

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
January 5, 2015**

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 December 26, 2014, in the following manner:

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

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, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, and Finance Officer John Kelly.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed January 19th, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Municipal Election is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 12-8 p.m. at the Camden Municipal Building. Term is up for one of the Council which is a 3 year slot. Qualified parties may submit a letter of intent to the Town Clerk no later than the close of business, 4pm, on Friday, January 30th, 2015.

Town Hall will be open until 8:00 p.m. on January 21st, 2015 for candidates to file notification of candidacy.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to approve the December 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

Council Presentation – Representative Donald Blakey

Mayor King thanked Representative Blakey for his support and dedication to the Town of Camden during his term as Representative.

Councilwoman Torres thanked Mr. Blakey for all of his assistance.

Councilman Dougherty thanked Mr. Blakey specifically for the funds that he was able to give to the Town to get work completed.

Vice-Mayor Green explained that he felt the Town is in such good standing because of help from Mr. Blakey.

Councilman Casquarelli gave his appreciation to Mr. Blakey for his hard work and for being a part of the community.

Mr. Blakey stated that it has been a pleasure for the last 26 years as an elected official. He added that he wants to continue to help in any way that he can.

Mayor King presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Blakey.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that the close of business on Friday, January 30, 2015 for submission of candidacy is 4pm.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that everything seems to be in good order.

Mayor King asked Mr. Kelly for a budget to add in an additional police officer position, only using renewable income.

Vice-Mayor Green explained that this is necessary to make a secure decision on hiring another police officer.

Mayor King directed Chief as soon as possible to get the figures and to present the council with this mock budget.

POLICE REPORT

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

Mayor King stated that crime has gone up about 30% and questioned if Chief Bryson still thought another police officer position was necessary.

Chief Bryson agreed that he felt another police officer position was needed.

Chief Bryson explained that Kent Communications has started a new system of taking complaints and calls.

Chief Bryson added that money collected through the violent crime grant will pay for \$19,500 to go towards putting a camera facing Newells Creek.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for going above and beyond again.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she is very pleased with Chief Bryson and his police department.

Councilman Dougherty questioned how much it would cost to add another camera.

Chief Bryson stated that if a new radio transmittal is not needed then it will cost about \$5,000.

Vice-Mayor Green thanked Chief Bryson for keeping the town up to date.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that there are some problems with unregistered vehicles throughout town. New stickers have been made to mark these vehicles to help rectify the situation.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the auditors are almost done doing onsite work for the 3 year audit. He thanked Amanda for all of her hard work assisting the auditors.

Mr. Chaffinch announced that 31 properties received quarterly property tax bills.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Chris Durfrain of the CWFD reported 258 medical calls and 43 fire calls

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

Mayor King thanked the Fire Department for all of their help during Caroling in Camden.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green stated that the next regular meeting will be January 20th, 2015, 7pm, at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

Mrs. Green announced that Camden Day will be May 16th, 2015.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked VFW, Friends of Historic Camden, Barclay Farms, Chief Bryson, CW Fire Department, Kent Landscaping, Chick-fil-A, Mr. Edmanson, and the Town of Camden staff for all of their assistance making another successful Caroling in Camden event.

Mayor King introduced Mr. Dan Ridgely. He added that it is his recommendation to appoint Mr. Ridgely to the Camden Wyoming Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors.

PUBLIC HEARING

Delaware Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Albert Biddle from Kent County Levy Court explained that there are funds that come from HUD to assist low and moderate income houses with home repair.

Mr. Biddle explained that the Town of Camden will have to apply and then funding will be awarded around July 1st, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Delaware Community Development Block Grant Resolutions

Mr. Chaffinch read the Resolution #2015-R-01 Delaware Community Development Block Grant Resolution 1, and Resolution #2015-R-02 Delaware Community Development Block Grant Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adopt Resolution #2015-R-01. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adopt Resolution #2015-R-02. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Winchell – Thanked Tracy Torres for everything she did while on the CWSWA board.

Councilwoman Torres thanked Mr. Winchell for his support during her 2 terms with the CWSWA board.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli explained that he has been a resident of Camden for 22 years. The streets have greatly improved since he has lived here. He feels as though the Town of Camden has a great police force.

Councilman Casquarelli announced that he will be rerunning for his councilman position this year.

Mayor King thanked all of the employees for the Christmas party and their help with Caroling in Camden.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider strategy with respect to pending and /or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.

At 8:33p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to go into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

At 9:10p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to re-enter the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter as discussed in executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*