

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
March 2, 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 February 23, 2015, in the following manner:

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

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council 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 Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town of Camden Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 28, 2015, 2pm at Camden Town Hall.

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilman Kevin Casquarelli

Honorable W.G. Edmanson swore in Kevin Casquarelli into his council position.

Mayor King welcomed Councilman Casquarelli back for his seventh year as councilman.

REORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2015:

Selection of Vice-Mayor

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve John Green as Vice-Mayor. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Town Clerk

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve Jamie Fenske as the Town Clerk. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Town Solicitor

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to approve Craig Eliassen as the Town Solicitor. All in favor; none opposed.

Selection of official newspaper for notices of publication

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the Delaware State News as the official newspaper for notices of publication. All in favor; none opposed.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, stated that the auditors are still working and will hopefully be done soon. \$23,274.00 was moved from the MSAF to the general fund for reimbursement on the street light bills from August through December. As directed by Mayor and Council, \$200,000 was transferred from the general fund money market to the savings account.

Mrs. Marlow added that she and Mr. Josiah began working on the budget last week, which will be presented at the May Council Meeting. She informed Mayor and Council that \$8,714.10 was collected from 30 E Inner Circle in past due taxes.

Mrs. Marlow explained that letters were sent to those that received the senior discount last year, to update their information and to make sure that they should continue to receive the discount.

Mayor King detailed that the discount will not be taken from those that still qualify for the discount.

Mayor King added that due to the employees being so proactive that more money is being collected on past due property taxes.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson explained that while the officers are on "snow patrol" they are also working on open warrant files.

Councilman Casquarelli questioned if there was an update for access to Route 13.

Chief Bryson stated that this is up to DelDOT.

Mayor King explained that if we do get access to Route 13, another officer will be needed in able to control both 13 and in town.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that on February 25th, 2015 a monition sale for 218 E Camden Wyoming Ave took place. It was sold for \$5,000.

Mr. Chaffinch added that sidewalks need to be cleared by the residents or the Town will have to do it cost of the homeowner.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that more money has been coming in this year for taxes and business and rental licenses.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that more lighting is needed at the entrance to Barclay Farms for safety reasons. Delmarva should be going out within the next month to add a street light.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Chris Dufresne of the CWFD reported 235 medical calls and 56 fire calls

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

Mr. Dufresne stated that the new truck is here but is not in service yet due to training that is still needed on the new apparatus.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Dufresne for the report and to Mr. Rigsby for attending the meetings. He explained that the fire company is very rightfully proud of the new truck.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Peter Couming explained that there have been 22 calls for frozen pipes. He advised residents to leave faucets at a small drip to help prevent frozen pipes.

Mr. Couming explained that there are residents on Lochmeath Way that are not in Camden or Wyoming limits so they are unable to get access to the CWSWA lines but with the Town's permission they may be able to get access.

Councilwoman Torres stated that those 19 homes on Lochmeath Way are in unincorporated limits and would have no representation on the CWSWA Board of Directors.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Couming for his report and his will to volunteer.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke stated that the next regular meeting will be March 17th, 2015, 7pm, at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

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

MAYOR

Mayor King welcomed Mr. Marc Garduno from the VFW. Mr. Garduno announced that the 80th anniversary would be March 28th at Town Hall at noon. Also there will be a fundraiser at Bob Evans, March 4th, 2014 from 8am to 8pm, to help benefit the VFW.

Mayor King stated that the Town will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th, 2015, at 2pm, here at Town Hall.

Mayor King applauded the public works department on the snow removal this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-O-1 Annexation of CWSWA

Mr. Chaffinch read title only of Ordinance 2015-O-1 Annexation of CWSWA.

Ordinance 2015-O-2 Zoning ordinance amendment

Mr. Chaffinch read title only of Ordinance 2015-O-2 Zoning ordinance amendment.

Mr. Eliassen explained more approval in house could be made, instead of similar cases having to ask for variances at Board of Adjustment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Marc Garduno from the VFW explained that the flyer must be present at the time of purchase at Bob Evans for the proceeds to go to the VFW. He also reminded everyone that the

Monument will be revealed at the ceremony to take place at Town Hall, at noon, March 28th, 2015.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Garduno for attending the meeting!

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Torres congratulated Councilman Casquarelli on his reinstatement as councilman.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he is very pleased with the budget thus far. He congratulated Councilman Casquarelli. He also thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that is very impressed with the fire apparatus and applauds the fire department for all of their dedication. He would like to take a look at giving the fire department a onetime donation.

Account Specialist Mrs. Marlow explained that the amount for the fire department could be taken out of RETT since it is for public safety.

Vice-Mayor Green asked to have the VFW listed on the monthly agendas.

Councilman Casquarelli explained that he is very impressed that the tax delinquencies are going to down.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40p.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*