

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 7, 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 September 30, 2013, in the following manner:

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

Nellie Stokes 5th grade Student Government Association Representative Michaela Tucci and 4th grade student government association representative Kendra Williams 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

Town Hall will be closed October 14, 2013 in observance of Columbus Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve the September 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor King to approve the September 25, 2013 public workshop minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that he met with John Kelly today.

Mr. Chaffinch added that there will be a meeting with himself, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Horty & Horty, and John Kelly on October 17th.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that property tax payments were due September 30th.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson announced that Saturday, October 26th will be Prescription Drug Take Back Day here at Town Hall.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch stated that October 5th was Rider Pride Day which himself, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, and Public Works Director Harold Scott were all present.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 212 medical calls and 39 fire calls.

Mr. Rigsby indicated that there will be a carnival on the fire company grounds October 16th – 19th.

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

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mrs. Blomquist reported that there will be a regular meeting tomorrow night.

Mrs. Blomquist added that the CWSWA is asking for a 5% rate increase.

Mayor Edmanson stated that the Town of Camden supports no rate increase and a signed letter from Mayor and Council was sent to the CWSWA stating that they are not in favor of any rate increase.

Councilman Green indicated that he attended the budget draft meeting and there was no rate increase mentioned.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke stated that the next regular monthly meeting will be October 15th at Barclay Farms Club House.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson announced that Camden will celebrate Halloween Thursday, October 31st 6-8pm.

Mayor Edmanson stated that in order to maintain our current record of financial responsibility and to continue spending based on a sustainable budget, it is necessary to hold the staffing level of the Police Department at the current level of 7 full time officers, for the foreseeable future. In early 2014 we are required to begin funding the position currently paid under the COPS grant.

Mayor Edmanson added that there was a great turn out for the town wide yard sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Catch basin bid approval for West Street and Center Street drain issues

Mr. Chaffinch explained that there were 3 bids received for the catch basins on West Street and Center Street. The lowest bidder was Onsite Construction for a total of \$23,277.50.

Mr. Chaffinch added that the Municipal Street Aid Fund could be used to pay for the West Street catch basins (\$14,974.50).

Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to accept the bid proposal from Onsite.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to accept Onsite Construction proposal for \$23,277.50 to do the catch basins on West Street and Center Street. All in favor; none opposed.

New appointee to: CWSWA

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Mr. Peter Couming was not able to attend tonight's meeting but if he is appointed to the CWSWA Board of Directors he will be able to attend that meeting tomorrow night.

Mayor Edmanson stated that he met with Mr. Couming and he is very impressive.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Vice-Mayor King to appoint Peter Couming to the CWSWA Board of Directors. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Dr, asked if there was an update on the crosswalks in Newells Creek.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Sarah Coakley of Del Dot was out on leave so the project has been delayed.

Susan Savage- 302 Meeting House Ln, questioned if there was an update on 118 N Main St.

Mr. Eliassen stated that they are in bankruptcy and it can be a slow process.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Green applauded Mayor Edmanson on the town wide yard sale. He added that it turned out great and brought him in a lot of business.

Councilman Dougherty added that he would like to explore other ways to generate revenue other than taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*