

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
January 9, 2017**

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 27, 2016, in the following manner:

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

Vice-Mayor Schock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Dougherty, Councilwoman Torres, and Councilman Findley.

Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, and Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed January 16th, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Municipal Election is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 12-8 p.m. at the Camden Municipal Building. Term is up for two of the Council which are each a 3 year slot. Qualified parties may submit a letter of intent to the Town Clerk no later than the close of business on Friday, January 27th, 2017.

Town Hall will be open until 8:00 p.m. on January 18th, 2017 for candidates to file notification of candidacy.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office – Councilman Findley

Mayor King explained that Dr. Findley has a business in Town for several years now. Mayor King thanked him for being willing to serve.

Dr. Findley stated that he has been in business in Camden since 2002 he also currently lives in the Town of Camden and would love to serve his fellow residents and business owners.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to appoint Terry Findley to fulfill the unexpired council seat that was held by Councilman Casquarelli, that is due to expire February 28th, 2018. Roll Call;

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Mayor King – yes

Motion Carries.

Mayor King swore in Councilman Findley to fulfill Councilman Casquarelli's term, expiring February 28th, 2018.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Schock, to approve the December 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Findley abstained. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow explained that business licenses and rental licenses were mailed out December 7th and are due January 31st, 2017. She added Mr. Josiah will be here at the February council meeting to give his quarter report. Horty & Horty will be here next month for their auditor report.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Rod Dear explained that he will be the representative for Camden Council Meetings. He reported 55 dispatched alarms, 16 average per alarm, 24 average minutes, 12 vehicle crashes, 6 assists, and 1 working trailer fire. 286 ambulance runs. They have over 4,000 ambulance runs a year. He added that they are working on obtaining grants to get new equipment for the crews. In the future would like to hire more ambulance crews and new ambulances.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Dear for his volunteer service.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Mr. Dufresne stated that the canteen has closed. They are continuing with community service events and are still partnering with the church in Camden for Code Purple. He added that they do not need clothing, but they still need water and snacks.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson gave his report for the month of November.

Chief Bryson explained that there was an assault at the Simpson property on Upper King. There are 2 officers off for medical leave, one is due back in February and the other is due back in March.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for his dedication.

Chief Bryson explained that there were 96 vehicles parked on the street in Newells Creek and Chapelcroft alone during this past snow.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the new no parking after one inch of snow fall signs still needs to be installed.

Chief Bryson suggested posting the signs where people will stop so that they are able to see and read them.

Mayor King suggested giving warnings the next snow to help with word of mouth.

Chief Bryson explained that warnings were given last year. He suggested putting flyers on cars when we know there is a snow coming.

Vice-Mayor Schock questioned how long it takes to do one warning.

Chief Bryson explained it takes about 4-5 minutes per warning.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch wished everyone a happy new year. He added that the RETT check was \$26,502.79 for this past month.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Mr. Dave Edgell from State Planning has reached out to him about a new Comprehensive Plan needing to be done by May 2018. He added that he would like to reach out to Linda Raab from University of Delaware for her help.

He added that a lot of business and rental licenses have already come in.

Councilman Dougherty would like to know a cost to redo the Comprehensive Plan for the budget to be done correctly.

MAYOR

Mayor King wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked the dedicated and loyal staff, police department, and council members.

PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation 4912 S Dupont Hwy Resolution

Mrs. Fenske explained that this resolution is to give the public 60 days to attest this annexation. Mr. Chaffinch read the title only.

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation 4912 S Dupont Hwy Resolution

Mr. Chaffinch read the title of Resolution #2017-R-01 A Resolution acknowledging the request of Amir Shoukry to annex the property at 4912 S Dupont Hwy consisting of a land parcel into the incorporated Camden Town limits.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve Resolution 2017-R-01. Roll Call:

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Findley – yes

Mayor King – yes

Motion carried.

Appointment to CWSWA Board of Directors

Mayor King asked to have this tabled until the February 2017 Council Meeting. Mayor King asked that if anyone would like to represent the Town of Camden to please reach out to Town Clerk, Jamie Fenske.

Historic Main Street

Mayor King asked to have this tabled until the February 2017 Council Meeting. He explained that it was discussed at the December 2016 Delaware League of Local Government Meeting.

He mentioned that he would like to speak to the Friends of Historic Camden.

Simpson Property – Upper King Road

Chief Bryson explained that foundation has been put up and then left. There have been several criminal cases that have been related back to this property. It is an eye sore that is starting to bring a lot of crime in.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he will reach out to Walt Simpson, the son of the property owner, and explain the problems that are taking place.

Mayor King questioned if there are any ordinances that will assist with this process.

Mr. Eliassen suggested using the condemnation ordinance to enforce them to clean it up, if it is necessary.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for always have the best interest of the town at heart.

OLD BUSINESS

Potential Street Repaving Projects

Mr. Chaffinch reported that \$72,500 have been dedicated from our Senator and Representative. He added that Chief Bryson, Harold Scott, and our police department have stated that Walmart Drive is in extreme disrepair. Representative Yearick stated that we could use this year's funds dedicated to us, in the next 3 years.

Mr. Chaffinch added that some ADA ramps will be needed.

Councilman Dougherty explained that he has no problem repaving Walmart Drive. He stated that the patch at Thomas Harmon Drive and hole by Aldi needs to be addressed now.

Mayor King stated that he is not opposed to waiting until the next budget year to do the full project at Walmart Drive.

Councilman Dougherty stated that there is flooding at the north end of Walmart Drive that needs to be fixed again.

Councilwoman Torres stated that there is also a hole by the Game Stop stop sign.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she recommends waiting to see if we can collect more money in August from the Representative and Senator.

Councilman Dougherty stated he would like to wait to see how the prevailing wages legislation wording is changed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Kelly – 62 Nanticoke Drive, snow removal was a great job from curb to curb.

Mr. Shoukrey stated the snow plowing was a perfect job.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King stated that he heard good comments about the snow removal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:12pm by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*