

Town of Camden
Regular Meeting of Council
July 11, 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	Kevin Casquarelli, Councilman John Green, Councilman Justin King, Councilman Jeffrey Lewin, Councilman Richard Maly, Mayor
Solicitor	Craig Eliassen, Esq.
Administrative Staff	Charlotte L. Klauder, Town Clerk James O. Plumley, III, Town Manager Capt. Gary Melvin, 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 June 14, 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

- Correspondence – 2011 Drinking Water Quality Report
- New Business – Letter from Council to CWSWA Board Members regarding FOIA

Announcements

None

Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to approve the June 6th minutes as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Correspondence

- The Annual 2011 annual Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report for the Period of January 1 through December 31, 2010
Mayor Maly stated this report will be available in Town Hall and will be posted on the website within a week.
- Letter received from Sen. Carper referencing a meeting to review the energy grant progress with Camden-Wyoming Fire Department

Finance Report (attachment)

Mr. Plumley reviewed the May and June finance reports as submitted to Council. Councilman Green stated he and Councilman Casquarelli would like to meet with Mr. Plumley with regard to what the reports should look like going forward. Mr. Plumley expressed appreciation and welcomed the input of Council. He also indicated the current report is printed from the Edmunds Finance system and depicts all of the items Council is desirous of seeing reflected in the reports.

Mr. Plumley stated the Town is financially good until the middle of September. He indicated he had applied with WSFS for a line of credit; however based on the report he does not feel it will be necessary to proceed. Councilman Green requested monthly monitoring of the budget in order to avoid borrowing.

Town Manager's Report (attachment)

Mayor Maly

Police Department Report (attachment)

Capt. Melvin reported the following information:

- 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 18th.

C.W.S.W.A.

Ms. Tracy Green reported the next scheduled CWSWA meeting would be held 7:00 p.m., July 11th, at the CWSWA facility located on S. West Street. She stated the board of directors will begin the budget process in August and encouraged Council and residents to attend.

Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Tracy Green reported the status of the Harriet Tubman Byway stressing the significant role Camden played in the Underground Railroad.

Mayor's Report (attachment)

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

- Detailed explanation of the tax rate increase and the numerous public hearings and workshops that took place with regard to same over the course of a year.
- Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Rates

Old Business / Public Hearing

Thomas Harmon Drive Committee

Mayor Maly stated this report will be provided at the August 1st meeting.

New Business

Preliminary Audit Report – Mr. Frank DeFroda

Mr. DeFroda's preliminary report included but was not limited to the following:

- The preliminary audit rendered an unqualified opinion of a clean report
- Camden is solvent meaning assets meet current liabilities
- Revenue has declined while expenditures have increased. Management has developed a plan to monitor and address these matters.

Letter to the Camden Appointees to the CWSWA Board of Directors

Mayor Maly stated he had prepared a letter for signature by Council addressed to the three (3) appointees of the CWSWA as it pertains to adherence to F.O.I.A.

Mayor Maly and Councilman Green discussed their opposing views as it pertains to the CWSWA and their obligations to adhere to the F.O.I.A. request.

Councilman Green stated while he did not oppose the practice of F.O.I.A. compliance, he disagrees with the letter.

The following members of Council signed the letter as written, which will be hand delivered to the CWSWA on Tuesday, July 12th: Councilmen Casquarelli, King, Lewin and Mayor Maly. Councilman Green declined signature

Public Comment

Linda Moore – Thomas Harmon Drive

Ms. Moore expressed her opinion that the CWSWA salaries should be made public. She also questioned status of delinquent taxes. Messrs. Plumley and Eliassen briefly explained the due process as it relates to collection of taxes involving homeowner associations.

Angel Ponterez – Tamarac

Ms. Ponterez suggested amateur softball games as a fundraising effort. Mayor Maly requested a written proposal for future consideration.

Tracey Green – South Main Street

Ms. Green suggested Council and citizens attend the August CWSWA meeting to voice their concerns and questions as the CWSWA will begin the budget process at that time.

Jill Fuchs – Barclay Farms

Ms. Fuchs expressed her desire for transparency within the dealings of the CWSWA.

Mimi Farrell – Tamarac

Ms. Farrell stated the Tamarac Development did not have a homeowner association. Mr. Plumley stated there are deed restrictions which relate to open space maintenance.

Council Comments

Councilman Green clarified he is not “pro” CWSWA; however he has a personal objection to publicizing salaries.

Adjournment

At 8:32 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Green, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlotte L. Klauder
Town Clerk