

# Minutes

**Camden Town Council  
Public Hearing  
Proposed Annexation by the Town of Camden  
July 20, 2011**

A properly advertised and called Public Hearing in regards to the proposed annexation of certain property into the Town of Camden was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and four guests. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wagoner opened the meeting by stating the annexation was being considered for portions of property owned by the Camden Cemetery Association and Jackson Township. The annexation was introduced at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and per state statute the Town was required to wait 60 days before holding the public hearing. Mr. Wagoner read the following ordinances and resolution by title with a brief explanation of each:

1. Ordinance 2011-4 Annexation of Portion of Park and Cemetery – the park and the cemetery are hybrid entities in that one portion of the park and cemetery are located in the town and one part is in Jackson Township.
2. Ordinance 2011-6 Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan Establishing a Policy for the Provision of Services to an Annexed Area of the Camden Park and of the Camden Cemetery – the state law requires a fiscal plan when an area is annexed and this ordinance adopts the fiscal plan as stated in Resolution 2011-D.
3. Resolution 2011-D – Fiscal Policy for Annexation of Property Under Ordinance 2011-5 – the fiscal plan simply states the newly annexed areas will be provided the same services as the other parts of Camden.

The floor was opened for questions:

Joe Wallace – Will there be any changes in taxes for the township? Mr. Wagoner stated there would not be. Both the park and the cemetery are tax exempt. Bill Dittman stated the annexation would not affect the assessed values. Mrs. Briggs stated the park is a hybrid; part of the property is in the town and part out of town. She expressed the concern if the state does away with township trustees the park would be the responsibility of the county and the town is trying to protect the park. Mr. Dittman stated the county's budget reduced the park budget by \$1,000 so people can see the direction that is going. Mr. Dittman also said he assured the Cemetery Association nothing would change with their funding.

The Ordinances and Resolution will be adopted at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. It was noted that no petition was needed since the process was started

before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Being as there were no other question or comments, Mr. Fite made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

Camden Town Council

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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