

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
June 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 May 23, 2014, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards, and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: Councilman Casquarelli

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the May 5, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the May 5, 2014 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the May 19, 2014 public workshop minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that he and Amanda have been working on fiscal year 2015 budget.

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 Town of Camden sign on the highway has been demolished but will be replaced.

Mr. Chaffinch added that property taxes will go out the beginning of July and will be due by close of business on September 30, 2014.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green thanked the town for all of the help with Old Camden Day.

Mrs. Green stated that the next regular meeting will be June 17th, 2014 at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

MAYOR

Mayor King applauded Amanda Marlow and John Kelly on their hard work on the FY 2015 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Early bird discount – property taxes

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the early bird discount for property taxes in the tax year 2014/2015. A discount will be given of \$20.00 if received in office by July 31st, 2014, and a discount of \$15.00 if received in office by August 29th, 2014. We do not accept post mark. Discount only applies if total balance due is paid in full. If the discount amount is not deducted from payment, a credit will remain on your account until the following tax year. All in favor; none opposed.

Police Union Presentation – discussion

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to discuss COLA. All in favor; none opposed.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned what the request for COLA was.

Councilman Dougherty explained that COPA requested 3% COLA at the May 5, 2014 Council Meeting.

Councilman Dougherty recommended to give the COPA 2% COLA effective July 1, 2014.

Mayor King requested to have COLA review put on the agenda prior to having future budgets approved by Council.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve a onetime 2% COLA for the police union employees effective July 1, 2014. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation resolutions – Tallman property & Frank Moore property

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the State Planning Office has brought to the Town's attention two annexation resolution errors that needed to be corrected.

Mr. Chaffinch read aloud the resolutions, title only.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to adopt Resolution # 2014-R-03. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to adopt Resolution # 2014-R-04. All in favor; none opposed.

Audit discussion

Mr. Chaffinch stated that Horthy & Horthy will be working on the FY 2012 and 2013 audits. Horthy & Horthy recommended Tom Josiah to be an unbiased party to assist with the audit.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Mr. Josiah charges \$80 an hour with a minimum of 4 hours.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to hire Tom Josiah at \$80 per hour, not to exceed 150 hours, for the audit requirements. All in favor; none opposed.

Draft budget – final reading

John Kelly explained that all comments made by Mayor and Council at the May 5, 2014 Council Meeting have been made and are reflected in this budget.

Mayor King recommended that the town employees not covered by the CPOA receive a 1% COLA effective July 1st, 2014.

Mayor King opened the floor to the public to discuss the draft budget.

Susan Savage – 302 Meeting House Ln, stated that she does not want to have taxes increased.

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to approve the final reading of the draft budget for FY 2014/2015 with a 2% COLA for the police union employees and a 1% COLA for the town employees not covered by the CPOA. Roll call:

Councilman Casquarelli: absent

Vice-Mayor Green: yes

Councilman Dougherty: yes

Councilwoman Torres: yes

Mayor King: yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*