

Minutes

Joint Meeting Camden Town Council and Jackson Township Trustee and Board March 3, 2011

Pete Wagoner opened the Joint Meeting at 6:30pm with Bill Dittman, Joe Wallace, Byron Rude, Anne Briggs, Richard Fite, Andy Kelly, Cathy Dittman, Henry Wilburn, Pat Casserly and one guest in attendance.

Mr. Dittman gave an overview of projects the township has planned:

- (1) Bids are out to reseal the parking lot at the fire station and the basketball court at the park.
- (2) The ice machine was moved to prevent people from using it for access to the roof.
- (3) The water fountain will be moved to where the new restrooms are.
- (4) Fire Department – Byron Rude reported the emergency first response is in use. These calls currently outnumber the fire calls.
- (5) Park – Joe Wallace questioned where the drains/ditches are located because certain areas have poor drainage. Mr. Wagoner will ask Jerry if he knows where they are located. The park program has basically all new people – Andy Kelly, Shane Chapman, Nicole Zink and Cathy Pearson. The horse pull will be July 23. Last year's scrap metal sale brought in \$1,400 which was used for repairs to the mower shed and to replace the roof on the concession stand.
- (6) Township revenue had a small decrease but they are still ok.

Town improvements and projects were reported by Mr. Wagoner:

- (1) Restroom Project - The restroom work will be done by the end of this week. The additional space will make events in the community center more convenient and the emergency shelter is now ready. Two grants were received – Community Foundation and REMC Round-Up. An open house is planned for March 13th. Mrs. Dittman asked what constitutes an emergency and activates the opening of the shelter. Mr. Wagoner explained each event may be somewhat different but with the last snow storm, Chuck Foreman and emergency responders were prepared to bring people in to the shelter. The shelter was open and ready but the power came on before people needed to be brought in.
- (2) Waterline Project - The water line replacement project will begin soon. This will be another project people will not see because the work will be mainly below

ground. A few new hydrants may be added as part of the project but, like the wastewater project, most work will be where people will not be able to see progress. Bids are due March 17 and the contract will be awarded sometime after that. Not everyone in town will be affected by the project. The project is expected to be completed by the fall.

- (3) The Housing Rehab project involving 12 homes will be completed this spring.
- (4) Hoosier Heartland – The current report is the Heartland north of Camden will be under construction sooner than expected because of developments south of Delphi. The connector road to Camden will probably happen after the road is built. The county is now part of the Tippecanoe County MPO which has been instrumental in securing funds for 75W. The road is now designated a major connector so federal funds can be sought for improvements.

Mr. Dittman gave a review of various House Bills and the affects they may have on township government. He concluded by stating that everything will probably stay the same for another year. Any changes that are enacted probably would not take affect until 2015.

Mr. Wagoner reviewed long-term concerns which include the park, cemetery, fire department and the library. He questioned if the town would be advised to annex the park and square that section off. There is also a section in the cemetery which is in the township. Discussion was held on if annexation of these areas would be beneficial at a later date if township government is removed. Changes in legislature are making it more difficult to annex.

Another joint meeting will be held on September 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

