

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
May 5, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on April 28, 2014, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards,
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site,
- d. Delaware State News, and
- e. News Journal.

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Councilman Green, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Council Absent: None

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Finance Officer John Kelly.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council will hold a Public Workshop Monday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Proposed FY 2014/2015 Draft Budget.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the April 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

Timothy Moore – 205 South St

Mr. Moore was not present.

FINANCE REPORT

John Kelly stated that revenue expenses are in line.

Mr. Kelly added that he has met with the department heads and has been primarily dealing with the budget since April 15th.

POLICE REPORT

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch announced that the Easter Egg hunt was a success and thanked the VFW for their help.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that there was a pot hole in Chapel Croft that Onsite Construction has taken care of.

Mr. Chaffinch thanked everyone that has been working hard on the draft budget.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Glenn Neese of the CWFD reported 188 medical calls and 31 fire calls.

Mr. Glenn Neese reminded residents that bingo is every Tuesday night, doors open at 5:30pm.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke announced that Old Camden Days will be May 17th at Brecknock Park.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Councilwoman Torres, Jamie, Amanda, and the VFW for all of their help on the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor King also thanked John Kelly, Amanda, Mr. Chaffinch, and Chief for making the budget as accurate as they possibly could.

PUBLIC HEARING

Flood Damage Reduction Ordinance #2014-O-02

Greg Williams explained that FEMA is making all of Delaware update their floodplain ordinances by July 7th, 2014.

Mr. Williams stated that Camden will not currently be affected in the flood rate.

OLD BUSINESS

New police officer position

Chief Bryson explained that there may be a grant soon to help with 75% of an officer's salary for the first 3 years of employment, but the Town would have to employ the officer for at least 4 years.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that he would like to hire an officer for good, not just for 4 years.

Chief Bryson asked Mayor and Council if he should move forward with filling out the application for the grant.

Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to have Chief fill out and submit the application.

Early bird discount – property taxes

This topic was tabled until the June 2, 2014 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Second reading of Flood Damage Reduction Ordinance #2014-O-02

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adopt Flood Damage Reduction Ordinance #2014-O-02. All in favor; none opposed.

HVAC Proposal – remove/replace condensing unit 2

Mr. Chaffinch read the proposal from John Hiott Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Inc. for a new condensing unit.

Mayor King stated that he wanted to keep Council and the public up to date with expenses.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to accept the proposal from John Hiott Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Inc to replace the condensing unit. All in favor; none opposed.

Draft budget

Mayor and Council presented the FY 2014/2015 budget in detail including but not limited to:

- Accounting software
- Trash vendor
- Police department salaries
- Restitution – Mark Moore
- Health Insurance

Councilman Casquarelli stated that this is the best budget that he has seen in the past five years.

Mayor King applauded everyone that worked on the budget for their great work.

Mayor King added that the Public Workshop is in 2 weeks.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the first reading of the draft budget for FY 2014/2015. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Fifer – 12102 Willow Grove Rd, thanked Chief for the home watch program.

Mr. Fifer also stated that he wanted to bring to everyone’s attentions the CWSWA rates. For 3 months of no usage he was charged \$78.44.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King thanked Mr. Chaffinch and Amanda for making the road repairs go smoothly.

Mayor King stated that he would like to see more roads in Camden repaired in the future and that he will continue to ask Senator Buschweller and Representative Blakey for assistance.

Councilman Casquarelli announced that he feels the street repair project turned out very good.

Vice-Mayor Green explained that he also felt the street repair project turned out great.

Vice-Mayor Green added that he would like to see Caroling in Camden happen again this year with our new Mayor.

Vice-Mayor Green thanked everyone for the great job on the budget.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he is glad the way this town has turned around.

Councilwoman Torres thanked Amanda and Jamie for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor King added that he thought the Easter Egg Hunt was great.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:58 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to go into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

To consider strategy with respect to pending and/or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.

At 9:42 p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to return from executive session into regular session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*