

# Minutes

## CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### PUBLIC MEETING

**April 29, 2008**

The meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner at 7:00pm for the purpose of considering the lease of the east bay garage area of the community building, set the tax rate for 2008 and other matters. Present were Members Andy Kelly, Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and attorney Anne Briggs.

One bid, date and time stamped for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:50a.m., was received by the clerk-treasurer for the lease of the east garage area of the community building. It was opened in the properly called and advertised meeting by Mr. Wagoner. Brian Foreman, owner of *Vital Signs*, submitted a lease bid of \$220 per month for twelve months. Mr. Foreman stated in his bid his willingness to abide by the terms of a lease agreement and would operate a business that offers different types of hand-painted or computer generated signs. Motion to accept the bid was made by Mr. Fite and passed. The lease will commence May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 for one year. Mr. Foreman will be given permission to enter the premises earlier than May 1<sup>st</sup> should he desire to paint the interior.

Form 1782 for the setting of the 2008 tax rate was presented for council consideration. Following discussion, the rate for the general fund was reduced from the state allowed rate to \$1.08, an increase of 3¢ from 2007. The CCD (.0236) and Cum Sewer (.04) rates will remain as requested and allowed. The tax reduction rate resulted in the 2008 general fund budget being reduced by \$15,800. The budget for animal control was reduced by \$3,800 to \$4,000 and the general street line item was reduced by \$12,000 to a budget of \$7,500. Motion for the rate and budget reduction was made by Mr. Fite and passed.

Mr. Kelly reported there had been an animal control meeting earlier in the day. There is a person interested in handling animal control for the county or entities interested in participating. The person has his own business of collecting strays or unwanted animals and would be an independent contractor for the group. He has his own van, insurance and equipment although he did express an interest in purchasing the live animal traps the county currently owns. The initial plan is a fee of \$1,000/month with up to twelve calls

per month. Additional calls would be charged separately. The fee does not include “kill cost” which would need addressed and added. The members of animal control board discussed possible fees which may help alleviate some of the cost associated with the program. The next meeting will be in May at the Camden Community Building.

Jackson Township Trustee Bill Dittman asked if the Council would share the cost to add additional stone to the park drive. One of the town’s wells is at the park and the drive is used by town employees. The council voted to allow up to \$100 towards the expense by a motion from Mr. Fite.

Meeting adjourned by a motion from Mr. Fite at 8:15.

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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