

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 2, 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 September 25, 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, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed October 9th in observance to Columbus Day.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the September 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

John Hiott- HVAC

John Vandegrift- John Hiott HVAC, stated that they have been the HVAC contractor for the Town of Camden since 2012. He added that the unit four that supports the second floor north side needs an evaporator coil replacement. The coil is no longer manufactured but they have been able to locate one. He explained that the HVAC room on the third floor is very tight and

makes it very complicated to work on equipment and will become a worse issue when units need to be replaced. The units have manufacturer longevity of 10 to 15 years.

Chief Bryson explained that the HVAC units were installed in 2008 and the building was occupied in 2009.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the units that are on the third floor could be moved to the attic to provide more room.

Mr. Vandegrift explained that the attic area above the existing HVAC room is unfinished and is not heated and he would not recommend putting plumbing pipes in unheated areas.

Mayor King questioned what it would entail to replace a unit on the third floor.

Mr. Vandegrift stated that a hole would need to be placed in the wall of the HVAC room to gain access to the outside. He added that the units farther in the room would require other units to be moved first to get them out.

Mr. Chaffinch recommended looking into moving the bathrooms that are in the hallway of the third floor to give more room in the HVAC room.

Councilman Dougherty supported the idea of looking into relocating the bathrooms to provide more room in the HVAC room rather than relocating the units.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Marlow explained that Mr. Josiah will be here at the November Council Meeting to give his quarterly report. She added that the past due tax balance is approximately \$88,000. She explained that there will be a note put on the October late notices, that if the taxes are not paid, the delinquent listing will be put in the local newspapers.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Queen explained that this year the Camden Wyoming Fire Department has been chosen to host the Wreaths across America event on December 14th, 2017. He explained that the tractor trailers and the support vehicles will stop at the station on the way to Arlington Cemetery. He asked that Chief Bryson help provide an escort coming off of the Puncheon Run. He explained that there will be a quick ceremony starting at noon.

Councilman Dougherty recommended making a \$500 donation to the Camden Wyoming Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to help fund the event.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve the donation of \$500 to go to the Camden Wyoming Fire Department. Roll call;

Mayor King – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes
Councilman Findley – yes
All in favor; none opposed.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Mrs. Christina Chidester, Senior Vice Commander, invited everyone to a movie presentation at the Camden VFW on October 25th from 6-9pm.

Mrs. Chidester stated that they are looking forward to working with the Town of Camden for Caroling in Camden again this year.

She also explained that they are looking for nominees for policeman of the year. She stated that the recommendations are due by the first of the year.

Mrs. Chidester presented Mayor King with a check for \$250 to be used towards the purchase of turkeys for the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Chidester and the Camden VFW for their very generous donation towards the turkey drive.

Mayor King also thanked Councilman Dougherty for his donation to the turkey drive.

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.

Chief Bryson added that when a new Tahoe is purchased the Explorers will then be spares.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for his report. He added that the contacts look great and he appreciates everything that Chief Bryson and the police department do.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that there was a pre-bid meeting on September 20th for the ADA ramps on Walmart Drive. He added that only one contractor was present, HT Masonry.

Mr. Chaffinch also stated that he is looking into Councilman Dougherty's request to have an additional lane put in at Caesar Rodney Avenue and Camden Wyoming Avenue.

Chief Bryson stated that the tractor trailers have a hard enough time now being able to make the turn and if another lane is added it may result in more accidents. He added that because of the gas pumps at Hylton Market it would be hard to widen the road.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if the code enforcement fees are increased each time there is a violation.

Mrs. Marlow stated that after four violations in 3 months a \$500 fee is assessed.

MAYOR

Mayor King asked for thoughts and prayers to be given to the victims, families, and friends of the Las Vegas shootings. He also thanked the police department for keeping us and our community safe.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Judi Schock

Mayor King recommended appointing Judi Schock to the Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Findley, to appoint Judi Schock to the Board of Adjustment. All in favor (Vice-Mayor abstained); none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dougherty congratulated and thanked Mrs. Schock for volunteering to be on the Board of Adjustment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:27pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*