

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
December 2, 2013**

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 the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on November 25, 2013, in the following manner:

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

Nellie Stokes 5th grade Student Government Association Representative Marquise Baine and 4th grade student government association representative Olivia Hudson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edmanson led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: None

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

AMENDMENTS

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to move to New Business WSFS new policy – banking fees after Minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed December 25th, 2013 through January 1st, 2014.

Caroling in Camden will be December 6th at 6:30 to 8:00pm at Town Square (Intersection of Main and Camden Wyoming Ave)

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the November 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

WSFS new policy – banking fees

Greg Baker representing WSFS Bank explained that there has recently been a conversion to all WSFS bank accounts.

Mr. Baker ensured Mayor and Council the Town of Camden will not be assessed these fees to any of the present or future business accounts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eshed Alston – Letter

Mr. Eliassen stated that he has spoken to Chief Bryson about the letter receive from Mr. Eshed Alston.

Mr. Eliassen explained the Police Officer discussed acted appropriately.

Mr. Eliassen added that the Town should take no farther action on this matter.

PRESENTATION

Steve Allis – Lexington Home Restorations, discussed that he felt building permit fees in Camden were too high.

Mr. Allis presented Mayor and Council with building permit fees from other towns.

Vice-Mayor King thanked Mr. Allis for his presentation and stated the town will look into the prices.

FINANCE REPORT

John Kelly stated he has met with the auditors and the audit is in process.

POLICE REPORT

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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Mr. Chaffinch reminded everyone that December 6th, rain or shine, is Caroling in Camden at Town Square from 6:30 – 8pm.

Mr. Chaffinch thanked Mr. Couming for his hard work on the CWSWA Board.

Councilman Green questioned how the paving project is going.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that due to the weather the project will have to be postponed until March.

Mayor Edmanson stated that his priority is to complete this project but wants to guarantee that it is done correctly.

Councilman Dougherty asked if the funding from the Representative Blakey and Senator Bushweller was secure if the project waited until March.

Mr. Chaffinch stated the funding is secured.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 220 medical calls and 44 fire calls.

Mr. Rigsby reminded resident's bingo every Tuesday night, doors open at 5:30pm.

Mayor Edmanson thanked Mr. Rigsby for his service.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Couming indicated that he would like to schedule a time to meet with committee members for the CWSWA.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green stated the next regularly scheduled meeting is December 17, 2013, 7:00pm at Barclay Farms.

Mrs. Green announced that annual dues are owed in January.

Mrs. Green added that Camden Day will be May 18th, 2014.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson announced that Camden will be hosting the second Caroling in Camden event on December 6th at Town Square.

Mayor Edmanson stated that there will be a fundraiser event December 15th at the Harrington Moose Lodge to raise money for Kimberly Proud.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall mortgage discussion

Mayor Edmanson stated that he would like to have the finance officer review payment options to pay down the mortgage.

John Kelly stated that he will work up scenarios on payment options.

Councilman Dougherty explained that with the one extra payment made, it lowered the mortgage time by about four months.

Councilman Casquarelli added that in 2004 there was a plan to pay down the mortgage in 5 years but due to a shortage in the expected homes being built this plan was not followed through with.

Mayor Edmanson asked to have this topic put back on the January 6th, 2014 agenda.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Ordinance – First Reading

Mr. Chaffinch reported the Planning Commission recommended the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Council on November 20th, 2013.

Councilman Green asked if there were any big changes to the Plan.

Mr. Chaffinch detailed that the Purple Route, current annexations, and small changes to the language will be included in the Amendment.

Mayor Edmanson explained that the Purple Route needed to be included in Camden's Comprehensive Plan so that DelDot can move forward with the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Snow removal – proposal

Mayor Edmanson stated the proposal from J&M Landscaping is generally the same as last year's contract.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the snow removal proposal from J&M Landscaping. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Edmanson added that the lighting of the tree will be during the Caroling in Camden Event on December 6th.

Vice-Mayor King asked if Chief Bryson had a recommendation he would like for a new police vehicle.

Chief Bryson stated that the fleet is aging but is still functional. His main priority right now is the portable and mobile radios that will be obsolete in two years.

Chief Bryson added that there is a trade in value of approximately \$1,000 per radio if turned in by December 31, 2015.

Mr. Dougherty added that Chief Bryson was recognized by the Delaware League of Local Governments as the Police Chief of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 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,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*