

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting March 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 two guests.

A motion to approve minutes from the February 14th meeting was made by Mr. Sieber and seconded by Ms. Funk. The Council reviewed and initialed the APVs for February and March. 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, Resolution 2013-A, Rainy Day Transfer, authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 into the Rainy Day Fund was approved by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

New Business

Contracts that were approved include:

1. Three contracts with Buckeye Power Sales for maintenance on the town's generators were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk seconded by Mr. Sieber.
2. The contract with Purdue University for the use of the town's shooting range by 4-H members was approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.
3. An agreement with the American Red Cross for use of the community building as an emergency shelter was approved and signed by Mr. Fite.
4. A letter of support for the hiring of a full-time EMA was approved and signed by Mr. Fite and will be mailed to the Carroll County Commissioners.

Community Building Maintenance:

It was noted there are several maintenance issues with the community building which may need addressed in the near future. They include: loose blocks on the front of the building, painting and repairs needed on the back, sealing and striping the parking area, repairs to at least one of the furnaces and the awnings over the front doors are wearing then and have small holes. Discussion was held on repairing or facing the front of the building and getting estimates for the work.

The decision was made to have someone assess the north and south sides of the building and make recommendations on what should be done. Estimates will be sought for the parking area which was last sealed in 2003 for a cost of \$540. An electrician will be contacted to repair the furnaces. No action was taken on the awnings until a decision can be made on front surface.

Medical Center Maintenance:

The medical center will have an inspection of their building and asked to have a couple of issues addressed. There are two of doors to rooms where cleaning supplies and other material are stored that do not lock. These doors may need to be secured in some manner. Permission was given to do what is necessary, at the Medical Center's cost, except to the old safe door. The Council would like to keep the integrity of the door and not have any changes made which would deface the door. Also, there is a window in one of the offices that is leaking water. A mason will be contacted to make the window repairs because it looks like the mortar is loose allowing water to enter around the window and needs replaced. In another matter, a patient requested the town purchase a generator for the medical center. This patient had an appointment at the center that had to be cancelled due to a power outage and felt the center should have back-up power. Mr. Sieber stated the facility did not have a generator when the clinic was opened so it was not a requirement of Logansport Memorial Hospital. He made the motion to not purchase a generator, seconded by Ms. Funk and passed.

Shut Off for Non-Payment of Water Bills:

Customers who anticipate having their water shut off for non-payment of their bills will now have an opportunity to be heard by the Council before the disconnection. The Town Council meetings will now be held the third Thursday of the month instead of the second. Meetings will still begin at 7:00 and be held in the Reading Room of the Camden-Jackson Twp Library. The language on the late notices will be changed to inform the customers of this right and the opportunity.

Old Business

1. The City of Delphi helped to remove the electrical wires, banners and brackets to prepare the streetlight poles for removal. Duke Energy was notified but has not responded with a definite date to start installing the new lights.
2. An email was sent to TDS requesting a donation to help fund improving the curb space in front of the community building parking area.

3. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the mileage reimbursement rate was set at the federal level of \$.565.
4. A citizen expressed concerns about the town office hosting a Village Post Office. The issue was rather this action would affect the post office in reducing the hours even more than now planned by the Postal Service and eventually lead to closing this office. The Clerk-Treasurer stated this was one of the issues she discussed with the Service prior to submitting the proposal and was told it would not affect the operations of this office. Ms. Funk stated the government would do what they wanted and we should keep on track with the current plans. It was noted there was another proposal submitted to open a VPO so there is competition and the town may not be selected.

Miscellaneous

1. The parade will be May 4th at 7:00pm. Permission was given to allow the town truck to be in the parade.
2. Spring Clean-Up is planned for June 8th.
3. Camden High School classes who use the community building for their reunions may do so at no cost but they will be asked for a donation to help defray costs.
4. Mr. Sieber noted there are properties that need cleaned up and one property has received multiple notices with little or no action taken by the owner. Mrs. Briggs will check on the status of notifications sent to the owner at 388 N. Armstrong on the removal of an old building. The marshals will be asked to prepare a list of properties that need cleaned up and notices will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 by a motion from Ms. Funk

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

ATTEST:

Jeff Sieber, Member

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer