

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
December 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council meeting is being held in compliance with Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on November 26, 2012, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign; and
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards; and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site; and
- d. Publication in the Delaware State News on November 15, 2012

Liam Bush, W.B. Simpson Student Council Vice President led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edmanson led attendees in a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Edmanson, Vice Mayor King, Councilman Casquarelli, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Green.

Council Absent: None

Staff Attending: Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Amanda Wooleyhand, Chief William Bryson, Detective Marc Whitney, and Town Solicitor, Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli asked for Mayor to add potential use for base rental amount received from tenants to Old Business. Mayor Edmanson asked for it to be put on January's agenda under Old Business since the Towns Financial Officer Patrick is not present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Hall will be closed December 25th-January 1st.
- The Town of Camden will be hosting their first annual "Caroling in Camden" event on December 7, 2012. Please see flyer attached to the Agenda.
- MUNICIPAL ELECTION is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2012 from 12-8pm at the Camden Municipal Building. We currently have one council set open. Qualified parties may submit a letter of intent to the Town Clerk no later than the close of business on Friday, January 25, 2013.
- Open seat(s) available for Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments; please send letter of intent to Mayor Edmanson.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the November 5, 2012 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Edmanson stated he received a resignation letter from Planning Commission Chairman Perry Ehli. He thanked Mr. Ehli for his time on the Planning Commission and wished him the best of luck on his move.

FINANCE REPORT

Absent

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Councilman Green asked Chief Bryson if the Town had enough police coverage.

Chief Bryson stated it is really tight; Captain Melvin and Detective Whitney have been covering shifts since one of the officers was in a car accident.

Councilman Green asked for an estimate to what it would cost for the Town to hire another officer; salary, uniforms, car, etc., and if the Town could apply for another Cop Grant.

Chief Bryson stated there is no Cop Grant out there as of right now.

Councilman Green asked Chief Bryson when the Town had to pay for the fourth year of the Cop Grant for one of the officers.

Chief Bryson stated after January 2014.

Councilman Green suggested setting aside money for the fourth year now.

Councilman Dougherty asked Chief Bryson when the police should receive the new patrol vehicle that was approved at the last council meeting.

Captain Bryson stated he ordered the new patrol vehicle and it should be here in a few weeks.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the repairs of 10 catch basins have been completed. On-Site Construction ran into a few problems in Tamarac but it would not change the bottom line on

the price. The Town has received a bill for the first 7, and all catch basins should be repaired within the next few weeks.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that after looking into the stop lights issue he was informed that in 1996 an agreement was signed between Del-Dot and Town of Camden that the Town would pay the electric bills for the stop lights.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that 118 N. Main Street is up for Sheriff Sale on January 3, 2013 and the Towns solicitor is involved with this process.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that Hiott will start the duct work repair on December 10, 2012.

Councilman Green expressed his concern about the hours at Town Hall and the Holiday Schedule. He stated that he has been told by residents that they did not know when Town Hall was opened or closed.

Mr. Chaffinch stated Town Hall is opened from 8:00-4:00 p.m.; however, he and Amanda Wooleyhand were hired to work 8:00-4:30 p.m.

Councilman Casquarelli asked the status of the old police building.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Lessard and they extended the contract until January 31, 2013.

Councilman Casquarelli asked the status on the projects in Town.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that CNB had their ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday and Redners and Cheddars are still on schedule.

Mayor Edmanson asked Mr. Chaffinch to contact Joe Parks and put a sign up at the old police building that says "Under Contract" instead of "sold."

Mayor Edmanson told Council if they have any questions in regards to the contract with Mr. Lessard to talk to Mr. Chaffinch individually.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 209 ambulance calls and 52 fire calls.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

No member present.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green stated that if anyone had cookies for the Caroling in Camden event this Friday to drop them off to Delaware Bay Trading Company.

The Friends of Historic Camden is selling raffle tickets for 1st National Bank of Wyoming as a fundraiser to benefit Brecknock Restoration. Tickets are \$5.00 for one or \$10.00 for three.

Mrs. Green stated that the Brecknock Manor House fundraiser is on April 7th, 2012 at the Schwartz Center. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Mrs. Green stated that the Harriet Tubman UGRR Byway-Commemorative Activities is March 9-10, 2013.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson stated that the Caroling in Camden event is this Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Edmanson thanked all the businesses for their contribution towards the event;
Jonny Nichols-donating the tree
Wal-Mart-donating the lights
Friends of Historic Camden & Residents of Barclay Farms-Cookies
Kiwanis-Hot Chocolate and Coffee
Kettle Ringers

Mayor Edmanson stated that he is proud to be a part of the Town of Camden. After attending the ribbon cutting ceremony he applauds the business office and police for the kind words that CNB had spoken about the Town.

