

Town of Camden
Regular Meeting of Council
August 1, 2011
Town of Camden Municipal Building

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Maly called the Camden Town Council Meeting to order.

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	Lisa Driggins, Account Specialist James O. Plumley, III, Town Manager 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 July 11, 2011, copies of the agenda in the following manner:

- a. The official bulletin boards; and
- b. The official website.

Call to order

At this time, Mayor Maly introduced members of Boy Scout Troop 36-34 to come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Maly asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition of our troops currently serving and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Mr. Lewin also asked for a moment in recognition of the passing of General John Shalikashvili, Chairman Joint Chiefs of staff from 1993-1997.

Amendments to the Agenda

- Thomas Harmon Road committee Report will be given under Mayor report and not Old Business.

Announcements

- Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 5, 2011 in observance of Labor Day.

- Due to the holiday Recycling and Trash collection will be delayed one day.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green, to approve the July 11th minutes as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Finance Report (attachment)

Mr. Plumley reviewed the July finance reports as submitted to Council. Councilman Green apologized to Mr. Plumley for not coming in to go over the Finance Reports with him. Mr. Plumley welcomed him to come over anytime.

Town Manager's Report (attachment)

Mr. Plumley's report includes but not limited to the following:

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- MSAF
- Storm drain catch basin repair project
- Old Town Hall is now listed with ERA Harrington
- 118 N. Main Street
- Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is organizing a Walkable communities Workshop for Thursday, September 15, 2011.
- 218 Camden-Wyoming Avenue

Police Department Report (attachment)

Chief Bryson reported the following information:

- 1437 hours on duty
- 338 hours of routine patrol
- 133 traffic arrests
- 57 traffic warnings
- 34 criminal arrests
- 4% increase in calls for the month of June versus same time last year

C.W.F.D.

Mr. Elton Thomas reported the following data:

- 66 Fire Alarms
- 182 Ambulance Calls

Mr. Thomas reminded residents of the all you can eat breakfast on August 7th for \$8.00.

C.W.S.W.A.

Mr. Mark Dyer reported the next scheduled CWSWA meeting would be held 7:00 p.m., August 9th, at the CWSWA facility located on S. West Street. Mayor Maly asked Mr. Dyer if the budget is on the agenda and if the public can speak. Mr. Dyer stated yes the budget is on the agenda and it is not a public meeting so the public cannot speak.

Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Toner said the potluck dinner was a success and over 70 people attended. The next scheduled meeting is August 16th at Barclay Farms at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be from Delaware ghost hunters.

Mayor's Report (attachment)

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

- Newell's Creek, Thomas Harmon Drive

Old Business / Public Hearing

Mr. Frank DeFroda did not attend the meeting to give the 2010 audit report.

New Business

Resolution 2011-R-03 "All Hazard Mitigation Plan"

Mr. Plumley read by title only resolution 2011-R-03:

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King, to approve the resolution 2011-R-03. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Maly opened the floor to Council for questions.

Mr. Lewin questioned the responsibility and expectations of Council during a catastrophic incident happened? Will this directly affect this building? Mr. Lewin also wanted to know if there was a mutual aid agreement. Mayor Maly wanted to know if there was a deadline.

Above motion was defeated because council didn't have significant information. Mr. Plumley will research and will report back to Council.

Auto Zone – Request for release of the Performance Bond

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to approve the release of the performance bond for Auto Zone. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Comment

Deirdre Milanes – 28 Fellowship Drive

Ms. Milanes expressed her dismay over the increase in taxes from last year. Ms. Milanes thinks the tax increase is outrageous.

Tracey Torres – 15 Kathleen Court

Ms. Torres asked council to consider payment plans (i.e. Quarterly or twice a year.)

Carl Willoughby– CWFD President

Mr. Willoughby commented on the Newell’s Creek meeting which will be held on Thursday. He stated every second counts and closing the road will slow emergency vehicles down. He does not want to see Newell’s Creek residents to be affected by the road closed.

Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Drive

Ms. Moore wanted to know if emergency vehicles will still have access. Mayor Maly stated yes.

Kenneth Cassaro – 16 Fred Circle

Mr. Cassaro stated he doesn’t see a problem with closing the road. Newell’s Creek has two entrances and this will not cause a problem for emergency vehicles. Mr. Cassaro stated everyone knows Newell’s Creek is a short cut from Alternate route 13 to Route 13 (Walmart).

Ann Burke – 22 South Main Street

Ms. Burke wanted to make the residents and police aware that suspicious people are walking up and down Main Street. These individuals walked up her driveway and looked in her garage. She stated we all need to be careful.

Council Comments

Councilman Green said to Councilman Lewin and Mr. Plumley the letter to 118 N. Main Street looks great. He said let’s move forward and not drop the issue.

Adjournment

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

*Lisa Driggins
Account Specialist*