

**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 in the following manner: on the official bulletin board, official town web site, the electronic sign, published in the Delaware State News on November 20<sup>th</sup> & December 4<sup>th</sup>., published in the Dover Post on November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, mailing a notice to every residence and homeowner of properties on Thomas Harmon Drive, and mailing notice to each business and property owners with the Camden Town Center and Shoppes at Town Center.

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

Present for this meeting were Mayor Maly, Councilman Casquarelli, Councilman King and Councilman Lewin. (Councilman Green was absent) Also present were Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Town Manager Jim Plumley, Police Chief William Bryson and Town Clerk Charlotte Klauder.

**AMENDMENTS**

- Proclamation recognizing Chief Harold Scott, Jr. (This matter was rescheduled)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Town Hall will be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 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 King, and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote to approve the regular session minutes from November 7, 2011, as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**REPORTS**

On motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman King, and carried by a unanimous favorable voice vote approved the November Finance report subject to audit.

Mr. Plumley's report included but was not limited to the status of 118 North Main Street and the Energy Grant funds. Discussion followed.

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity resulting in an 18% increase from October 2010.

Ms. Tracey Green was present on behalf of the Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority, reporting scheduled maintenance on the water tower for December 7<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Tracey Green reported the Friends of Camden were working in a partnership with Kent County Tourism relative to the Goggin House at Brecknock Park, and they are very active in the Underground Railroad Byway. She also thanked Ms. Klauder for organizing the Tree Lighting.

Mr. Tom Rigby introduced himself as the incoming Fire Chief.

Mayor Maly stated he did not submit a formal report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC HEARING**

*Resolution 2011-R-05 "Closure of Thomas Harmon Drive to eastbound traffic at the boundary of Newell's Creek and Camden Town Center"*

Ms. Klauder read resolution 2011-R-05 into the record by title only.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to recess the regular meeting and enter into public hearing. Upon favorable voice vote the motion carried.

Mayor Maly noted a correction to the report approved at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, specifically the 4000 +/- traffic count depicts traffic in both directions.

At this time Mayor Maly opened the floor to those members of the public in favor of the proposed road closure.

*Linda Moore – Newell's Creek*

Ms. Moore stated the street is busy.

*Margie Bray – Newell's Creek*  
three (3) children.

Ms. Bray cited loss of property value and safety for her

*Lisa Hale – Newell's Creek*

Ms. Hale spoke to cars running the stop sign.

*Gloria Best – Newell's Creek*

Ms. Best commented on excessive and speeding traffic.

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*Jose Orlando – Newell’s Creek* Mr. Orlando complimented the “author” of the traffic report.

*Susan Lamb – Newell’s Creek* Ms. Lamb remarked on the number of cars and accidents.

Hearing no more comments from the public in favor, Mayor Maly opened the floor to the public opposed to the road closure.

*Larry Tarabicos, Esq. – Representative of the Owners of Camden Town Center* Mr. Tarabicos stated the owners of the Camden Town Center are entirely opposed to the proposed closure. He stated the road was constructed as approved, implementing the approved planning tools. Mr. Tarabicos indicated his clients ask that this matter be tabled until such time that they have an opportunity to provide input from their standpoint as is their right. He further stated he observed traffic at the intersection of Thomas Harmon Drive and Newell’s Creek Drive from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and has written down the concerns of the residents expressed this evening. He asked for an opportunity to review this information with his clients and their engineers.

*Ken Cassero – Newell’s Creek* Mr. Cassero expressed his disdain over the approval of the “thoroughfare”.

*Gloria Best – Newell’s Creek* Ms. Best questioned if there were any other developments with a “through” street. Mr. Plumley stated there were, citing Tamarac as an example.

*Tracy Torres – Newell’s Creek* Ms. Torres stated the design was not approved by DelDOT with driveways on the road. She also stated Tidbury would not have a “through” street. Ms. Klauder interjected stating the street currently known as Mardella Drive would be a through street from Route 13 eventually tying into Lochmeath Way. Ms. Klauder further reported the planned connective road from the Tidbury development into Newell’s Creek, by way of connection to Lone Tree Drive.

*Susan Savage – Camden Commons* Ms. Savage expressed her support of the residents desiring the closure.

*Alfonso Torres – Newell’s Creek* Mr. Torres questioned whether or not Council will consider the complaints of Tibury Crossing when the inter-connective roadways are complete. He stated Council need to listen to the comments of the entire Town not just Newell’s Creek.

*Waleska Novoa – Newell’s Creek* Ms. Novoa expressed concern for children’s safety, specifically her disabled son.

*Bobbi Toner – Barclay Farms* Ms. Toner expressed understanding of the residents’ concerns.

*Ann Burke – Main Street* Ms. Burke expressed understanding and support of the residents’ concerns.

*Margie Bray – Newell’s Creek* Ms. Bray stated her concern is relative to the sheer volume of traffic on Thomas Harmon Drive.

Motion made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the public comment and reopen the regular meeting. Upon favorable voice vote, the motion carried.

Councilman Green questioned the Charter requirements relative to street closures, i.e. notification method. Mr. Eliassen stated the Charter is very clear; Council can make modifications provided it has gathered sufficient information.

Mayor Maly reported the history of the project, the concerns for public safety, the resulting report and public notifications. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to accept Resolution 2011-R-05, contingent upon funding from the State. On roll call the following vote was recorded:

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

The motion passes by a unanimous vote of Council and is carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Bobbi Toner thanked Ms. Klauder and Ms. Driggins for their efforts relative to the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Ms. Linda Moore thanked Mayor and Council for taking the needs of the residents of Newell’s Creek into consideration.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilman King expressed gratitude to Ms. Klauder, Ms. Driggins and Mr. Plumley for their efforts to make the Tree Lighting a success.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, and carried by a unanimous voice vote the regular session was recessed at 8:15 p.m. to open an Executive Session to discuss matters relative to personnel. Upon favorable voice vote the motion carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:40 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