

## **Camden Town Council**

### **Regular Meeting**

**November 11, 2010**

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, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and six guests.

Mr. Kelly made the motions to approve the minutes from the October 14th Regular Meeting. Motion passed. The docket was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite. Mr. Wagoner asked the council members if there were any questions before the docket was approved. No questions or comments were offered. The Bid Opening Meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Housing Rehab Project was recorded in the form of notes only since there was no quorum to conduct a meeting. The bid packets received on the 20<sup>th</sup> were taken under advisement and no official action was taken.

### **News from Camden Health Center**

Dr. Cynthia Davis, PhD, from the Hypnosis Clinic of Indiana introduced herself and explained the services she will soon be offering at the Center. Dr. Davis is state certified and through the use of hypnosis assist people in changing their habit (stop smoking, weight loss, improve study skills and memory). Those interested can learn more at the web site [hypnosisindiana.com](http://hypnosisindiana.com). Office hours will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

### **Inter-local Agreement with the Town of Flora**

The Inter-Local agreement with the Town of Flora, which was approved for Mrs. Briggs to draw up during the October meeting, was approved and signed by Mr. Wagoner. Flora employees will clean Main Street when requested, twice a year, and Flora will be paid \$200/hour. Mr. Wagoner mentioned the streets were recently cleaned with the help of a person who needed to complete a few community service hours. INDOT will be asked to reimburse Camden for a portion of this cost since Main Street is a state highway and should be under their maintenance. Mrs. Briggs will take the two signed copies to the Clerk-Treasurer at Flora for their Council to sign and then return one completed copy to Camden.

## **In-Town Wells**

**Ordinance 2010-4, An Ordinance Prohibiting the Future Use or Drilling of Potable Water Wells Within the Town of Camden, Indiana**, was approved following discussion by the Council. The Council has discussed ways to incorporate a couple of homes within the town's limits that still use wells for their water supply and rely upon the town's wastewater system for sewer. This ordinance requires all households to connect to the town's water for their potable water and the abandoned well to be capped according to the Division of Water Resources of the State of Indiana standards. Property owners currently using the wells may continue to do so but any new owners will lose the "grandfather" status and be required to connect to town water. Ordinance was adopted and will become effective immediately following the proper advertising.

## **Grant Updates**

### **Housing Rehab Project**

Mark McCarty of Star Development updated the Council on the Housing Rehab Project. He and Mrs. McCarty met with the homeowners and reviewed the work write-ups at the library today and reported they all were happy with the work that will be done on their homes. The bids received on October 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and contracts were awarded to the lowest bidders. Taylor Home Center, Connersville, was awarded 5 homes, Elite Construction, Camden, one home and Home Improvement Specialist, Monticello, six homes. All contractors completed the lead base paint certification and are carrying the proper insurance. Motion to approve the contract awards was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Fite and passed.

### **Community Building**

Following the decline in the bid submitted by Barnard Construction and a contractors meeting held on October 23, three contractors bid on the restrooms for the Community Center: Hamilton Construction, \$51,323.06 (after deducts for change in water heater and sewer vent realignment), Barnard Construction, \$54,475.00 (original bid which excludes disposal service, exterior excavation and related work, and restroom accessories – grab bars, dispenser, toilet paper holders, mirrors and soap dispenser. The grinder pump was removed as a requirement during the contractors meeting.); and Schock/Wolf Construction joint bid of \$45,236.00 (includes tankless water heater, all electrical work and plumbing). The Schock/Wolf Construction was awarded the project and work will begin after the first of the year. The Clerk-Treasurer checked what permits are needed for the work and none are required per Area Plan. Mr. Wagoner will talk with Tracy Dillon about going on his property during excavation. He will also set a meeting with the contractors, Mr. Smith and Jerry Snavely prior to the start of construction.

## **Wastewater Project**

Mr. Smith reported an operational review of the plant took place this afternoon attended by a representative from the manufacture of the equipment. The solid matter appears when the flow is low due to the plant being sized larger than currently needed. All the limits are being met and the area will just need to be cleaned frequently. It is operating like a mechanical plant. Mr. Snavelly reported an IDEM inspector saw the plant and was not too concerned about the solid particles. It is more of an aesthetic issue and the problem will go away when flow increases

Mr. Snavelly passed his certification test to operate the plant.

The treatment facility is using a lot more electricity than expected but Mr. Snavelly believes he will be able to make it more energy efficient in time, perhaps by as much as \$500/month however; he hesitates to make adjustments to the system while it is under review.

## **DR2 Water Line Distribution Grant**

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs has changed the funding source for this project from DR2 funds to CDBG. All other matters on the project will remain the same. The contract with Vicki Powers was signed and dated after the award date of the grant. Also signed was the "Certificate of Accessibility". Mr. Smith presented a drawing of which lines will be replaced and which fire hydrant will be replaced/added. Four and six inch lines will be replaced with eight inch through about 1½ miles (about 60% of the total lines in town.) These lines were installed in 1910/1915. GPS surveying will take place shortly – the leaves need to be off the trees to get a good reading. Mr. Smith hopes to accept bids in January.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

- The marshal worked Halloween evening and all was quiet.
- No updates on the Hoosier Heartland Corridor other than the discussions that are taking place in regards to the round-about planned for the intersection in Lafayette.
- Leaf pick-up is coming to an end. Citizens were reminded to rake the leaves past the curb, away from trees and signs and to keep the sticks and rocks out of the leaf piles. Mr. Snavelly was thanked for the good job being done keeping the leaves collected – compliments have been received by Mr. Wagoner on the job.
- Mr. Don Richardson is interested in installing a fence around a portion of his property and questioned the alleys on the south and east sides of his property. He thinks the one on the east side is already closed and if it is the one on the south side lacks access and should also be closed. Mrs. Briggs

will investigate rather the east ally is closed. If it is not, it will be Mr. Richardson's responsibility to secure legal council of his own and go through the proper mechanics if he wants the alley closed. A survey may then be required to know where the property line is, also at his expense.

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

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Andrew Kelly, Member