

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
January 7, 2019**

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 November 23, 2018, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board,
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Blake King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Torres, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Schock.

Council Absent: Councilman Findley

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed for January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Municipal election is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 12-8 p.m. at the Camden Municipal Building. Available seat is currently held by Councilman Dougherty will be open. Qualified parties may submit a letter of intent to the Town Clerk no later than the close of business on January 25, 2019.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Schock, to approve the December 3, 2018 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Marlow explained that business and rental licenses have been mailed out and are due by 4pm on January 31st, 2019. She added that two properties were sent to our solicitor to be prepared for sheriff sale and that one property has been paid in full and was removed from the sheriff sale.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor King thanked the Camden Wyoming Fire Department for their assistance at Caroling in Camden. Vice-President Dear gave his report. He added that they currently have 3 ambulances in use. He explained that there has been an election which has resulted in a new Chief and President. He added that they are working on different fund drives to help purchase much needed equipment.

Mayor King asked Mr. Dear to keep the Town informed on their fund drives and we will try to help advertise and bring awareness.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the Burke's are doing well but that there is nothing to report for the Friends of Historic Camden at this time.

VFW

Vice-Commander Todd Fairhurst stated that the next Code Purple date that the VFW would be serving at the Wyoming Methodist Church would take place on January 21, 2019. He stated that if anyone is interested to volunteer, they are more then welcome and that serving will begin at 5pm.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Fairhurst and Mrs. Chidester for their presentations and their attendance at Caroling in Camden.

Mrs. Chidester invited Mayor, Council, staff, and the public to their 85th anniversary celebration on March 16th. She explained that they will be presenting their scholarship winners and other distinguished members with awards that night and dinner will cost only \$5.

POLICE REPORT

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the November RETT was \$23,984.02. He added that the town staff will be attending a PLUS meeting on January 23rd to hear comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update. He explained that the contractor is almost finished working on the stormwater pipe repair at Newells Creek.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Commissioner Sweeney for his attendance tonight.

Mayor King explained that Councilman Findley has decided to resign from his position of councilman. Mayor King wished Dr. Findley the best and much success.

Mayor King thanked the town staff, police department, and council for always giving their best. He thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Mayor King and Chief Whitney presented Blake King with a junior officer badge.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Department Open Position

Chief Whitney explained that he has completed backgrounds for the police department applicants. He asked to go into executive session to discuss salary.

NEW BUSINESS

Business license adjustments

Mayor King asked to have this item tabled until next month when the auditors will be present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Sweeney wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Pat Kelly – 62 Nanticoke Dr, stated that he hopes that Mr. Dougherty will file for councilman again.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dougherty explained that he is very pleased with the amount of RETT funds. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor King thanked Councilman Dougherty for his excellent service he has provided the Town of Camden and that he feels Councilman Dougherty deserves to serve another term.

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 7:42pm by Councilman Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the council meeting and enter executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made at 8:14pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Schock, to adjourn executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Schock, to allow Chief Whitney to hire Michael Petyo as Lieutenant step 8, at a starting salary of \$58,230.78. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:15pm by Councilman Schock, seconded by Vice-Mayor Torres, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*