

# Minutes

## CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### PUBLIC MEETING

**June 12, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order by President Peter Wagoner at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Richard Fite, Andy Kelly, Deputy Clerk-Treasure Linda Red Elk, Anne Briggs, and four citizens.

Minutes from the May 8 regular council meeting were approved with motion by Mr. Fite and second from Mr. Kelly.

Minutes of the June 5 special meeting were approved with motion from Mr. Fite and second by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Wagoner explained that the housing bids, which were opened on May 15, were approved at this meeting. Twelve housing projects were approved and a contract for a 13<sup>th</sup> project will be added/approved at a later date. Mr. Wagoner stated that \$216,000 grant money will be used for these housing projects. It is hoped that with continued interest, we will be able to provide this project next year.

The docket for June was approved with a motion from Mr. Kelly and a second from Mr. Fite.

Mr. Wagoner stated Camden has been notified of award of a \$525,000 wastewater grant. This grant is needed for upgrades to be in compliance with new IDEM standards. He thanked Pat Casserly, Jerry Snavelly, Amy Miller, Ken Smith and Council members (both current as well as past members Andy Robison and Michelle Everett) for their efforts and support of this project. An award ceremony is scheduled for June 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the State Capitol to formally present the award. Mr. Wagoner said construction bids are expected to go out in July with construction in early September. Completion of the project is expected by winter. The total cost of the wastewater project was originally estimated at \$750,000. With the receipt of the grant, approximately one-third (\$200,000 - \$250,000) will have to be financed through bonds. A modest increase in the wastewater rate will be necessary; however, Mr. Wagoner stated that without receiving this grant money, the increase would have been substantially more. He said an outside firm is evaluating both our water and wastewater rates since the water and sewage system must operate in the black.

Mr. Kelly reported the next meeting of Animal Control is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17. He will keep the council informed of the committee's progress.

Mr. Fite reported he had a problem with people speeding in the alleys. He felt the Town needs to have speed limits for alleys and to post these speed limits. Town Attorney Anne Briggs will provide speed limit information to Council members.

Mr. Fite made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve Ordinance 2008-1, Inspection Fee Ordinance. This ordinance requires the Council to assess a fee of \$5.00 for inspection of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle pursuant to Indiana Code 9-17-2-12 when this inspection is done by a law enforcement officer employed by Camden, Indiana.

Resolution 2008-C, Travel Expense, was approved with a motion from Mr. Fite and a second from Mr. Kelly. After approval of the Resolution, discussion was held. Currently, Camden is paying 40 cents/mile for official travel. IRS allows 48.5 cents for 2008 and Mrs. Briggs stated that would change in 2009 to 50.5 cents. Mr. Fite made a motion to increase the current mileage rate to 48.5 cents/mile. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.

A 10-year lease renewal agreement between the Town of Camden and Dr. Thomas Anderson was approved with a motion by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

A new multi-year contract is being negotiated with Waste Management. Mr. Wagoner suggested tabling this item for the July meeting. Council members Fite and Kelly agreed.

Mr. Fite said he had talked with Jerry Markovich concerning the "Welcome to Camden" signs. He will get in touch with Jerry next week.

Discussion was held concerning a change in the rental fee for use of the Camden Community Building. The Council will investigate rental prices for other buildings. This item was tabled for the July meeting.

The 2007 50-50 sidewalk project was discussed. Mrs. Casserly had indicated earlier to Council members that there were not enough funds for 2008 due to the property tax situation. Mr. Fite questioned whether or not grant money might be available. He also expressed interest in providing a sidewalk for the senior citizens when coming downtown from the senior citizen complex. Council members agreed to not continue the sidewalk project this year; however, they will reconsider for 2009 if money is available.

The Township has provided The Town of Camden a report concerning the recent scrap metal drive. They sold 15+ tons of scrap metal and received \$3,000. The money will be used to provide new playground equipment for the Jackson Township Park.

Mr. Wagoner thanked the 4-H Club members and leaders for planting the flowers in the large flower pots around the town.

Eric Foreman requested Council approval to close James Street between Armstrong and Ohio Streets. This request was made in conjunction with the Antique Tuggers

Association tractor pull scheduled for Sunday, July 6. The street would be closed from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Request was approved by the Council.

Community Club Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 in the Community Building.

Mr. Wagoner briefed on current happenings concerning the S.R. 75 project. INDOT has an engineering study underway and they want to work on this project in conjunction with the Hoosier Heartland construction. Mr. Wagoner hopes to have more information available for the July meeting.

Mr. Wagoner briefly discussed the current situation with the Delphi Community School with regard to the "No Child Left Behind" program. Parents of those particular Delphi Elementary students can request transfer of their children to another school. The Delphi School Corporation will have to pay the tuition; however, the parents will need to provide transportation. Carroll School Corporation has indicated they would like to cooperate with Delphi for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students if it causes no overcrowding in their school. Mr. Wagoner also discussed the effects of the 2009 property tax relief bill and its effects on schools and the ability of students to transfer to another school.

Mr. Snavelly reported he has prepared the Consumer Confidence Letter to go out to all customers. The office has handed the report out to some customers and the rest will be sent a copy in the mail.

Residents were asked to call the office concerning mosquito complaints. They need to leave their name and address when calling the office.

Mr. Snavelly stated the new dump truck needs to be undercoated. A motion was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to have Mr. Snavelly provide an estimate to the Council to have this work done.

Mr. Snavelly reported a customer asked that a tree on town property near his residence be removed. Mr. Wagoner suggested that Mr. Snavelly get an estimate on the cost of tree removal. He reminded everyone that tree removal by the Town is strictly to remove trees on town property that are in need of taking down.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 45 p.m.

Camden Town Council

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

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Linda L. Red Elk  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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Andrew Kelly, Member