

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
July 3, 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 June 26, 2017, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board, and
- 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 Findley.

Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Chief William Bryson, and Town Clerk Jamie Fenske.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve the June 5, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the June 5, 2017 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mayor King thanked Mr. Josiah and Mrs. Marlow on their excellent work on the new budget and for always keeping Mayor and Council informed.

Mr. Chaffinch added that the property tax bills for 2017 have been mailed out.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mayor King reminded the residents that each year the board members of the CWSWA have to vote against the rate increase or it is automatically increased.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

None.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added that there was an attempted murder suspect arrested without incident.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for his report and added that he feels the Camden Police Department continues to do an excellent job.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that February's RETT check was approximately \$26,000. He added that the additional crosswalk signs have been put up on Old North Road.

Mr. Chaffinch added that according to HB47 the Town is no longer allowed to require a notary on an absentee ballot as of January 1, 2018.

Councilman Dougherty asked Mr. Chaffinch to send a thank you letter to the Simpson family for cleaning up the foundation on Upper King Road.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked the police department and the town staff for their continued hard work. He also wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Equipment

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he, Councilman Dougherty, and Harold Scott we to Willis Chevrolet to look at a new dump truck. It was Councilman Dougherty's suggestion to replace the body instead of getting a new truck. Mr. Chaffinch added that it is Mr. Scott's suggestion to get a stainless steel body.

Mayor King added that the quote from Mastercraft does not include a tarp. He thanked Councilman Dougherty for the suggestion of replacing the body of the existing truck to help save the Town money.

Councilman Findley stated that the quote from Wayne's Welding and Truck Equipment includes and electric hoist that Mastercraft's quote does not include.

Chief Bryson stated that the electric hoist may be needed for the higher sides that Wayne's Welding quoted.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to purchase a new stainless steel dump truck body for the existing 2003 dump truck, from Mastercraft, in the amount of \$6,950 with an additional \$500 for a tarp. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Tree

Mayor King explained that Jonny Nichols is donating a Christmas tree for Caroling in Camden to be placed at Town Hall in the area of the electronic sign. He added that a tree spade will be needed to ensure the growth of the new tree. He stated that he will speak to Mr. Nichols about getting the tree spade but he expected it to be around \$800.

Mayor King asked Mr. Chaffinch to send a thank you letter to Mr. Nichols for his donation.

CPOA Contract Renewal – July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

Mayor King explained that there are still some items that need to be reviewed. He added that the police department is still working under the old contract but Council and the CPOA are working diligently to agree on a new contract. Mayor King explained that Council is not voting against the contract, they are just tabling it for farther review.

CPOA President Buchwald thanked Mayor and Council for their time and stated that he will be in contact to set up a meeting to discuss the contract.

Purchase of Police Department server

Chief Bryson explained that the video server needs to be replaced as the hard drive has crashed on it. He added that the purchase for the new server can come from RETT funds.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve Chief Bryson for \$6,000 from RETT, to purchase a new video server. All in favor; none opposed.

Chief Bryson thanked Mayor and Council for the purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King thanked the audience for attending the meeting and wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if there are any laws or ordinances that prevents bonfires in developments.

Chief Bryson explained that DNREC responds to open fire complaints.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he feels 218 E Camden Wyoming Avenue either needs to have extensive work done to it or to be demolished. He also explained that the house next to the fire department has several notices on the door and has overgrown weeds.

Mr. Chaffinch added that the town is in process of obtaining quotes for demolition of two other properties.

Mayor King stated that he has received complaints about the weeds along Caboose Ln.

Councilman Findley wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:03pm by Councilman Findley, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*