

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
April 2, 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 March 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 Councilwoman Torres.

Absent: Councilman Findley

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

AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to move old business item Shore United Bank to before Reorganization for the Year 2018. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Shore United Bank

Mayor King stated that he would like to know more about the in-house check deposit.

Mrs. Marlow explained that this is also something she would like to look at farther. The issue that she foresees is that that Town would be responsible for keeping the checks for 95 days after depositing.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if Mrs. Marlow was still able to get online and do an account printout.

Mrs. Marlow reminding Mayor and Council that if they decide to switch to Shore United Bank that the town will save money on credit card fees and regular monthly fees will be much less.

Vickie Ebaugh – Shore United Bank, explained that there will be approximately \$963 savings a year.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to switch all the Town of Camden bank accounts from WSFS to Shore United Bank. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

REORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2018

Selection of Vice-Mayor

Mayor King asked to have this tabled until the May 7, 2018 Council Meeting so that the entire council is present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the March 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the March 5, 2018 executive session minutes. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow stated that Mr. Josiah will be in the office next week to start preparing the budget so that it is available to present to Mayor and Council at the May 7th Council Meeting.

Mrs. Marlow stated that there will be a Public Workshop on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:30pm for the budget.

Mrs. Marlow explained that there was a sewer and water lien on one of the properties that the town recently sold. She added that she and Mr. Eliassen are in contact with the CWSWA to try and get documentation of that lien.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to move \$36,453.03 from the sale of the two town owned properties from the general fund money market to the general fund savings account. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

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.

Chief Bryson warned everyone that there is a new scam going around with people calling and saying that a fee needs to be paid because your computer is spreading viruses.

Chief Bryson reported that an ad for a new police officer has been placed in several newspapers. He explained that there are eight other police departments that are hiring, and the Town of Camden is the second lowest for pay. He added that thus far there have been 8 resumes submitted. He notified Mayor and Council that there may also be another police officer leaving and going to another department.

Mayor King questioned what the new traffic pattern will be at Walmart Drive and Thomas Harmon Drive.

Chief Bryson stated that it will be a right turn only for the right lane.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the new traffic pattern for Walmart Dr/Thomas Harmon Dr. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the January RETT was \$14,514.62. He added that there is a one for one match from DNREC to assist with the storm water mapping. He has reached out to Century 21 and spoke to Alex Smit that said they could assist the town in filling out the application and it would cost approximately \$1,000.

Councilwoman Torres questioned when the paving of Walmart Drive is due to begin.

Mr. Chaffinch replied that weather permitting, it is due to start any time.

MAYOR

Mayor King explained that the construction of Grottos has been delayed due to the weather. He added that he is looking forward to being apart of the budget process. He thanked Council and staff for being a great team.

NEW BUSINESS

CWSWA Appointment

Mayor King explained that he is recommending Mark Girty be appointed to the CWSWA Board of Directors to fulfill Mary Ellen Gray's position.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to appoint Mark Girty to the CWSWA Board of Directors to fulfill Mary Ellen Gray's position. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

Trash collection bid

Mr. Chaffinch explained that three sealed bids were submitted for the new trash collection bid. Trash Tech declined to bid at this time. Our current trash provider, Republic Service, submitted the lowest bid and will decrease the cost to the residents for the next three years.

Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to accept the bid submitted by Republic Services for the trash collection.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the dates of collection will remain the same and if there would be any change to the residents.

Mr. Chaffinch replied that the collection dates will remain the same and the only change to the residents would be the rate will be less.

Mayor King explained that his recommendation is accept the bid from Republic Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to accept the bid submitted by Republic Services for trash collection for the next three years with a possible two-year extension. Roll call:

Mayor King – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Kelly, 62 Nanticoke Dr, explained that his neighbor did not have his trash out in time for collection. The neighbor tracked down the trash truck and the driver came back to collect the trash. Mr. Kelly explained that he and his neighbor were very pleased with the trash company's customer service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King thanked council and staff for their hard-work and the audience for their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 7:49pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to adjourn the council meeting. Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*