

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 3, 2016**

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 September 26, 2016, in the following manner:

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

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 Casquarelli.

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 October 10th for Columbus Day.
Trick or Treating will be October 31st, 2016 6-8pm
Town Hall will be closed November 8th for Election Day.
Town Hall will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day.
Caroling in Camden will be Friday, December 2nd 6:30-8pm

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the September 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow explained that Chief Financial Officer Tom Josiah will be at the November Council Meeting to give his quarterly report. She added that late notices will be going out this week.

Mayor King asked the staff to keep an eye on delinquent taxes. He does not want a large amount in delinquent taxes due to the Town as they were in the past.

Mrs. Marlow added that budget is right on as planned.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson added that the new Tahoe is on the road and is doing great.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that \$9,912 came in from real estate transfer funds. He added that he, Harold Scott, Jamie Fenske, Century Engineering, MPO, and DelDOT had a meeting about the Camden Bypass. Traffic studies will need to be completed. There was a discussion about restricting truck traffic on Main Street but since it is a State road there would have to be a Resolution from the State of Delaware.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that DelDOT repaired a catch basin on Old Camden Road down by the High School.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Glenn Neese thanked all of the volunteers of the Camden Wyoming Fire Department and all of the other fire departments as well. He explained that the volunteers help keep the cost down for the tax payers. He added that he would do his best to have a representative of the Camden Wyoming Fire Department at the monthly Council Meetings.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Fahey, Friends of Historic Camden President, stated that the board will be meeting tomorrow about the banner project.

VFW

Mrs. Kristina Whitman stated that the first code purple spaghetti fundraiser was a success. She added that the Camden VFW have been given a recognition award for all of their help with Code Purple.

Mayor King congratulated Mrs. Whitman and the entire Camden VFW on their award.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if there was a wish list of clothing they would like to collect.

Mrs. Whitman stated that she will provide the Town with a clothing wish list. She added that she will be at the post every Friday from November 4th through December 2nd from 12-2pm for the clothing drop off.

MAYOR

Mayor King stated the Camden Police Department will be present at the Safe Trick or Treating, October 28th 6-7:30pm at Legislative Hall in Dover, Delaware. He also thanked Council for their volunteer and their outstanding work.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential street projects

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Senator Buschweller and Representative Yearick have committed to a total of \$72,500 to assist with Town of Camden street repaving. He added that himself as well as the Public Works Director have driven around and feel as though Plum and Peach Streets need to be repaved.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he would like to ride over to Plum and Peach Streets to observe for himself.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Plum Street has a good amount of standing water.

Mayor King stated that he is open to suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Dr, questioned if anyone else has observed an increase in their CWSWA bills.

Mayor King replied that there has not been a rate increase for the CWSWA.

Diana Sargents stated that she is here to observe for her college course. She questioned if there was any special arrangements made for the visually impaired.

Councilman Casquarelli replied that on the agenda it states that any person that needs special accommodations may contact Town Hall 72 hours in advance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Torres stated that the CWSWA was given a 6.7 on the annual report for safe drinking water.

Councilman Dougherty suggested to move visitors higher on the agenda so that they are able to give reports without inconveniencing them if they need to leave early. He also suggested that the Town look into getting a new tree for Caroling in Camden.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made at 8:26pm by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to enter into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Motion made at 8:59pm by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:59pm by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*