

Town of Camden
Regular Meeting of the Council
May 3, 2010
Town of Camden Municipal Building

At 7:01 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 and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The following persons were in attendance:

Council Members	Kevin Casquarelli, Councilman (ABSENT) Kenneth Fuchs, Councilman Jeffrey Lewin, Councilman Laura G. van Rooten, Councilwoman Richard Maly, Mayor
Solicitor	Craig T. Eliassen, Esq.
Administrative Staff	James O. Plumley, Town Manager Charlotte L. Klauder, Town Clerk / LUA Lt. Howard Fortner, Camden Police Dept.
Public	Attachment #1

Notice

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Delaware Open Public Meetings Act by posting on April 26, 2010, copies of the agenda in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign on Voshell Mill Road; and
- b. The bulletin board in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex; and
- c. The bulletin board in the main lobby of the Municipal Building; and
- d. The Town Hall lobby on the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building; and
- e. The Official Website.

Amendments to the Agenda

Mayor Maly announced there were no amendments made to this evening's agenda.

Mayoral Announcements (Attachment #2)

Mayor Maly presented Proclamations of Appreciation in recognition of their distinguished service to the Town of Camden and for their tireless commitment to maintain a level of excellence in achieving the goals and aspirations of the residents of the historic Town of Camden to the following former elected officials:

- Mr. Mark Babbitt for 12 years of service as Councilman
- Mr. James O. Plumley III, for 11 years of service as Planning Commissioner, Councilman and Vice Mayor
- Mr. Richard Snyder for 9 years of service as a member of the Board of Adjustment, Councilman and Vice Mayor
- Robert Mooney for 6 years of service as Mayor (This proclamation was read into the record as Mayor Mooney was unable to attend)

Minutes (Attachment #3)

Motion made by Councilwoman van Rooten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fuchs, to approve the April 5, 2010, regular meeting minutes as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Attachment #4)

A motion was made by Councilwoman van Rooten, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to approve the April 2010 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Town Manager Report (Attachment #5)

Mr. Plumley advised the Council that he and the Chief were in the process of prioritizing the renovation of the rooms damaged by the sprinkler leak a few months ago.

Public Works

Mr. Plumley stated that he will be assisting the Public Works department by mowing grass one (1) day per week. He also reported the street-sweeper has been in utilized since its return from maintenance repair and Mr. Scott is currently working out a schedule for cleaning the streets of our Town on regular basis.

Land Use

Mr. Plumley announced the Building Department has officially implemented the new permit applications. He stated he has always had a frustration with amount of time spent on answering questions and the new, simplified forms should be of great help to Ms. Klauder.

Mr. Plumley also reported he had taken the time to write a 15 page draft of standards as they pertain to planning. He stated that he had three (3) objectives when he took the job of Town Manager, those being Finances of the Town, Codification of the Ordinances and Zoning. He indicated the first two (2) objectives have been met and he is working on the Zoning now. Mr. Plumley indicated he submitted his paper on standards to the Office of State Planning and Ms. Connie Holland touted his praises as no other community in the state has such a document. She has also assured him 100% use of any resources required through her department. Mr. Plumley further commented that he and Ms. Klauder will be meeting with Mr. Fazio of Remington, Vernick & Beach to go over the contract he submitted for the revision of the Zoning Ordinances, the direction he would like to take the Planning Department as well as the affects

this vision will have on the Comprehensive Plan as a whole. He further stated that once that meeting has occurred it is his intention to bring the Planning Commission and Public onboard via public workshops and/or hearings.

Friends of Historic Camden

Mr. Plumley reported he has been involved in several meetings with the Friends of Historic Camden with regard to the Goggin House located in Brecknock Park. He indicated the structure is the oldest in Kent County and as Levy Court does not appear to be interested in doing anything with the house; and it is the desire of the Historic Association to acquire and renovate the structure. He stated he will do his best to ensure this happens and plans to meet with Commissioner Sweeney as well as the Friends of Historic Camden to open a dialogue.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Plumley advised the Council that the problematic property located in Chapel Croft is 100% cleaned up. He stated neighbors have been consistently calling to praise the efforts of the Town with regard to this matter. He also indicated the only matter left to be dealt with is the bamboo, which he is currently collaborating with the U of D and Department of Agriculture in order to extricate the bamboo safely as the sprouts and roots affect five (5) neighboring properties.

At this time Mayor Maly asked Council if there were any questions pertaining to Mr. Plumley's report.

Councilman Lewin stated it was his understanding money has gone into the rehabilitation of the Goggin house; however the infrastructure would need complete renovation. He also asked if there was a source of funds that would assist with the required renovations. Mr. Plumley stated the Historic Society, as a nonprofit organization, is in a better position to receive grants.

Police Department Report (Attachment #6)

Lt. Howard Fortner briefly reviewed the police report, including but not limited to arrests for a sex crime (flasher in Wal-Mart) and drug possession. He also addressed concerns regarding use of headlights by reading the code into the record.

Lt. Fortner also advised the public to utilize 911 for emergencies, and 739-4863 for non-emergency matters, as any patrolmen are on the road during off hours and not available to answer telephone calls. He stated the police department has printed out handouts as well as placed refrigerator magnets inclusive of emergency contact information in the back of the room for residents to take home.

Land Use Report (Attachment #7)

Ms. Klauder stated the regular Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission meetings were canceled due to a lack of business. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

May 19, 2010 pending business.

Ms. Klauder thanked Mr. Plumley and Ms. Palombo for their assistance with creating the informational pamphlets which will accompany the new permit applications she created. She stated the new forms will streamline permitting.

C.W.F.D.

Mr. Doc Neese reported the fund drive was close to making its mark. He stated funding is crucial as it takes approximately \$780,000 to operate the department, and the members are responsible for generating 61% of that goal through fundraising efforts.

Mr. Neese announced the CW@FD would be having a spaghetti dinner on May 7th, in addition breakfast fundraisers held the first Sunday of the month. He thanked the town for allowing the department to advertise their efforts on the marquis sign on Voshell Mill Road.

C.W.S.W.A.

Ms. Green stated their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. She announced the Authority submitted recommendations for revising rates for usage approximately two (2) months ago. She encouraged the public to submit alternate ideas for maintaining revenue without increasing rates.

Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Toner reported the success of the 3rd Annual Historic Camden Tour. Mr. Green publicly thanked Mr. Plumley for his efforts to ensure the streets were cleaned as well as properties maintained prior to the tour.

Public Comments

Tom Eichler – 17 N. Main Street

Mr. Eichler expressed his concerns with regard to what he perceives as a speeding on Main Street through the historic district. Mr. Eichler offered the use of his driveway to the Police Department in order to monitor the speed of motorists.

Executive Session

At 8:00 p.m. a motion as made by Councilwoman van Rooten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fuchs, to recess the regular meeting and open executive session. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made at by Vice Mayor Fuchs, seconded by Councilwoman van Rooten, to recess the executive session and open the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjournment

At 9:26 p.m. a motion was made by Vice Mayor Fuchs, seconded by Councilwoman van Rooten to adjourn the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlotte L. Klauder
Town Clerk