

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Andy Kelly and Richard Fite, Legal Council Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and eight guests.

The March 11th minutes and the docket were approved by motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. At the March meeting the Council approved the sharing of cost for stone for the drive at the park with Jackson Township. Mr. Wagoner mentioned the stone was donated and there would be no cost for the town or township for the improvement.

TDS Donation and Payphone

Thanks to the diligence of Mrs. Briggs, the payphone issue has been resolved. Mr. Wagoner had several conversations with the TDS representative following the letters sent by the attorney. The Council approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding stating TDS will donate \$1,500 per year to Camden for promotional activities within the community and TDS is released from an earlier agreement where they shared the payphone cost with the town. In exchange, TDS will also receive appropriate recognition for the contribution. The funds to be donated this year will purchase twelve new banners (\$1,547) for the downtown area. TDS was asked to provide the labor to hang the banners.

The Clerk-Treasurer spoke with a representative with the payphone company to find out how much the phone is being used. She was told they collect between \$8 and \$25 per month. The phone cost them \$50 to maintain and another \$20 to have the coins collected. The town pays \$75 per month rent so he really isn't making any money by having the phone here.

Mr. Wagoner stated this issue will be tabled until next month to allow time to consider options.

Grant Updates

1. Indiana Housing Authority Rehab Project (\$250,000) for rehab to twelve homes in Camden. The selection of the homeowners is going through the recertification of income process and should be announced in 4-6 weeks. Bids will be put out in mid to late May and construction should start in mid June. Most of the homeowners are receiving help for the first time but three have had the grants before.
2. By a motion from Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite, a farm type fence will be installed at the covered pond at a cost of \$3,154.20. The first estimate was over \$13,000 but was more of a security type fence.
3. Vicki Powers was introduced as the Grant Administrator and welcomed to the team working on the ARRA Water System Upgrade Project. This project is seeking 100% funding under the DR2 program. Three engineers submitted proposals for the project and two, Ladd Engineering and Municipal Civil Corporation, were selected for interviews. Following the interview process, Municipal Civil Corporation was selected. Mr. Wagoner stated this project will be larger than the wastewater project and will be another project will work will be done but people will not see any change because all the work will be underground.
4. The Marshal is still waiting to hear on the arrival date for the new police car.
5. The Council approved moving ahead with the new restrooms and plans will be drawn up and put out to bid in about two weeks. The project is expected to cost about \$50,000. Mr. Smith asked permission to seek two options in the quote for the wastewater. One option will have a small grinder installed; the second will have a gravity line. Cost will be the deciding factor. The sewer line going out the building is not deep and will require this modification.
6. The ARRA/DOE Energy Efficiency Grant request for \$147,000 was denied in the first round but another application will be submitted. The application has been reworked and hopefully will be funded. As was suggested at a grant meeting where an energy representative spoke, bids will be sought and the project completely ready to go.

Toby Schock has repaired a couple of small leaks on the flat roof. An inspection by Marvin Blocher found the roof to be in good condition. He will do small repairs along the edge in a couple of places but other than that, all is fine. Mr. Blocher will provide the town with information on the roof covering and stated it was a “Cadillac” product for that particular roof.

Memorial is pleased with the increase in patient volume at the Med Center. The number of patients has steadily grown but needs to double to become viable. The med center was closed for several months which caused patients to seek other doctors. Memorial Hospital realizes it will take awhile to build the practice; citizens were reminded it is nice to have the service here and now it needs to be supported.

HHIC and SR 75 Extension Project

Mr. Wagoner attended the quarterly meeting held by INDOT Community Advisory Commission for the HHH project on March 16th in Logansport. It was reported that land acquisition is complete in Tippecanoe County and has started in Carroll County. The project is funded and expects to be complete by 2013. The design will be altered to include the overpass, connection and approach to connect with 750N. A public hearing to formalize the change will be held this summer. Currently the County has no plans in place or working on any plans to connect HWY 75 with the new connection point. Federal funding will be needed for that part of the project.

Miscellaneous Issues

- No new ordinance issues require the Council’s consideration.
- The Youth Parade requested the normal streets be closed for the parade on June 5th at 10:00 a.m. They also requested the use of the town’s camera, for Marshal Mullin to lead the parade and to have “No Parking” signs put up along the route on Main Street.
- Town wide garage sale, being chaired by Deb Foreman, is set for July 24th. Plans are moving along. Mr. Wagoner state the event was a good event for the town and brought a lot of people to Camden.
- Spring cleanup will be May 20th. The township will do another scrap metal drive and have a dumpster located at the town lot. Mr. Snavelly and Mr. Mears were given permission to collect metal placed at the curb. If people have scrap metal and need help getting it to the dumpster they can call the town office.
- People were reminded to complete their 2010 census. To date, Camden has a 60% participation rate.

- Dave Smith, Christian Brothers Painting was asked for an estimate to clean, remove mold and paint the kitchen in the community center. The Council would like the work completed before the next fish fry.

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

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer