

Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
March 5, 2018

**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 February 26, 2018, 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, and Councilman Findley.

Absent: Councilwoman Torres

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

**AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to move Oath of Office after the Presentation by Shore United Bank. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Hall will be closed March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in observance of Good Friday.

**REORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2018**

*Selection of Vice-Mayor*

Mayor King asked to have this tabled until the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting so that the entire council is present.

*Appointment of Town Clerk*

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to appoint Jamie Fenske as the Town Clerk. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

*Appointment of Town Solicitor*

A motion was made by Councilman Findley, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to appoint Craig Eliassen as the Town Solicitor. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

*Appointment of Building Inspector*

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to appoint Harold Scott Jr. as the Building Inspector. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

*Selection of official newspaper for notices of publication*

A motion was made by Councilman Findley, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to select Delaware State News and the Dover Post as the official newspapers for notices of publication. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Findley, to do the Oath of Office for Mayor King and Councilman Dougherty immediately following the approval of the February 12, 2018 minutes. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve the February 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

*Mayor King*

Honorable Noel Primos swore in Justin King as Mayor for a two-year term.

*Councilman Findley*

Honorable Noel Primos swore in Terry Findley as Councilman for a three-year term.

Mayor King and Councilman Findley thanked Honorable Primos for swearing them into office.

**PRESENTATION**

*Shore United Bank*

Vickie Ebaugh, Tereasa Swartz, and Laura Heikas; representatives of Shore United Bank on Governors Avenue gave a presentation to Mayor and Council explaining their objectives if the Town of Camden chooses to switch to their bank.

Mayor King explained that Mayor and Council are looking to keep the small town feel and to keep business inside of the Town of Camden.

Mrs. Swartz stated that they have compared the current Town of Camden bank statements with Shore United Bank fees and rates and she believes that Shore United will be able to save the Town of Camden money on fees. She explained that Shore United does not charge minimum balance fees or paper statement fees.

Vice-Mayor Schock questioned if Mrs. Marlow would be able to view the accounts online.

Mrs. Swartz replied that yes, the accounts could be viewed online. She added that they also reviewed the current merchant service account and could possible save the Town of Camden over \$900 a year.

Mrs. Heikas explained that if the Town of Camden chose, the Town Hall staff could make deposits remotely. She added that currently Shore United Bank services 21 municipalities.

Mrs. Heikas added that currently the Town of Camden has three accounts that are interest bearing accounts. She explained that if they town switched to Shore United Bank then they would not only offer higher interest rates on those three accounts, but the smaller accounts would also become interest bearing accounts.

Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Findley thanked the representatives of Shore United Bank for their presentation.

Mayor King explained that he would like to wait until the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting to make a motion to switch banks so that Mrs. Marlow will be present.

**FINANCE REPORT**

None.

**CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Dear stated that the Camden Wyoming Fire Department has already switched some of their bank accounts over to Shore United Bank and they are very pleased with the service that Shore United Bank provides.

Mr. Dear reported that the CWFD has ordered 2 new ambulances and they will be keeping one of their current ambulances as a spare and to be used to go to sporting events. He added that Meat Mechanics is due to open for business for soon.

Councilman Dougherty thanked Mr. Dear and all the volunteers and employees of the Camden Wyoming Fire Department for all that they do for the Town of Camden.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Dear for his report and to all the volunteers for all that they do.

#### **CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

Mrs. Fenske reported that there may be a new member to be appointed to the CWSWA Board of Directors at the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting.

#### **FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

Mr. Chappell stated that the brickwork at the Brecknock Manor House has been completed. He added that the basement at the Manor House has been cleaned out and looks good. He explained that there are still structural issues on the second floor that will hopefully be repaired soon so that the Manor House can be opened once again to host events.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Chappell and the Friends of Historic Camden for being so persistent with the Brecknock Manor House.

#### **VFW**

Mrs. Christina Chidester, Senior Vice Commander invited everyone to help the VFW serve Code Purple meals on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wyoming Methodist Church. She stated that they begin to prepare the meal at 3pm at the VFW and then serve it at the church at 6pm. She added that if the weather is too warm then the event will be cancelled.

Mrs. Chidester explained that there is a need for blankets for the Code Purple events and asked anyone that would like to donate blankets to drop them off at the Camden VFW or get in contact with her.

Mrs. Chidester added that the Camden VFW is still open for meals on Fridays and Saturdays and invited everyone out to enjoy a meal and good company.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Chidester and Mr. Garduno for allowing him to close the award ceremony.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Bryson gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Chief Bryson added that there was a robbery a bit ago at Shore United Bank and that the bank manager was great to work with. He explained that the branch is allowing the police department to put cameras on their building that will be recorded back at the Camden Police Department.

Chief Bryson detailed that two new Tahoes were approved in this year's fiscal year budget and only one has been purchased at this time. He explained that it took approximately 16 weeks for the last Tahoe to come in, so he would like to purchase the second Tahoe now if Mayor and Council would allow him to.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Findley, to allow Chief Bryson to purchase another Tahoe for the Camden Police Department. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

Chief Bryson explained that once this Tahoe is purchased and in use, all the patrol vehicles will be Tahoes and the two Explorers will remain spares.

Councilman Dougherty questioned once this Tahoe was in use if all the patrol vehicles will be 2013 or newer.

Chief Bryson confirmed that all the patrol vehicles will be 2013 or newer.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the January RETT was \$49,088.98. He added that there have been a few pieces of siding that blew off the north side of the Town Hall that will need to be replaced. He stated that Councilwoman Torres has expressed concern about the trash that was blowing around Chapel Croft and he has addressed this issue with the Public Works Department.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the Town of Camden will soon be required to become a permittee for MS4 which correlates to storm water. He explained that he is trying to get a grant from DNREC which will be a 1 to 1 match, up to \$50,000, that will help pay for mapping of the storm water system in the Town of Camden. He added that he spoke with Kevin Minnich and recommended either Century or Davis, Bowen, and Friedel.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if \$100,000 was the anticipated cost to map the entire town.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he feels it will be more than that, but the grant will only match up to \$50,000.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he feels it is a good idea to get in contact with an engineer to help us fill out the grant application so that we can get the financial assistance.

Mayor King recommended reaching out to Dan Ridgely since he sits on the CWSWA board and he is an engineer for DB&F.

**MAYOR**

Mayor King thanked Councilman Findley for volunteering his service to the Town of Camden for a three-year term. He thanked Council and the citizens for allowing him to serve another term as Mayor to the Town of Camden.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Shore United Bank*

This item was tabled until the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Mortgage payment*

Mayor King explained that each year Mayor and Council have tried to make an extra payment to the mortgage that will be applied to the principal only. He added that his recommendation is to make that one-time extra payment again this year of \$13,260.

Councilman Dougherty stated that this one-time payment of \$13,260 would take about 4 months off the end of the mortgage.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve a onetime payment of \$13,260 to be applied to the principal for the Town Hall mortgage. Roll call:

Mayor King – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Findley – yes

Councilwoman Torres absent. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Kelly, 62 Nanticoke Dr, explained that he spoke to the boy scout that was present at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and asked him if he understood what was happening during the meeting and the boy scout did not know what was going on. He suggested to Mayor and Council to possibly think of a way to help the Boy Scouts better understand what is going on at the monthly council meetings.

Chief Bryson suggested that the Boy Scouts come 15 minutes prior to the meeting so that they can meet Mayor, Council, and the staff and get a better understanding of the meeting prior to the meeting starting.

Richard Chappell, 262 Cambridge Rd, invited everyone to the Zion AME Church on Center St, this Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 1pm to honor Harriet Tubman. Mr. Chappell

questioned if anyone knew what the road work is that was due to start today down by Brecknock Park.

Chief Bryson replied that he thinks it may be the new path that is going to connect Brecknock Park and the new Kent County Parks and Rec Center on New Burton Road.

Kay Wood Bailey, 105 Front St, Wyoming, thanked Chief Bryson for all his help along with two of his officers that have been helping her recently. She added that it has been a pleasure working with Chief Bryson.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dougherty explained that he tries to invite the residents to the Council Meetings so that they are informed on what is going on around town. He thanked Mr. Lichtenberg for his attendance at tonight's meeting.

Vice-Mayor Schock congratulated Mayor King and Councilman Findley on their reelection and for running unopposed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made at 8:25 by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to enter executive session. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made at 8:55 by Councilman Findley, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to exit executive session and re-enter regular session. Councilwoman Torres absent. All in favor; none opposed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:55pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*