

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
February 3, 2014**

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 January 27, 2014, in the following manner:

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

Geena Edmanson 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

None.

Mayor Edmanson acknowledged Senator Bushweller.

Mayor Edmanson announced that he has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace magistrate and will have to resign as Mayor effective February 7, 2014.

Mayor Edmanson applauded the current council on all of their hard work.

Senator Bushweller stated that people are served best when all government officials work together.

Senator Bushweller added that he is offering to work with the next Mayor just as much.

Senator Bushweller thanked Mayor and Council on how well they have handled things during their tenures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed February 17th, 2014 in observance of President's Day.

Municipal Election is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 12-8 p.m. at the Camden Municipal Building. Terms are up for the Mayor's 2 year slot and two of the Council which are 3 year slots.

Mayor Edmanson announced that John Green, Michael Schock, and Tracy Torres are running for the 2 available Council seats. Justin King, Christopher Warga, and Richard Snyder are running for Mayor.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the January 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the January 6, 2014 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESENTATION

None.

FINANCE REPORT

John Kelly stated that the budget is in line and the audit is moving forward.

Councilman Green questioned if we are out of compliance with the audit.

Mr. Kelly indicated the Town is not out of compliance.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson explained that he is in the process of reviewing the parking and trailer ordinance.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he felt doing a new parking ordinance would be most beneficial for the Town.

Councilman Dougherty agreed that he felt it would be best for the Town to start over.

Chief Bryson added that a phone scam has been brought to his attention. A caller is pretending to be a representative from Delmarva Power and trying to collect payment.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the pot holes on South Street have been filled several times but with the weather these are only temporary fixes.

Mr. Chaffinch added that the sink hole on Jacks Way has been fixed.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jeff Brown of the CWFD reported 231 medical calls and 60 fire calls.

Mr. Brown reminded business owners that they should look into getting Knox boxes so that the fire department can enter the business before the owner arrives and could possibly prevent damage done.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Tracy Torres stated there is a meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7pm.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke announced that Old Camden Days will be May 17th at Brecknock Park.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson applauded Representative Blakey for all of his dedication.

Mayor Edmanson thanked everyone and stated that it has been an honor to serve.

PUBLIC HEARING

Delaware Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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Albert Biddle of Kent County Planning Services and is the Housing and Community Development supervisor.

Mr. Biddle stated that upstate Delaware gets financial assistance from HUD and that Camden are gets assistance from the Delaware State Housing Authority.

Mr. Biddle explained that Camden has received this benefit in the past.

Mr. Biddle specified that the funds can be used for housing rehabilitation of owner occupied houses.

Mr. Biddle added that this is an income based program and that there is a waiting list.

Mr. Biddle detailed that a minimal of 4 houses in need of assistance must be submitted. He proposed that Camden and Wyoming submit a combined application.

NEW BUSINESS

Delaware Community Development Block Grant Resolutions

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to approve Resolution #2014-R-01. All in favor; none opposed. Roll call:

Councilman Green, yes
Councilman Casquarelli, yes
Vice-Mayor King, yes
Councilman Dougherty, yes
Mayor Edmanson, yes

Motion made by Vice-Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve Resolution #2014-R-02. All in favor; none opposed. Roll call:

Councilman Green, yes
Councilman Casquarelli, yes
Vice-Mayor King, yes
Councilman Dougherty, yes
Mayor Edmanson, yes

All members of the Council signed the resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Torres – 15 Kathleen Ct, stated that maybe the town’s trailer ordinance should allow trailers that aid in the completion of certain jobs.

Post Senior Vice-Commander of the Camden VFW stated that they would like to become more involved with the town. He added that in the past there was a Camden Night Out and that they would be interested in working with the Town to start that again.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Green stated that it has been an honor to serve on council.

Vice-Mayor King applauded council in the reduction of the mortgage.

At 8:29 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to go into executive session. All in favor none opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider strategy with respect to pending and /or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.

At 8:56 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Vice-Mayor King, to return from executive session into regular session. All in favor none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:57 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Vice-Mayor King, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*