

**Town of Camden
Board of Adjustment Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
August 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Harshbarger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noticed that this regular Board of Adjustment meeting is being held in compliance with Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on August 8, 2014, in the following manner:

- The electronic sign; and
- The Official Bulletin Boards; and
- The official Town of Camden Web Site;

Chairman Prystajko led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Attending: Chairman Prystajko, Commissioner Harshbarger, and Commissioner Badger. (Commissioner Waithe and Commissioner Girty absent).

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Code Enforcement Officer Harold Scott, Jr, Police Chief William Bryson, Detective Benjamin Hartman, and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Harshbarger seconded by Commissioner Badger, to approve the June 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed, (Commissioner Waithe and Commissioner Girty absent).

OLD BUSINESS

25 Kathleen Ct, Tax Map No. NM 7-02-094.04-01-62.00-000. Appeal of condemnation of residence for health and safety issues.

Amy Chordas – 25 Kathleen Ct, explained that a grenade went off at her house during a search warrant on July 17th. Mrs. Chordas met with Dr. Lau from Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health on July 21st, at which Dr. Lau told Mrs. Chordas that he could still smell the chemical in the house. Mrs. Chordas added that she came to the Council meeting on August 4th. Council recommend that she contact Compliance Environmental and instructed her that if she wished to appeal the condemnation that she would need to present her case to the Board of Adjustment.

Mrs. Chordas requested an extension so that the house would not be permanently condemned. She added that when she entered the house with Compliance Environmental she had a reaction to the chemical still inside the house.

Town Solicitor Mr. Eliassen questioned if a 30 day extension would be sufficient.

Mrs. Chordas stated that yes 30 days would be enough time.

Code Enforcer Harold Scott explained that with a plan of action he could extend the permanent condemnation.

Chief Bryson added that Compliance Environmental has been contact with the Town and that they will be testing the first and second floor.

Dr. Lau explained that there are young children in the house and that the house should remain condemned until there is a no de minimis level of the chemical.

Jamie Bethard from DNREC stated that he was called to the residence on July 17th when the grenade exploded. Mr. Bethard was pretty confident that it was either CS or CN gas so he recommended that the house be marked hazardous.

Dr. Lau specified that a lab test will be required to ensure there is a no de minimis level. Hard services were cleaned but now the soft services will need to be cleaned.

Commissioner Badger questioned how will the house be tested.

Dr. Lau replied that analytical swabs will be taken and tested to ensure the no de minimis level has been reached.

Motion made by Commissioner Badger seconded by Commissioner Harshbarger to grant a 30 extension to the condemnation at 25 Kathleen Ct. Roll call:

Commissioner Bader - yes

Commissioner Harshbarger - yes

Chairman Prystajko - yes

Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59pm a motion was made by Commissioner Badger, seconded by Commissioner Harshbarger to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; none opposed, (Commissioner Waithe and Commissioner Girty absent).

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk