

Minutes

Camden Town Council Regular Meeting March 8, 2012

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, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and nine guests.

The minutes from the February 9th Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber and the March Docket was approved following a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Mr. Sieber report he is still looking for a bucket truck for replacing the winter banners with the spring floral banners. He will be contacting someone with Skyline Signs in Delphi to see if their truck could be borrowed. Mr. Sieber would like to have the banners in place by April 1st.

Board Reports and Appointments to Boards

1. Andy Robison was appointed to the Carroll County Zoning Appeals Board by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber.
2. Bob McCain was appointed to the County E911 Committee by a motion from Mr. Sieber, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Trash Contract

The Council discussed Waste Management's attendance at last month's meeting and the offer for their fee to remain the same for the next two years and then increase 3.5%.

Eric Downing, Clinton County Disposal, approached the Council requesting to be considered for providing trash collection services. He stated the company would offer recycling, for an extra fee, and spring & fall cleanup. Dumpsters could also be provided, as they now are. Also mentioned was having an eight (8) bag limit each week, as opposed to the unlimited bag limit now in place. Mr. Downing felt he could offer the service for 250 homes for under \$10 per month.

Mr. Sieber made the motion to put the trash service out for bids, seconded by Ms. Funk. The recycle option will be put out as a separate contract.

Hoosier Heartland Corridor Spring Luncheon

Pete Wagoner updated the Council on luncheon planed for April 10th. The event is being hosted by the towns of Camden and Flora, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County EDC. Invitations have been sent to mayors, economic development agencies and elected officials along the route. Todd Rokita, the Congressional Representative for this area after January 1st, will be the keynote speaker. TDS generously agreed to sponsor the luncheon. The luncheon will be a celebration of the Heartland being built on time and a shift in attention from the road construction to the economic development opportunities the road will bring to this area. This will also give Camden an opportunity to draw attention to the completion of the 75 extension and showcase the community. Mr. Wagoner mentioned the contracts were signed for the area around 218 and SR 25 so construction work will soon be noticed in that area.

Tippecanoe County MPO will meet at the Court House on Monday.

Scout Barn

Tonya Pettiner presented the Council with a list of repairs needed on the Scout Barn. Following discussion, the Council approved a Girl Scout volunteer doing the work and providing the material but the Scouts are responsible for the insurance in the event someone is hurt. Ms. Pettiner assured the Council the volunteer would be covered by the Girl Scout insurance as long as (s)he is doing a Scout related activity. Mrs. Briggs requested a copy of the certificate of insurance be sent to her office.

Mr. Fite asked if the Scouts were using the Scout building and Ms. Pettiner said the girls use it for their normal meetings and for storage. The large meetings are held at the Community Building. Mr. Fite asked if all meeting could be held at the Community Building and was told they could be but the leaders would need some place to store their supplies. Mr. Snavelly suggested the upper level of the Community Building could be used.

Ms. Funk and Mr. Sieber each expressed concerns for the costs of maintaining the building. Mr. Sieber asked for an expense report on the building to know exactly what it cost the town to keep the Scout Barn. Mr. Fite expressed an interest in selling the property but the deed will need to be checked. It was also mentioned that if the building reverts to private ownership, it could become a blighted area in the downtown. Further discussion on the sale of the building was tabled.

Water Project Update

Mr. Snavelly reported:

- all mains are in place
- areas are now being disinfected and tested for bacteria

- there are several places where the old lines will be cut and then attached to the new lines
- approximately 30 homes are on the new lines now
- old fire hydrants will be removed once the new ones are in-service

Mr. Fite asked about the cost and possibility of placing a fire hydrant on the east end of town at North Lee Street. With labor and material an estimate of \$1,500 was given for the hydrant however, before an extra hydrant is installed, a valve costing \$7,000 will need to be installed at the water tower.

Mr. Fite also asked about the maintenance plans for the hydrants. It was explained the fire department does routine maintenance as part of the requirement for maintaining the ISO rating. Mr. Snively explained that line flushing is not part of the hydrant maintenance routine.

Mr. Snively stated there are four other very old hydrants that need to be replaced due to the inability to secure replacement parts.

Miscellaneous Items

1. Eric Foreman and Byron Rude updated the Council on the training and runs for the Jackson Township Fire Department.
2. The Town and Township officials will meet on March 15th at 7:00 at the fire station.
3. Mr. Sieber has had several complaints about the cable company since it was taken over by NewWave. He has been assured the problems will soon be fixed.
4. Mr. Robison asked for a follow-up letter to be sent in regards to the garage next door to his property.
5. The Community Club will host a fish fry on March 17th.
6. Mr. Foreman stated the town's fire truck will be taken to Tipton for ISO testing in early August. The cost will be about \$300. The Council held a brief discussion of rather to keep the truck or give it to the fire department. This matter will be discussed at the township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Camden Town Council

Richard Fite, President

Kandance Funk, Vice President

Jeff Sieber, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer