

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
July 7, 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 June 30, 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 Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Council Absent: Vice-Mayor Green

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property tax payments are due by September 30, 2014. Payments received after September 30th 4:00pm are subject to a 1.5% finance charge each month the account is rendered delinquent.

Second annual town-wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, 2014.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the June 2, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

Harvest Years Senior Center

Diane Amaroso – Harvest Years Center explained that the Center has open memberships. Annual membership is only \$12.

Mrs. Amaroso added that the Center has approximately 25 trips planned for the 2014.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Amaroso and Harvest Years.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that Mayor and Council have copies of two financial reports in their packets, one that shows the end of the fiscal year 2014 and one showing as of today.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if all the adjustment will be done by the August Council Meeting.

Mr. Kelly replied that yes the adjustments would be done.

POLICE REPORT

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

Mayor King added that he noticed that traffic contacts have gone up and that he sees more police presence.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson and the Camden police officers for all of their hard work.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch announced that all property tax bills have been sent out.

Mr. Chaffinch added that there are several potholes in town that need to be addressed and that he is going to reach out to our legislators to help with funding.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green invited Mayor, Council, to the annual picnic July 15th at 6pm.

MAYOR

Mayor King applauded Colonel, Amanda, and Jamie on all of their hard work.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for all that he does.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adopt Resolution #2014-R-05, A resolution Acknowledging The Request of the Camden-Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority to Annex the Properties Located at 3680 Upper King Road Consisting of two land parcels into the Incorporated Camden Town Limits. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Update

Citing information from a letter written by Mr. Tom Josiah, the town consultant for the audit, Mr. Chaffinch explained that the 2012 trial balance is complete and an estimated completion for 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be the middle of August.

Mr. Chaffinch added that Amanda Marlow has been a tremendous help to Mr. Josiah during the audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Torres explained that she called Kent County tax office to question the assessment changes for Newells Creek. Kent County tax office stated that some of the homes were assessed wrong in the development which caused a reevaluation of the entire development.

Mayor King added that the County is making their rounds. They reassessed his business a couple of weeks ago.

Councilman Casquarelli stated that he would like to discuss the Tamara grass cutting issue.

Mr. Eliassen recommended that this be placed as an item on the August 4th Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*