

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
February 1, 2016

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 January 22, 2016, in the following manner:

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

Vice-Mayor Green led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

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

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor King announced that there will not be a 2016 Town of Camden election due to Councilman Dougherty and Mayor King running unopposed.

Mayor King added that Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 15, 2016 for President's Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the January 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist, Amanda Marlow, reported that the quarterly tax billing has been mailed out. The auditors from Horty and Horty will be at the March Council Meeting to give Mayor and Council their report.

Chief Financial Officer, Tom Josiah stated that the Town has spent 50% and has completed six months of the year, so we are on track. He added that most of the revenue comes in the beginning of the year and then is spent throughout the year.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned if there was anything that was out of the ordinary.

Mr. Josiah replied that the school district expense was not put in the budget but it was a planned expense. He added that unless we get another large snow, we should be okay.

Mayor King explained that the Town needs to continue to watch what we are spending for the remainder of the year. He thanked Mr. Josiah for his report and continued excellent work.

Mr. Josiah announced that he and Mrs. Marlow would begin working on the new budget in March.

Mayor King indicated that he would like to be involved on the budgeting process as well.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson added that the new recruit will graduate from the academy February 12th. The new Tahoe is due in the next month or so.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned how the police fleet was holding up.

Chief Bryson replied that there is a Crown Vic that is falling apart.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if snow warnings were given out.

Chief Bryson reported that there were warnings issued and some doors had to be knocked on but there seemed to be some improvement.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the Town should go ahead and purchase another 2016 Tahoe now.

Chief Bryson stated that maybe they could order one so that it is ready and need to be paid for in the next fiscal year.

Mayor King asked to have the purchase of a new police vehicle on the March Council Agenda.

Chief Bryson added that if we continue with purchasing tow vehicles a year it will lessen the maintenance costs.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch congratulated Mayor King and Councilman Dougherty on their re-election.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Senator Buschweller and Representative Yearick gave the full amount for the ADA ramps which means that prevailing wages will not be necessary.

Mayor King added that there is no way we could have handled the snow without the help from the CWSWA and they have always had great rates for snow removal.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that there have been a few complaints but there was one individual that expressed great satisfaction with the snow removal.

Mayor King expressed that he felt Harold Scott Jr. did a great job and was prepared before the snow even started.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Dan Ridgeley reported that it has been a routine for the month. He added that the water tower on Upper King Road is about 75% complete and is due to be done by May 2016. He questioned when Center Street is due to be repaved.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he will be sure to notify the CWSWA before the work is to begin.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Ridgely for his report and asked him to thank everyone at the CWSWA especially those that assisted with the snow removal.

Vice-Mayor thanked Mr. Ridgeley for his report and his service.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green reported the board is meeting Thursday about the Brecknock Manor House repairs with Kent County. She added that Camden Day will again be in May this year.

VFW

Commander Garduno reported that the Post is dedicated to helping code purple shelters even in the snow. He also added that the Arctic Blast on January 30th was a success. He also added that the post will be hosting monthly classes once a month for those suffering from PTSD.

Mayor King thanked Commander Garduno for his continued service and assisting the community.

Vice-Mayor Green offered his assistance to Commander Garduno if he needs it delivering meals.

MAYOR

Mayor King explained that he is honored to continue to service the Town of Camden for another term. He stated that he is extremely proud of the entire Town of Camden staff.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2016-R-01 Resolution Adopting the 2015 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Kent County, Delaware for the Town of Camden, Delaware.

Mr. Chaffinch read the title to the public.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty; to adopt the Resolution #2016-R-01 Resolution Adopting the 2015 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Kent County, Delaware for the Town of Camden, Delaware. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Dr, asked to have Thomas Harmon given a little more attention for snow removal.

Pat Kelly – 62 Nanticoke Dr, thanked the Town for doing a great job with the snow. He also stated that he enjoys coming to the Council Meetings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli, Vice-Mayor Green, and Councilwoman Torres congratulated Mayor King and Councilman Dougherty on their reelection.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Eliassen for his outstanding service and always being on call for the Town for all of these years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 pm. 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*