

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 1, 2012**

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 Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on September 24, 2012, in the following manner:

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

Mayor Edmanson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

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

Council Absent: Vice Mayor King

Staff Attending: Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Amanda Wooleyhand, Code Enforcement Officer Harold Scott, Jr., Town Finance Office Patrick Cullen, Captain Gary Melvin and Town Solicitor, Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2012 in observance of Columbus Day

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to approve the September 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed. (Vice Mayor King; absent)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE REPORT

Patrick Cullen stated after a few months into the 2013 fiscal year there were no major areas of concern.

Mr. Cullen stated 83% of budget revenue has been collected, just under 2 million dollars.

Mr. Cullen stated informed Mayor and Council that Horty & Horty was eager to move forward with the audit.

POLICE REPORT

Captain Melvin report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Captain Melvin said the Town had the 5th Drug take back day and collected 128 pounds of unused/unwanted medicine.

Captain Melvin reported on the police vehicles and said the oldest vehicle, 04 Crown Vic, has 103,000 miles and cost the town \$3,600 dollars in repairs the previous year. This cost included but not limited to a new transmission and brakes.

Councilman Green asked Captain Melvin to acquire an estimate on a new police vehicle and would like the age and mileage of all the police vehicles at the next council meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch stated that one of the bills from Delmarva Power for street lights should have been paid by Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority (CWSWA). The amount of the charges over the years is \$4601.10. He has contacted CWSWA and hope the Town receives a reimbursement for these charges.

Mr. Chaffinch informed the Council that Judy Roberts Evans, a previous Town employee from 1984-1995, passed away.

Councilman Green thanked Mr. Chaffinch and Councilman Dougherty for their persistent hard work on the street light issues.

Mr. Chaffinch stated they are still in the process of reviewing what street lights are the Town's and will report back to Mayor and Council.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 245 ambulance calls and 38 fire calls.

Mr. Tom Rigsby reminded everyone that time changes soon and it's a good time to change the batteries in the smoke detectors.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mark Dyer discussed the on-going project of sewer line replacements behind W.B. Simpson. After the completion of the project they will begin looking at the oldest parts in Town to replace sewer lines.

Mr. Dyer stated the Supreme Court will have a ruling on the FOIA issue within the next 30 days.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green from friends of Historic Camden reminded residence and Council and the monthly FOHC meeting at Barclay Farm Clubhouse is on October 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Green stated that the Harriet Tubman UGRR Byway-Commemorative Activies is March 9-10, 2012.

Mrs. Green stated that the Brecknock Manor House fundraiser is on April 7th, 2012 at the Schwartz Center. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson stated that next month a student from W.B. Simpson will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Star Hill Museum

Barbara Hickson from Star Hill Museum spoke about the Star Hill Museum. Ms. Hickson presented a picture of an old hotel in Camden that was found in a bible to Mayor Edmanson and Town of Camden.

Ms. Hickson stated that Museum is opened every day from 10am-5pm. The Museum offers tours by appointment by calling 302-697-9903.

Metropolitan Revenue Associates-John Eldridge

Mr. Eldridge gave a presentation on his company. He stated that his company helps state and local agencies uncover revenue that municipalities might not have staff and resources to find.

Mr. Eldridge stated that everything is on a contingency basis and his company is not paid until money is collected.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on properties owned by the Town

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the Town received the deed for 4 Stevens Street and requested the Town put the property on the market.

A motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the sale of 4 Stevens Street in Camden. All in favor; none opposed. (Vice Mayor King; absent)

Storm Drains Update

Mr. Chaffinch stated that three bids were sent out to; Larimore Construction, Kent Construction, and On-Site Construction. The lowest bid of \$122,435.00 was submitted by On-Site Construction.

Councilman Green stated that the Town needed to make sure this is a fixed cost and once they start digging the cost will not go up.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that this is a fixed cost and it will not go up.

Mr. Chaffinch suggested prioritizing the list of the catch basins that needs repair and repair the residential ones first.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve On-Site Construction to repair 16 or more catch basins at a cost no more than \$122,435.00. All in favor; none opposed. (Vice Mayor King; absent)

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on potential use for base rental amount received from tenants

Councilman Casquarelli proposed to Mayor and Council to start putting the base rent amount from the rentals in the building towards the principle of the mortgage.

Patrick Cullen stated if the Town put \$3000.00 extra each month towards the mortgage payment this would save the town \$1.365 million dollars and an effective interest rate at 4.46% down to 2.65% and cut 14.33 years off the mortgage payment. If the town put \$2000.00 extra each month towards the mortgage payment it would save the town \$1.064 million dollars and an effective interest rate to 3.0% and cut 11 years off the mortgage payment.

Councilman Green would like to have concrete figures and visit the topic at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracey Green, 102 S. Main Street-Mrs. Green stated that 118 N. Main Street is vacant and would like the Town to start the process of condemning the property again.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that they scheduled a final inspection with the owner and she never showed. Craig Eliassen suggested making contact with the owner again, and Mr. Chaffinch said they were not sure where she is at now.

Mr. Eliassen stated he will review the file for 118 N. Main Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45pm a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed. (Vice Mayor King absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Wooleyhand, Town Clerk