

**Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
July 1, 2013**

**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 June 24, 2013, in the following manner:

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

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, and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

**AMENDMENTS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Property tax statements will go out the first week of July and will be due by September 30, 2013.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the June 3, 2013 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve the June 3, 2013 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Chaffinch reported that there is enough cash to cover expenses until tax revenues begin to come in. Revenue exceeded budget by 11% resulting from one time unexpected occurrences.

Mr. Chaffinch thanked Account Specialist Amanda Wooleyhand for successfully entering the 2013/2014 budget.

**POLICE REPORT**

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

Councilman Casquarelli questioned what was being done with the vehicle that the Deputy Chief was driving.

Chief Bryson stated that the detective will be driving it.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Chaffinch indicated that property taxes went in the mail today.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that money was transferred to the mortgage account. The account must hold a \$25,000 balance at all times or penalties will be assessed.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if all employees have made their healthcare decisions.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that yes all the employees have turned in their decisions.

Councilman Green asked if the Town is still cutting open spaces.

Mr. Chaffinch reported yes, it was still being mowed by the Town.

Councilman Green questioned if there has been any changes regarding grass cutting.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that Meeting House Lane is not being cut by the Town anymore.

**CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 248 medical calls and 59 fire calls.

Mr. Rigsby stated that the crab feast was a huge success with an approximate attendance of 500 people.

Councilman Green congratulated Mr. Rigsby and the fire house on a successful event and stated that he had a great experience.

Mr. Rigsby also reminded resident's bingo every Tuesday night, doors open at 5:30pm.

#### **CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

Mrs. Blomquist stated that she had nothing to report.

#### **FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

Mrs. Green reported that June 15<sup>th</sup> was Camden Day. She thanked the Town and Mr. Chaffinch for all of the help.

Mrs. Green also advised July 16<sup>th</sup> is the annual picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Burke's house.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor Edmanson announced that September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon will be the community yard sale. All residents and business owners are welcome to participate at their homes and businesses.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### *Newly adopted civilian employee wage scale - Review*

Councilman Dougherty stated that the civilian employee wage scale was approved at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting but after further review the police administrative assistant's salary needs to be increased.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the new civilian employee wage scale with the change made to the police aid. All in favor; none opposed.

##### *First State CPAs LLC – Proposal*

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to table the First State CPAs LLC proposal for further review. All in favor; none opposed.

##### *Police union contract*

Councilman Dougherty stated that he and Mayor Edmanson met with the police union. No salary increases were approved. There is a possibility for cost of living increases but Council

would have to vote on this matter when it comes about. This is a three year contract that only allows for longevity increases.

Mr. Eliassen questioned how many employees are part of the bargaining unit.

Councilman Dougherty specified that there were only 6 bargaining employees.

Councilman Green stated that in the future he would like to see the police vehicles being left at the station instead of being taken home.

Mayor Edmanson specified that the take home cars for the shift officers allows for faster responding times that could be beneficial in emergency situations.

A motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Green to approve the police union contract. Roll call:

Councilman Green, yes

Councilman Casquarelli, yes

Vice-Mayor King, yes

Councilman Dougherty, yes

Mayor Edmanson, yes

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Smith – 12 S Main St, stated that due to the older homes on Main Street he would like to see the Mayor and Council adopt an ordinance with no through truck traffic for Main Street.

Mr. Smith explained that a traffic study was completed by Delaware Solid Waste Authority. He will provide the Town Manager with a copy of the study.

Mayor Edmanson stated that Main Street is an alternate 13 route that is a state mandated road and that he will need to further look into this matter.

Brian Hudson- 14 S Main St, stated that he is also trying to get contractors to used different streets rather than using Main Street.

John Fifer – 12102 Willow Grove Rd., thanked Mayor and Council for their public service.

Mr. Fifer stated that he would like to see something done to correct the speeding on Willow Grove. He expressed that he feels the police department does the best that they can.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Casquarelli stated that unfortunately due to the large amounts of rain some of the homes in Camden have experienced flooding in their yards.

Vice-Mayor King thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Hudson for their comments about the traffic on Main Street.

Vice-Mayor King expressed that Mayor and Council are working to get financial aid to create an alternate route to assist with the traffic. He asked for everyone's support in this venture.

At 8:06PM a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Vice-Mayor King 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 8:39 PM a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to return from executive session into regular session. All in favor none opposed.

#### **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Green stated he feels the CFO position should go out to bid.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor King, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*