

Minutes

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

April 10, 2008

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Andy Kelly, Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and seven citizens.

Minutes from the March 13th regular council meeting were approved by motions from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite.

Minutes from the joint Jackson Township Advisory Council and Trustee and Camden Town Council meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The town and township try to meet every six months to discuss issues of mutual concern. As follow up to the meeting held on March 20th, Mr. Bill Dittman informed Mr. Wagoner Delphi Community School Corporation completed the transfer of the Jackson Township Park back to the township. When consolidation was done in the late 1960's that land was transferred to the school system and by law became part of DCDC property as did the local school property. The township was being paid \$800 per year in a maintenance agreement with the corporation for the park upkeep. The town has an interest in ownership of the grounds because of a town well being located on that site. Mr. Dittman and Mrs. Briggs worked with the superintendent to get a quitclaim deed and now the township once again has ownership of the park. Mrs. Cathy Dittman was instructed to take the deed to the court house for recording by the auditor and the recorder.

The docket was accepted as presented by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Red Cross Shelter Exercise

The Lafayette Chapter of the American Red Cross conducted a successful emergency shelter drill at the Community Building on April 5th. Thirty volunteers took part in the exercise. The event allowed the local shelter volunteers to better understand their roles in the event of an emergency and presented some areas where improvement is needed. The Town is still in discussion with the Red Cross on having a stocked trailer stationed at Camden for use during a true emergency. Currently the Red Cross lacks funds for that endeavor but the town will periodically check on the possibility.

Grant Updates

Star Development reported the pre-construction meeting will be at the Community Building on April 29th at noon. The bids will be advertised in the next two editions of the Comet and will be due in the town office no later than noon, May 14th. Construction bids will be opened May 15th at 1:00. Mr. Wagoner expressed hope local contractors would take part in this round of grant improvements.

Mr. Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, reported the results of the wastewater grant application will be known in mid to late May. There is nothing that can be done now to improve the application; it is in the scoring process. There were forty-seven applications submitted for funding this round.

Mr. Smith is looking for grants for installing additional restrooms in the community building. He is currently working on a \$20,000 FEMA grant. Mr. Fite believes that amount should pretty well cover the cost of the addition and thanked Mr. Smith for his work.

Mr. Wagoner asked about the mapping at the proposed intersection of SR 75 and HHC. Mr. Smith expects to complete the mapping of utilities next week. Industry interested in locating at the site will need to know the power strength, size of gas lines, etc. Mr. Smith is working with the town and the county to get a visual sketch of how the intersection will look.

Local Ordinance Issues and Enforcement

Signs for “No Engine Braking” have been posted on the four entrances into Camden. These signs will enable the marshals to enforce Section I, 19 (B) of Ordinance 2007-4, commonly known as the Nuisance Ordinance.

The owners of the Lucas property on East Main Street received a certified letter informing them clean-up must be done by May 1st. Confirmation of delivery was acknowledged by the return of the green receipt to Mrs. Brigg's office. In addition to setting the date for cleanup, the property owners were told what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance with town ordinances. A neighbor reported the yard has had work done, the loose siding was removed and a settlement was reached on the damage done to his garage. A report was made that property ownership may change hands to a brother who will take responsibility. No mention was made of repairing the hole in the porch roof but there may be better support put in for the garage.

Mr. Fite was questioned concerning leaf burning in Camden and asked for clarification on policy. The town does not have an ordinance regulating/banning leaf burning but the town does follow the standards set by IDEM. Only clean wood products may be burned, the property owner must stay with the fire and assumes responsibility for any damages should the fire get out of control and must stop burning if the smoke is a nuisance to the neighbors. Leaves can be put in bags and taken to the burn pile for disposal. The Street Superintendent also stated if his time allows and contact is made with the office, he will take the bags to the burn pile. Citizens were asked not to set bags of leaves out on trash day to avoid any confusion. After discussion the council declined to act on a local burn ban.

Four wheelers, scooters and go carts are using the alleys which are public right of ways. The issue will be resolved by the marshal enforcing state statute.

Youth Day Parade

Susan Kleckner and Barb Rude attended the meeting on behalf of the Youth Day Committee to obtain permission to close the usual streets and to use 4-wheelers/gators as necessary before, during and immediately after the parade. The 4-wheelers/gators would have only adult drivers. Permission was given by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The committee has contacted the state and secured permission to close Highway 218 during the time of the parade. They also asked to use the town's video camera to record the parade and take it to the park to tape that program; permission also given. The committee was given the ok to use the sign and letters in front of the community building to advertise the day's events. The theme for this year's parade is

“Celebrating an All-Star Community”. Marshal Mullins was asked to lead the parade which is to start of 10:00 on June 7th and follow the same path as last year.

Miscellaneous Business

- Spring cleanup will be May 22nd. Citizens were reminded not to set out hazardous waste. The Township will be having a scrap metal drive from May 16th through May 27th as a fund raiser to buy new playground equipment for the small children.
- Volunteers are still needed if there is to be a Fall Festival. The town supports the event but does organize or run it. Unless people set forward, the event will be discontinued.
- An Animal Control meeting will be April 15th in the Community Building. Mr. Kelly will give a report at the next council meeting.
- Mrs. Briggs reviewed the contract for 4-H to use the shooting range and found it to be satisfactory. The agreement was approved and signed.
- A replacement seat is needed for the pickup truck. Mr. Fite has searched salvage yards and was given permission to expend no more than \$250 for a seat by a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wagoner.
- Dr. Anderson thanked the town for his nomination for the Ralph Rohrabough Scholarship to Leadership Carroll County. There are funds remaining that a person could apply for to attend the 2009 class. Interested persons should contact the town office.
- People were reminded to vote in the primary election on May 6th.
- A contract for legal services was signed with Mrs. Briggs.

Meeting adjourned by a motion from Mr. Fite at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Kelly, Member