

# **Minutes**

## **Camden Town Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

**June 11, 2009**

Following the Second Public Hearing on the Revitalization of Downtown Camden, the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:15 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, town attorney Anne Briggs and three guests.

The minutes from the May 14th regular Council Meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The June docket was also approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The Council set 7:00 on June 24<sup>th</sup> as a meeting to start work on the 2010 budget.

### **Project Updates**

The first project to be discussed was work on the wastewater facility. Mr. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., stated the base for the polish reactor will be poured at 9:00am on Friday and pipes will go in Monday. Work is progressing very well but the rains have caused some delays. Mr. Wagoner said this is a major project that no one in town notices but it is a necessary project to maintain compliance with IDEM for the discharge permit. Mr. Smith feels the project will be near completion by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The painting of the water tower was discussed by Jerry Snavelly. He stated the rains have also affected work at the tower but everything is going well. The tower is expected to be primed soon. Citizens will notice the letters will be in red instead of the current black font. The suggestion to change the style of font was turned down due to the additional cost of over \$2,000. The tank itself will stay beige.

### **Surface Water Problems**

Heavy numerous rains have caused problems for some people in Camden. The alley behind the Lutheran Church was draining onto private property on the south side. The people have complained in the past about their backyard filling with water and have made

other requests for some type of change. The alley was graded and that made a noticeable improvement in the drainage. Mr. Wagoner stated the only true solution would be for the homeowner to bring in dirt and fill the backyard in because it is a low spot.

### **Spring Clean Up**

Camden Spring Clean-Up was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and went very well. Jackson Township collected 33,740 pounds of scrap metal and netted \$988.98 which will be used to purchase adult swings for the park and to make some general maintenance improvements. Mr. Snively and Mr. Mears assisted greatly with the scrap metal drive and were thanked for their efforts. Mr. Wagoner will contact INDOT to have Main Street swept. This was expected to be done before the parade so a reminder is needed. Citizens who have hazardous waste and tires are encouraged to take it to the NWISWD collection site at the Carroll County Fairgrounds on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Local Ordinance and Marshal Issues**

1. The grace period for cleaning yards and removing junk vehicles set by the Marshals has expired. Full compliance is now expected and letters will be sent as needed.
2. Reports have been made to the department of people ignoring "STOP" signs. This issue will also be monitored closely.
3. Several complaints have been received about barking dogs and animals running loose. These problems will be resolved thru enforcement of either the town ordinance or state statute. The Marshals work part time and can not pick up stray animals because there is no animal shelter but owners will be cited. The Council will investigate what other small communities have done about animal control and develop a plan.
4. Both Marshals have completed "Emergency Vehicle Operations" course as required by state statute.
5. Deputy Marshal Chapman spoke with the fire department to see if the firemen are trained in the use of a defibrillator and if there is an interest in having a unit on hand. The town has an extra unit that was in Dr. Anderson's office and should be available in case of emergencies. The fire department has men trained and is interested in putting the extra one on a truck. By a motion from Mr. Fite the Council approved making the loan.

6. During the May meeting the Council tabled the question of putting new decals on the police car. Since the Council plans to keep the car for at least one more year and the current decals are peeling, the decision was made to have *Vital Signs* replace them with a similar or new design at a cost not to exceed \$300. Mr. Fite requested the use of red in the design to continue the new color theme.

### **Hoosier Heartland Corridor Update**

Mr. Wagoner conveyed there was nothing to report on the HHC other than it is on schedule and moving forward. Funding for the 75 Extension is identified on the 2010 Federal Transportation Bill by Congressman Joe Donnelly but that does not ensure funding - it is just on the list. Everyone interested in the project is encouraged to write a letter to Congressman Donnelly to express their support.

### **Medical Facility**

The medical facility building will be empty as of June 30<sup>TH</sup>. Although Unity has no interest in continuing a practice here, Mr. Wagoner is still looking at other options and will continue searching until all possibilities are exhausted. Mr. Wagoner and Mr. Daryl Smith, CCEDC, are investigating opportunities for the building.

### **Town Wide Garage Sale**

Deb Foreman has agreed to chair a town wide garage sale to be held July 25<sup>th</sup>. The town will support the community event by paying for ads in the Carroll County Comet and providing port-a-potties which will be placed by the Community Building. Funding for this will be taken from the General Fund, Promotion of Town. Permission was given to allow out-of-town people to set up their sales in front of the Community Building and in the bank building lot. Due to the short planning time, Mrs. Foreman was encouraged to keep the event simple this year and then perhaps start building in more activities next year.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

The Delphi Community School referendum vote is Tuesday and citizens were reminded to vote anytime from 6am-6pm at St. Mathew's Church in Delphi.

The Camden Pub will reopen under new owners. Val Tocco expects to open the restaurant and pub, now called "Just One More" on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch will be served as well as dinner on Friday & Saturday evenings. Mr. Wagoner has spoken with the Indiana Excise Office offering his support for their endeavor.

Camden Community Club perch and smelt fish fry will be this Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Office will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the Fourth of July.

Mr. Snavely asked to be notified when citizens are bothered by mosquitoes and he will then start the spraying program.

The Annual Water Report is being prepared and should be mailed within the next few days.

James Street will be closed between the park entrances on July 4<sup>th</sup> for "Indiana Antique Tractor Pull" per a request from Bill Dittman by a motion from Mr. Fite.

The Camden Youth Day Parade was well planned and attended. Organizers Nicole Pearson, Susan Kleckner and Barb Rude were thanked for their work. Interested persons were encouraged to consider volunteering to help with this event next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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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