

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 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 September 30, 2019, in the following manner:

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

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilwoman Rhodes.

Council Absent: Vice-Mayor Torres and Councilman Schock.

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 on October 14th, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Marlow stated that there is a delinquent property tax balance of \$133,000. She added that Mr. Josiah will be present at the November Council Meeting to give his quarterly report. She explained that she and Mr. Josiah have begun preparation for the audit and are expecting Horty & Horty to be on site around November or December.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Vice-Commander Todd Fairhurst explained that they are continuing to do dinners on Friday nights. He added that they will be hosting trunk or treat at the post on October 25th.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Whitney stated that Byler Engineering is working on the architectural drawings for the sally port.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mayor King stated that the August RETT was \$38,432.67. He added that Century Engineering is continuing to make progress with the MS4 project.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Council, staff, and the police department for their continued hard work. He applauded Ms. Fenske and Mrs. Marlow on their participation at the upcoming community events. He reminded Council and audience that the Turkey Drive has started and will be hosted again at the Boys and Girls Club on New Burton Road on November 26th and Caroling in Camden will be December 6th here at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Extra Mortgage Payment

Mayor King stated that Mayor and Council have made it a priority to make an extra mortgage payment when fiscally possible. He explained that the goal is to pay down the principal faster which will result in interest savings to the town.

Mayor King added that Ms. Fenske spoke to Councilman Schock and that he was in favor of the onetime extra mortgage payment again this year.

Councilwoman Rhodes agreed that she was in favor of the extra mortgage payment.

Councilman Dougherty stated the extra payment is equivalent to 3 months of principal payments.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to a onetime payment of \$13,260 to be applied to the principal for the Town Hall mortgage. Unanimous; Vice-Mayor Torres and Councilman Schock absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryann Faust - 267 Paynters Way, thanked the police department for their presence in their development and thanked them for waving to the residents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Rhodes thanked the police department for their presence in her neighborhood.

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 7:21pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*