PRESENTATION

L&W Insurance

Bill Strickland from L&W Insurance presented packets to Mayor and Council in regards to the employee Health Benefits.

Mr. Strickland discussed different plans and rates for the employees' Health Insurance.

Mr. Strickland recommended Blue Cross Blue Shield EPO plan. He thinks this plan will benefit the Town and the Employees. He also recommended changing the renewal date to be in concert with our fiscal year.

Mr. Strickland stated he will get with Aaron in regards to changing the renewal date.

Councilman Green thanked Mr. Strickland for presenting the information and asked Mr. Chaffinch to keep the Financial Officer Patrick in the loop of things.

PUBLIC HEARING

209 Center Street, Tax Map #NM-7-02-094.07-02-12.00-000, Zone R-2 (Single Family Residential). Application submitted for rezoning lot to Zone R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. King from Kings Carpentry stated to Mayor and Council that in order for him to sub-divide his property into two separate parcels he has to change the zoning from R-2 to R-1 in order to meet the lot size requirements.

John Fifer-Willow Grove Road asked what is the different between R-2 and R-1?

Town Clerk Amanda Wooleyhand stated there are different lot size and set back requirements for the zones. Although the property and surrounding property falls in R-2, the majority of the lots do not meet the lot size requirements for R-2. She explained that the Zoning Ordinance changed last year and that could be the reason they do not match our code book.

Mayor Edmanson asked if any residents were in favor of the re-zoning of 209 Center St.

Susan Savage-302 Meeting House Ln stated she was in favor of the re-zoning.

Linda Moore-168 Thomas Harmon Dr stated she was in favor of the re-zoning.

Mayor Edmanson asked if anyone was opposed of the re-zoning of 209 Center Street.

None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

209 Center Street-Application submitted for rezoning

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to approve the rezoning application for 209 Center Street, Tax Map #NM-7-02-04.07-02-12.00-000 as submitted. All in favor; none opposed.

Council Chambers TV's

Chief Bryson said he met with Martel's and we are not able to mount another TV on the backside of the one that hangs from the ceiling. Martel's recommendation was to use the existing brackets and replace the TV's that face the audience.

Councilman Green asked Detective Whitney if he could see two 40" TV's from where he was sitting.

Detective Whitney said he could.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to approve the purchase of two new TV's and surge protectors for the King Meeting Room. All in favor; none opposed.

Snow Plowing

Mr. Chaffinch stated that in the past Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority (CWSWA) has helped with the snow plowing in Town. He stated that if we choose not to go with them this year we have to rent equipment now because it will not be available if the Town waits too long.

Vice Mayor King stated that after looking at the CWSWA's rate sheet the Town will not find any other company cheaper. Vice Mayor King would like to make sure the rates provided are in fact for snow removal. He also stated that in the contract it needs to specifically say who will be driving and at what rate because the rate sheet has different rates depending on job title.

Chief Bryson stated he looked at the billing records from previous years and it shows the Town paid overtime rates for their employees.

Motion made by Vice Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve the Town Manager to write up a contract between the Town of Camden and Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority snow removal guaranteeing the rate sheet provided and all other concerns mentioned and to be effective upon signing of the Mayor and Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority. Roll Call;

Councilman Casquarelli-yes
Mayor Edmanson-Yes
Vice Mayor King-yes
Councilman Dougherty-yes
Councilman Green-no, does not agree

Motion carried.

Appointment of new members to CWSWA Board of Adjustments

Councilman Green asked Mrs. Blomquist why she would like to be on the board.

Mrs. Blomquist stated she has been investigating CWSWA since day one and would like to know why the rates and salaries are high.

Councilman Green asked Mr. Wood why he would like to be on the board.

Mr. Wood stated he would like to serve his community and be able to make important decisions.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve Jimmy Wood to a 3 year term on the CWSWA Board of Directors effective January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2015. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Green to approve Barbara Blomquist to a 1 year term on the CWSWA Board of Directors effective January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2013. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Storage

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the public works building sits on concrete and it extends out past the building.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the Code Enforcer Harold Scott suggested putting a chain link fence around the concreted area that extended out of the building.

Mayor Edmanson stated he did not like the idea of a chain link fence.

Councilman Green stated he would like to see a place inside the building for the bicycles.

Mayor Edmanson stated we had time to make a decision since the contract between the Town of Camden and Mr. Lessard was extended.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to table the bicycle storage and add it to next month's agenda under old business. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Green said he is excited to attend the Caroling in Camden event this Friday at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Town of Camden
December 3, 2012*

Regular Meeting Minutes

Amanda Wooleyhand, Town Clerk