

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maly called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and noticed that this meeting is being held in compliance with Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on December 22, 2011, in the following manner: on the official bulletin board, official town web site, and the electronic sign.

Mayor Maly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Present for this meeting were Mayor Maly, Councilmen- Casquarelli, Green, King and Lewin. Also present were Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Police Chief William Bryson and Town Clerk Charlotte Klauder.

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments have been added to New Business:

- Appointment to the CWSWA Board of Directors
- Storm Drain Repairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Public Workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th in the King Meeting Room of Town Hall for the purpose of discussing the status of the FY 11/12 budget and the vacant Town Manager position
- Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- Town Hall will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th for the purpose of accepting candidate filing forms.
- Municipal Election will be Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Seats available are Mayor and Councilman (currently held by Mayor Maly and Clmn. Casquarelli). Qualified parties interested in running may submit a letter of intent to the Town Clerk no later than close of business on January 27, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green, and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote the regular session minutes from November 7, 2011, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

REPORTS

Councilman Green stated he was not prepared to present a Finance Report at the present time. He explained he had received details relative to the budget approved 7 months ago from Ms. Driggins, which will be reviewed.

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity resulting in an 18% increase from November 2010. He also reported the possibility of an officer being hired by the Dover Police Department and the status of budgetary expenditures, i.e. overtime.

A representative from CWFD reported 2237 ambulance calls and 590 fire calls for the year 2011.

Mr. Mark Dyer was present on behalf of the Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority stating the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Tracey Green reported the Friends of Camden membership drive and upcoming events, i.e. 2012 Camden Day scheduled for June 23rd.

Mayor Maly's report included but was not limited to the status of the Thomas Harmon Drive closure and pending injunction filed by a business owner in Camden Town Center. He stated the Town will correct the "procedural error" by voiding Resolution 2011-R-05 and resubmitting for a 1st reading in February and 2nd reading/public hearing in March per the Solicitor's advisement.

Mayor Maly also reported the following: Council/Public workshop scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the King Meeting Room to discuss FY 2011/2012 budget status and vacant Town Manager position; heating system failure; establishment of search committee led by Councilman Lewin.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority Board of Directors

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to appoint Ms. Tracy Torres to the CWSWA for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2014. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion was passed and carried.

Storm Drain Repair Status

Mayor Maly stated he was in receipt of two (2) bids for video surveillance of the 19 storm drains reported as failing from the CWSWA and Kent County Public Works.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to proceed with the Kent County provided their formal bid matches the quote in the email to Mayor Maly. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion was passed and carried.

Professional Service Contracts – Town Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Linda Moore questioned whether or not Thomas Harmon Drive would still close. Councilman Lewin stated Council cannot comment at this time; the public will have another opportunity to speak at the 2nd reading in March.

Mr. Art Norton questioned the need for a Town Manager suggesting raising the salary of a current employee and adding responsibilities and increased Council involvement. He also asked about the status of a speed limit sign on Wal-Mart Drive.

Ms. Susan Savage commented on the information provided in her FOIA, including but not limited to monies spent on the repairs 2 S. Main Street, her perception of mistreatment during her employment and indicated her dissatisfaction with Council.

Ms. Jill Fuchs announced the Sussex County League of Women Voters Program “Reviving the Dead Ladies” scheduled for January 18th at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Camden.

COUNCIL COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lewin, and carried by a unanimous favorable voice vote the regular session was recessed at 8:05 p.m. to open an Executive Session to discuss matters relative to personnel. Upon favorable voice vote the motion carried.

RE-CONVENED REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli to close executive session and reenter regular session. Upon a unanimous favorable voice vote the motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Green, to distribute excess trash fee funds due to a billing error by the contractor as a credit on the FY 2012/2013 tax billing. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion passed and was carried.

Motion made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to authorize Chief Bryson to seek a replacement officer should the officer be hired by Dover. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion passed and was carried.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to authorize the Town Solicitor to proceed with legal action necessary to protect the Town's position with regard to unpaid property taxes. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion passed and was carried.

Motion made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Green, to authorize the Town Solicitor to proceed with legal actions, should they become necessary, regarding a complaint received relative to the proposal to close Thomas Harmon Drive at the boundary of Newell's Creek and Camden Town Center to eastbound traffic only. Upon unanimous favorable voice vote the motion passed and was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, and carried by a unanimous voice vote the regular meeting was adjourned.

Charlotte L. Klauder
Town Clerk

