

**Town of Camden**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**June 6, 2011**  
**Town of Camden Municipal Building**

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Maly called the Camden Town Council Meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of our troops currently serving, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The following persons were in attendance:

Council Members	John Green, Councilman Justin King, Councilman Jeffrey Lewin, Councilman Kevin Casquarelli, Councilman Richard Maly, Mayor
Solicitor	Noel Primos, Esq.
Administrative Staff	Charlotte L. Klauder, Town Clerk Chief William Bryson, Camden Police Dept.
Public	Attachment

**Notice**

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Delaware Open Public Meetings Act by posting on May 6, 2011, copies of the agenda in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign; and
- b. The official bulletin boards; and
- c. The official website.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Announcements**

Mayor Maly announced Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day, resulting in the Town Council meeting being moved to Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green, to approve the May 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## Correspondence

- a) Letter received May 23<sup>rd</sup> from the CWSWA regarding an application for CPCN.

## Finance Report (attachment)

Mayor Maly suggested tabling the finance report until July 11<sup>th</sup> in order for Mr. Plumley to be present should anyone have questions.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King to table the finance report until July 11<sup>th</sup>. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## Town Manager's Report (attachment)

Mayor Maly suggested tabling questions or comments pertaining to Mr. Plumley's report until July 11<sup>th</sup>. Council concurred.

## Police Department Report (attachment)

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to the following:

- 1292 hours on duty
- 269 hours of routine patrol
- 123 traffic arrests
- 39 warnings
- 36 criminal arrests
- 11% increase in calls for the month of April versus same time last year

## C.W.F.D.

Mr. Elton Thomas reported the following data:

- 49 Fire Alarms
- 176 Ambulance Calls

Mr. Thomas reminded residents of the all you can eat breakfast which takes place the first Sunday of the month. He also invited all to attend a crab and shrimp feast the fire company will hold on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## C.W.S.W.A.

Ms. Tracy Green reported the next scheduled CWSWA meeting would be held 7:00 p.m., June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the CWSWA facility located on S. West Street. She stated the board of directors will begin the budget process and encouraged residents to attend.

## Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Bobbi Toner reported the following:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Historic Camden Days held May 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success and the society is in the process of planning next year's event to be held the first Sunday of May 2012.
- Mayor, Council, Police and staff are invited to attend the annual picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Mr. & Mrs. Burke's home on South Main Street.

## Mayor's Report (attachment)

Mayor Maly's report included but was not limited to the following:

- Recycle and yard waste schedule – Camden is attempting to coordinate with Wyoming which would eliminate the alternating recycle collection pick-up.
- CWSWA has claimed exemption from FOIA despite legislation that refutes same.
- Thomas Harmon Drive Closure – The committee will provide a report at the July meeting.

At this time Mayor Maly presented Proclamations to the following:

- Dorothy Kelly & Ashley Swanson for escorting Mayor & Mrs. Maly in the Dover Days Parade
- James Wood & Marcus Whitney for donating time and material to beautify the garden area in front of the old police station

## Old Business / Public Hearing

### *Second Reading of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget*

Mr. Plumley presented the second reading by title only, which included the elimination of three (3) positions – two (2) administrative and one (1) police. He stated this budget was approved at the January meeting.

At this time Councilman Green provided copies of a budget that he would like considered for adoption. He stated this version of the budget includes but is not limited to the following:

- 18% tax increase (in accordance with preliminary approval of 11/01/10 by Council and an approval by 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Council on 4/4/11)
- Elimination of two (2) administrative employees
- Furloughs for Police staff (including Chief & Captain) as a result of discussions which led to concessions preliminarily approved by the Officer's Union in an effort to keep a position

Chief Bryson expressed the following concerns:

- Vehicle maintenance
- No additional vehicle
- Special duty returned on quarterly basis
  - It generates revenue (approximately \$7,000 per quarter)
  - Can be tracked
- Furloughs were preliminarily approved by the union and would consist of 8 hours per officer, per month for remainder of the current contract only (approximately \$22,230)
- Unpaid time for court appearances (no comp or overtime for the remainder of the current contract)

*Linda Moore – Newell's Creek*

Ms. Moore stated that while she is appreciative of the Chief's willingness to make certain cuts, the fact that the Town of Camden's taxes are higher than Kent County's is abominable.

*Bobbi Toner – Barclay Farms*

Ms. Toner commended Councilmen Green & King for not cutting police officers.

*Larry Dougherty – Barclay Farms*

Mr. Dougherty expressed his dismay with regard to yet another tax increase.

*Jill Fuchs – Barclay Farms*

Ms. Fuchs expressed her concern for the seniors with limited finances, specifically when they pay for school taxes. Councilman Green reminded Ms. Fuchs the Town does not collect school taxes and Mayor Maly added Kent County offers a senior discount.

*Tracy Torres – Newell's Creek*

Ms. Torres expressed her dismay for the lack of follow through as it pertains to the reduced assessment she received on her property last fiscal year, which was not reflected in the Town of Camden taxes. She stated she had spoken with Ms. Driggins who in turn spoke with former Mayor Mooney with regard to this matter. Ms. Torres recalled a promise of a tax credit.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to adjourn the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Green seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to accept Councilman Green's budget (JG18). Motion failed.

Councilman Lewin amended the motion to include JG18 as option "C" in the proposals. This motion was seconded by Councilman King. The vote was unanimous and the motion to include Councilman Green's proposed budget with Proposals A & B passed.

A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewin to accept Councilman Green’s proposed budget known as “Option C”, seconded by Councilman King. On roll call the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Green, Casquarelli, King, Lewin, Maly  
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

**New Business**

*Resolution 2011-R-01 “Budget”*

Ms. Klauder read the above referenced resolution by title only. She stated said resolution is based upon Councilman Green’s proposal which was approved at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

*Resolution 2011-R-02 “Tax Rate”*

Ms. Klauder read the above referenced resolution by title only. She state said resolution sets the specific rates outlined in the budget as approved by Council at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adopt Resolutions 2011-R-01 & 2011-R-02. On roll call the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Green, Casquarelli, King, Lewin, Maly  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion was carried.

*Allied Waste Collection Schedule*

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King to reinstate the weekly trash and recycle collection, and add a bi-weekly collection of yard waste materials at no additional cost to the Town. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

NONE

**Council Comments**

Councilman Green asked Council to review Mr. Plumley’s request to open a line of credit in order to discuss same at the July meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

*Charlotte L. Klauder*  
Town Clerk