

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 October 24, 2014, in the following manner:

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

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Green, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Finance Officer John Kelly.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed November 4, 2014 for Election Day.
Town Hall will be closed November 11, 2014 for Veteran's Day.
Town Hall will be closed November 27 & 28, 2014 for Thanksgiving.
Caroling in Camden will be December 5, 2014, 6:30pm, at Town Hall.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to approve the October 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Amendment

Mr. Chaffinch explained that this zoning amendment is only changing the text and procedure from Board of Adjustment to Planning Commission.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that everything looks like it is in good order.

Mr. Kelly added that building permits were up.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson stated that there have been several complaints about people living in vacant/foreclosed homes. The police department is working with the banks to resolve this issue.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported Account Specialist Amanda Marlow is back to work.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the town was given the go ahead by the State on October 28th to start the street repair project. The project will be finished by Thanksgiving.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Camden Town Center has paid their taxes in full.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 226 medical calls and 51 fire calls

Mr. Rigsby stated that bingo is every Tuesday, doors open at 5:30.

Mr. Rigsby announced that the fire department purchased a used ladder truck and the department will now be self-sufficient.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Rigsby and the entire Camden Wyoming Fire Department for all of their dedication.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Peter Couming explained that the CWSWA needs to know of planned additions to the town so that they can prepare for the future infrastructure that will be needed.

Mr. Couming stated that meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, 7pm, at the CWSWA office.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green stated that the next regular meeting will be November 18th, 2014, 7pm, at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

Mrs. Green added that the Friends of Historic Camden and Barclay Farms will be donating cookies for the Caroling in Camden event December 5th.

MAYOR

Mayor King explained that all of the boards for the town are currently full with volunteers. He thanked all of the volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to the town.

OLD BUSINESS

Camden Wyoming Fire Department

Mayor King asked to have this tabled and put on the December agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Planning Commission

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he met with Mr. Spencer Price and recommends that he be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor King stated that Mr. Price questioned what he could do to get involved with the town.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to appoint Spencer Price to the Planning Commission. All in favor; none opposed.

VFW Memorial

Mr. Marc Newman- VFW Post Master explained that the VFW is doing a fundraiser to purchase a memorial for all veterans in Camden. They have looked at 2 stones, one being like a cube and one being flat. Mr. Newman stated that they would like to have it at Town Hall to preclude vandalism but would take anywhere the town would give them.

Councilwoman Torres stated that she does not oppose either spot.

Councilman Dougherty added that does not oppose to either spot but believes the larger stone would be more attractive.

Motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to allow VFW Post 3238 an area at either Town Hall or Town Square for a veteran memorial. All in favor; none opposed.

Part time worker

Town Clerk Jamie Fenske explained that a co-op student from CR High School could work part time at minimum wage. The student would need to get 300 work hours to get school credit.

Councilman Dougherty explained that he thought it was a great idea for minimum wage.

Mayor King added that it is only temporary and the town would not have to give the worker benefits.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she feels this program works well.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to hire a part time worker from CR High School for no more than 300 hours, at minimum wage. All in favor; none opposed.

Zoning Amendment

Mr. Chaffinch read the title of Ordinance 2014-O-03 Amendment to the Camden zoning ordinance revising the review and approval process for changes to the text of the zoning ordinance and the zoning map.

Property tax proration

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the town can bill for new construction after the yearly tax statement goes out.

Councilman Casquarelli stated that we are informing the public that the town will start prorating taxes for any new construction.

Mayor King thanked Councilman Casquarelli for his research.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Burke – 22 S Main St stated that she feels the veteran memorial is a great idea and thinks that town hall would be better than town square.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King announced that Caroling in Camden will be December 5, 2014, 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Torres explained that Mayor King was nominated by Judy Diego for Delaware Today Magazine's Successful People 40 Under 40.

Councilman Dougherty added that the town does not collect RETT money on sale of Barclay Farm homes.

Mr. Eliassen explained that RETT is only collected on transfer of land.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*