three generators. Copies of the agreement will be distributed to the Council for review.
2. Dan Casserly was appointed to the K-IRPC Board of Commissioners by a motion from Mr. Kelley seconded by Mr. Fite.

3. The town office will be closed February 21<sup>st</sup> for President's Day.
4. The American Legion will host a chicken bash on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets must be bought in advance of the dinner.
5. A Community Club Fish Fry will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. One attending guest asked if the community building was equipped with cots and blankets since it is designated as a shelter. She was told the Red Cross has supplied cots, blankets, comfort kits and water which will be kept in the building. The building has is equipped with a dual purpose generator which will provide power and heat.
7. Another question posed by a guest was rather the town could do anything to help with parking at the restaurant that is now closed. She was told the area used as parking does belong to Hickman Auction and there is nothing the town can do to provide parking on the private property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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