

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
November 7, 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 October 31, 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, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, and Chief Financial Officer Tom Josiah.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed November 8th for Election Day.

Town Hall will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Turkey Drive & Give away Tuesday, November 22nd, 5:30pm at Dover Boys & Girls Club

Mayor King announced that all donations may be made at the Dover Boys and Girls Club on November 22, 2016 8am – 5pm on behalf of the Town of Camden. Goal is 80 turkeys. Thank you Mayor Christiansen for sending the organization to us so that we may help as well.

Mayor King added that the Fifth Annual Caroling in Camden will be Friday, December 2nd 6:30-8pm

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the October 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the October 3, 2016 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Tom Josiah explained that most revenue comes in the first quarter. About 25% of expenses have been spent. He added the RETT has been used to purchase some public safety equipment.

Mayor King questioned when the money from the Representative and Senator will come in.

Mr. Chaffinch replied that we will not get the funds from Representative Yearick and Senator Buschweller until the street work is to be done.

Mayor King questioned what Mr. Josiah's recommendation is for the public works position, with concern of raising taxes.

Mr. Josiah explained that no additional revenue was collected in code enforcement in the 9 months that the extra public works position was filled.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Josiah for his excellent reports.

Councilman Dougherty questioned when business licenses for the Town of Camden are due.

Mrs. Marlow explained that they are due January 30th.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the increase in legal fees is due to the CWSWA water tower.

Mr. Eliassen responded that the additional legal fees are due to the litigation with the CWSWA.

Mr. Josiah added that the audit will begin on the 14th of January.

Mrs. Marlow explained that quarterly tax billing went out on Friday. She added that approximately \$41,000 have been collected in the last month in past due property taxes.

Mr. Eliassen explained that 15 South Street will potentially go for sheriff sale in January.

Councilwoman Torres questioned where the location of the Newells Creek property is that is on the delinquent tax listing.

Mayor King mentioned that the guests have been moved up on the agenda, thanks to Councilman Dougherty recommendation.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Neese, reminded the citizens to check their fire alarms and the battery in the fire alarms.

He reported 327 ambulance, 48 fire and emergency, 12 average volunteers per alarm.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Neese and the entire Fire Department for all of their hard work.

Councilman Dougherty thanked the fire department and their ambulance.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Councilman Dougherty explained that he has one more meeting before he is done his term and he is not interested in renewing. He added that the tower is filled and sanitized. He stated that it is projected to go in use in May 2017.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Mrs. Kristina Whitman mentioned that they are continuing with the code purple meals on the first and third Sundays at the VFW. They are looking forward to providing the hot chocolate for the Caroling in Camden.

She honored Councilman Casquarelli for his service in the Air Force and presented him with a certificate and a coin.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson reported that as of January 5th there will be another officer out for 6 months on medical leave.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson, his officers, Mrs. Marlow, and Mrs. Fenske for participating at the Safe Trick or Treating in Dover.

Councilman Casquarelli questioned the flashing light pedestrian sign.

Chief Bryson explained that it will be installed soon.

Councilwoman Torres thanked Chief Bryson for participating in the Safe Trick or Treating. She added that she feels it was a great, safe event, and is very glad that the Town participated.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the RETT check for September was \$18,741.16. He added a monthly restitution check comes in of approximately 50\$ each month.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that a letter will accompany the rental license renewal invoices explaining the new rental ordinance; it will also include the new ordinance, and a new application.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson, Mrs. Marlow, and Mrs. Fenske for their participation in the safe trick or treating event. He seconded that he loves the positive interaction with the police department and the public. He also thanked Mr. Chaffinch, Mrs. Marlow, and Mrs. Fenske for participating at Rider Pride Day.

He reminded the residents that all of Council members, board members, and commissioners are volunteers. He thanked them for their dedication.

He also invited everyone to the Caroling in Camden event on December 2nd 6:30- 8pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Potential Street paving project

Mr. Chaffinch explained that if the projects are paid in full by CTF than prevailing wages do not have to be used. He added that there was new language added that DelDot is now exempt from the prevailing wages. His recommendation is to wait to do any projects to see if Legislation will change the rules so that the Town could be exempt from prevailing wages. He thinks that by mid February it could be fixed. He added that the Delaware League of Local Governments is backing the new language that will fix the epilogue to allow the towns to not have to pay prevailing wages.

Councilwoman Torres said that she is fine with waiting on the street prevailing projects to see if the epilogue is changed.

Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilman Dougherty agreed that it is a good idea to wait to see if Legislation changes the epilogue.

Mayor King asked to table this until January.

Chief Bryson recommended showing that there is support from the towns along with the Delaware League of Local Governments on this bill.

Public Works Position

Mayor King mentioned that this will go into executive session.

Councilwoman Torres mentioned that she met with Harold Scott about what he does from day to day. She suggested possibly having the Town Manager drive around to see if he can find anyone without business licenses or building permits. She added that she does not feel that the budget allows for another public works position.

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation 4912 S Dupont Hwy

Jamie Fenske explained that Mr. Nevine-Hanna came into Town Hall to request to have his property annexed into the Town of Camden. He has given his written request and is very eager to join the Town of Camden.

Mr. Nevine-Hanna thanked Mayor, Council, and the Town employees for this potential opportunity. He would like to have his business located in the Town of Camden. He has found a great spot on the highway that he feels would be great for a used car dealership.

Councilman Dougherty questioned the size of the property.

Mrs. Fenske stated that is an acre and a half.

Vice-Mayor Schock questioned if the house will also be used as the office.

Mr. Nevine-Hanna stated that it will be used as the office.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to accept the annexation petition for 4912 S Dupont Hwy. Roll call:

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Vice Mayor Schock – yes

Mayor King – Yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Casquarelli – yes

All in favor; none opposed.

Planning Commission Appointment

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Mr. Spencer Price has had to resign from the Planning Commission since he has moved. He made a recommendation to appoint Tom Wanstall to the Planning Commissioner to fulfill Mr. Price's spot.

Mr. Wanstall stated that he is excited to be a part of the Town and would love to volunteer for the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to appoint Tom Wanstall to the Planning Commission to fulfill Spencer Price's term. Roll call:

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Vice Mayor Schock – yes

Mayor King – Yes
Councilman Dougherty – yes
Councilman Casquarelli – yes
All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Kelly stated that he gave out candy on Halloween and every child said thank you. He was very proud of all the parents and children that visited his house.

Mr. Fifer explained that policies can become a nightmare and could be never ending. He suggested that maybe doing the citation at the time of violation.

Mrs. Jackson stated that she lives in Sandy Hill and questioned if she was in the incorporated limits.

Mayor King explained that she is outside of the incorporated of the Town of Camden.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli thanked the VFW for the award that they presented him with for his service in the Air Force.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made at 8:27pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, 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 9:24pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 9:24pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*