

**Town of Camden
Public Workshop
Camden Municipal Building
May 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 May 12, 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 Green, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Council Absent: None

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Police Union Presentation

Vice-President Marcus Whitney of the Camden Police Officers Association explained that in 2008 there were 14 sworn police officers and 2 civilian employees in the police department. Currently there are 7 sworn police officers.

Corporal Whitney explained that the officers took furlough days from January 2011 to July 2012.

Corporal Whitney asked Mayor and Council to consider a 4% COLA increase for the remaining 2 years of the police department's union contract.

President Jason Kane of the Camden Police Officers Association explained that since 2008 the national COLA added up to 11.45% and since 2008 the Philadelphia Consumer Price Index totaled 10.7%.

Corporal Kane stated that they are asking for 4% COLA effective July 1, 2014 and to base next year's COLA on the Philadelphia Consumer Price Index.

Corporal Kane added that the police department is not opposing all town employees getting the adjustment.

Mayor King stated that a vote will be taken June 2nd at the regular Council Meeting.

Proposed FY 2014/2015 Budget

John Kelly stated that the extra police officer expenses have been removed from this budget and calculation errors have been fixed for the administrative payroll expenses.

Mayor and Council presented the FY 2014/2015 budget in detail including but not limited to:

- Credit card processing fees
- Public Works salaries
- Public Works temp service
- Public Works dump truck
- Early bird discount – property taxes
- Health insurance increases

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 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*