

**Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
July 1, 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 June 24, 2019, in the following manner:

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

Vice-Mayor Torres led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: None.

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

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Hall will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

Property taxes are due by the close of business on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Schock, to approve the June 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Schock, to approve the June 3, 2019 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mrs. Marlow provided Mayor and Council a copy of the newly adopted budget. She added that the property taxes went in the mail today and are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. She explained to receive the \$20 discount, assessments must be greater than \$5,250, and payments must be received in office by 4pm on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. She stated that she will not be present for the August meeting and that Mr. Josiah will be present at the September Council Meeting to give his quarterly report.

**CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

Mr. Ridgely stated that the CWSWA has purchased the property adjacent to the existing CWSWA office and that they want to renovate the existing building. He explained that they will now be having quarterly meetings instead of monthly. He added that he is the chairperson, and that the chairperson may call meetings at any time he/she would like.

Mayor King stated that he would much rather have monthly meetings so that everyone may stay up to date. He thanked Mr. Ridgely for his will to volunteer and for him being the Chairperson and representing Camden well.

Mr. Ridgely explained that there is an area by Nellie Stokes that has Tidewater CPN. He stated that the CWSWA has the capabilities to service that area but to do so they would need approval from both the Town of Camden and the Town of Wyoming.

Mr. Ridgely stated that they will begin to review the yearly budget in September and will hopefully pass it in October.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the CWSWA is prepared to service the farm area that is South of Lochmeath Way, as it may be developed at some point.

Mr. Ridgely explained that they can service that area and will just need to connect. He added that Tidewater does not have service in that area so CWSWA is in a better position.

Vice-Mayor Torres stated that to her knowledge letters were supposed to be sent to the residents on Lochmeath Way about connecting to the CWSWA utilities. She explained that she would like to see new letters sent to the property owners before Mayor and Council review this farther.

Vice-Mayor Torres also questioned how the minimum charges would be calculated on the new monthly bills.

Mr. Ridgely explained that he would need to look into it and would get back to her.

**FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

None.

VFW

None.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He explained that the contacts have been on the rise.

Councilman Schock thanked Chief Whitney and the police department for their recent help.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if it would be permissible to put a traffic light camera at the corner of Route 10 and Route 13, as he feels a lot of people continue to go when the light turns red.

Chief Whitney explained that this is something that can be done, and he will look into it farther. He added that a company will manage the cameras, but an officer will have to review the offenses and issue civil penalties.

Mayor King explained that while these cameras can be helpful, they can also cause accidents.

Chief Whitney stated that he has heard that people will stop abruptly to avoid getting a penalty, which may result in an accident. He added that the Town of Camden w

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mayor King reported that the May RETT was \$12,095.33. He added that the parking lot at Town Hall has been resurfaced and restriped.

Mayor King added that Mary Ann Teller's family has graciously agreed to donate \$20,000 towards the clock at Town Square. He added that he will be donating the pavers for the project and welcomed all other donations. He thanked Mrs. Teller's family for their very kind donation and assistance in this beautification project.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor King thanked the police department, staff, and council for their continued hard-work and dedication to the Town of Camden.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Sally Port*

Chief Whitney explained that he has 3 bids in total, 2 of which he feels are comparable. He added that all three builders were given the same scope of work, but Yencer Builders was the only contractor that included renderings and diagrams.

Mr. Yencer explained that the proposed building will include two bays on the first floor and storage on the second floor with an open center to see down to the first floor. A staircase will provide access to the second-floor storage area, which will be mostly unfinished. He detailed that there will be no windows on the back or sides and there will be a center drain on the main floor. He stated that his proposal was for \$173,848.03.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if the drain was so that the police vehicles could be washed inside the sally port.

Chief Whitney explained that the officers are required to take care of cleaning the vehicles themselves. The drain will be used if the inside of the vehicle needs hosed out and cleaned due to a prisoner's actions.

Councilman Dougherty questioned why two stories and why two bays were necessary.

Chief Whitney stated that there is a storage problem, and this will make storage available to the police and admin. He added that if this is built there will no longer be a need for the rental of the storage unit. He explained that the sally port is to assist with safety of the officers and the community. He added that the City of Dover has two bays and access on both sides.

Councilwoman Rhodes questioned if this would be paid for with taxpayers' money.

Mrs. Marlow explained that RETT could be used to pay for this project.

Mr. Ridgely stated that his two concerns were to make sure there is an egress door and that this does not affect the sprinkler system or that the sprinkler system is revised to allow for this modification.

Chief Whitney explained that both of those concerns have already been addressed.

Councilman Dougherty and Vice-Mayor Torres asked to have this topic tabled until the August Council Meeting.

Mayor King tabled the Sally Port until the August Council Meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maryann Faust – 267 Paynters Way, thanked the police department for regularly patrolling her neighborhood and the Town of Camden. She thanked the police officers for their dedication. She explained that she would not have a problem with an increase in taxes to help pay for the sally port.

Mayor King stated that he would like to boost moral and build the police department back up.

Mike O'Brien – 34 Dill Ln, stated that he agreed with Mrs. Faust. He added that he thinks the clock and beautification project of Town Square is a great idea and he would like to see it accompanied with a nice Town of Camden sign.

Pat Kelly – 62 Nanticoke Dr, explained that he also is a major supporter of the police department. He added that he is seeing more of a police presence even down to the Puncheon Run.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice-Mayor Torres added that she also is seeing the Camden police everywhere, even down to the Wendy's on Route 13.

Councilman Schock thanked the police department for their hard work.

Councilwoman Rhodes explained that she sees the police a lot doing patrol in Tamarac.

Mayor King thanked the Yencer Builders for being present at tonight's meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made at 7:58pm by Councilman Schock, seconded Vice-Mayor Torres, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*