

Town of Camden
Regular Meeting of the Council
August 2, 2010
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 and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The following persons were in attendance:

Council Members	Kevin Casquarelli, Councilman 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 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 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 Town Hall lobby on the 3rd floor of the Municipal Building; and
- d. The Official Website.

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Mayoral Announcements

Mayor Maly announced the public workshop scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 9th at the Camden-Wyoming Fire Department, 200 E. Camden-Wyoming Avenue. He stated the purpose of the workshop is to afford Camden's residents and business owners an opportunity to provide input on the FY 2010/2011 deficit reduction.

At this time Mayor Maly invited everyone to sing “Happy Birthday” to Ms. Amy Dill celebrating her 65th birthday. The meeting was then recessed for 10 minutes for cake and coffee. (7:05-7:15 p.m.)

Correspondence

- As requested, the Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority provided the most current Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for the year ending September 30, 2009.
- The Town received a letter dated July 1, 2010, from DelDOT pertaining to certification of money due each municipality from the State Municipal Street Aid Fund. (This matter will be addressed in the Town Manager’s report)

Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Fuchs, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to approve the July 12, 2010, regular meeting minutes as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Town Manager Report

Mr. Plumley’s report included but was not limited to the following:

- The State’s General Assembly approved distribution of \$4,000,000 in Municipal Street Aid Funding, based 60% on mileage and 40% on population. As a result, Camden will receive \$52,749.25.
- General Code Publishers has confirmed Phase 1 of the codification of ordinances is scheduled for completion by September.
- The Streetscape Enhancement project is currently under construction. The project is scheduled for completion by mid-October.
- The Town is collaborating with Kent Conservation District relative to enclosing Gibbs Ditch with a properly sized culvert.
- Thanked Mr. & Mrs. Burke for hosting the community picnic on the 27th.

Police Department Report

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

- 2098 hours on duty
- 291 hours regular patrol
- 243 hours department training
- 103 hours community service

- 171 traffic arrests
- 42 warnings were issued
- 46 criminal arrests (3 drug, 5 assault, 2 theft, 23 shoplifting, 13 other)
- 1 sex crime (resident exposing themselves in their doorway on Prattis Street)
- Drug arrests were related to cocaine/heroin
- 293 calls were received in June 2010 compared to 279 in June 2009

Land Use Report

Ms. Klauder's report included but was not limited to the following:

- Board of Adjustment / Planning Commission did not meet in July
- Planning Commission scheduled to hear a conditional use application relative to First Pilgrim Baptist Church's request for daycare on August 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Board of Adjustment / Planning Commission will meet in September for the purpose of reorganizing
- Over the past several weeks, Ms. Klauder has been cataloguing and archiving Land use and Building Permit files, as well as successfully correcting mapping issues as they pertain to old annexations
- 10 permits issued as of the report date (TOC \$8606.07, CWFD \$629.36, CRFD \$1077.92)
- 12 inspections as of the report date

C.W.F.D.

Mr. "Doc" Neese's July report included but was not limited to the following:

- 22 fire alarms / 82 ambulance calls
- YTD 352 fire alarms / 1316 ambulance calls
- He felt the fund drive was successful; however reminded everyone 61% of the department's budget is raised through fund raisers.
- CWFD is considering a crab feast for a potential fund drive

Councilman Casquarelli questioned whether or not there was ever a restriction relative when the fire alarm. Mr. Neese stated at one time there was however he would have to defer to the Chief for further explanation/statement.

C.W.S.W.A.

Mr. Mark Dyer reported the next scheduled CWSWA meeting would be held August 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman van Rooten stated upon review of the financial reports submitted by the CWSWA, she was uncomfortable with public funds being utilized for personal loans. She further indicated her regret that the Town did not have a better understanding of what was going on considering we have three members on the Board.

Mr. Dyer stated the personal loans were in fact restitution matters due to a personnel matter, specifically pertaining to a former employee.

Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Bobbi Toner thanked the Burkes for hosting the annual picnic. She stated approximately 65 people were present and a great time was had by all.

Old Business/Public Hearing

None

New Business

Mayor Maly announced the retirement of Mr. John Hart as Chairman of the Planning Commission. He thanked Mr. Hart for his years of service.

At this time, Mayor Maly nominated Mr. Justin King to the Planning Commission effective September 1, 2010.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Fuchs, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to accept the nomination of Mr. King effective September 1, 2010. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Comments

Amy Dill – 39 S. Main Street

Ms. Dill expressed her gratitude for the birthday wishes and cake.

Charles Altevogt – 15 N. Main Street

Mr. Altevogt stated the streetscape enhancement project was 100% state and federally funded.

Keith Garris – 16 East Street

Mr. Garris questioned whether or not the Town currently had a “decency” code as he and his daughter are personally offended by the “younger generation’s” penchant for wearing their pants low, with their undergarments showing. Mayor Maly stated Council will review the ordinances and report back.

Councilman Jeff Lewin – 7 Vining Run

Mr. Lewin took a moment to recognize Mr. Hart for his many years of service as a Planning Commissioner and Chairman. He stated Mr. Hart is a true professional and is deserving of recognition tonight.

Executive Session /Adjournment

Mayor Maly stated Council would not be meeting in Executive Session, therefore he asked for a motion to adjourn.

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman van Rooten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fuchs to adjourn the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlotte L. Klauder
Town Clerk