

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
November 2, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Torres 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 October 27, 2020, in the following manner:

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

Councilman Girty led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Torres, Councilman Girty, Councilman Woodall (via online). and Councilwoman Rhodes.

Council Absent: Vice-Mayor Schock

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Account Specialist Alicia Thalhofer, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Chief Marcus Whitney.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed on November 3rd on observance of Election Day.

Town Hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Town Hall will be closed on November 26th & 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the October 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Alicia Thalhoffer stated the RETT check was \$52,905.96. The delinquent taxes \$90,603.00 and the payments are still coming in.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORTS

Mrs. Cahall stated there will be a BOA Meeting and Planning Commission meeting on November 18, 2020. Rushabh Maniar- Camden Cigars would like to share his ideas on his business concept of a private club/smoking lounge. Planning Commission will meet for the following; Final site plan for King Commercial Lot 4 Fast food/retail and Final site plan for Sunset Village Apartments. She added that Chick Fil-a will be extending the kitchen and adding a dual drive thru. Mrs. Cahall also added that the permits are increasing throughout the year.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Councilman Woodall stated they approved the new budget with no increase in cost. Everything is running smooth and the staff is doing an excellent job.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Chappell said Levy Court said yes to working on the house. She said the HVAC must be done and they are planning on putting a library in there. She added the first objective is to get funds to start the work. She said Mr. Sheppard is starting to get bids for the HVAC system.

VFW

None

POLICE REPORT

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added that training for staff will start to increase.

Mrs. Chappell ask whose responsibility is it to close Brecknock Park?

Chief Whitney stated it is Park and Recs responsibility.

Chief Whitney added that the Sally Port needs a sprinkler system. He said Sobieski will do everything. He said this will allow them to take off the 20% off Yencers a sub-contractors fee. The total will be \$12,083.00.

Councilman Girty asked if the Hydrostatic testing is lifetime.

Chief Whitney said that the new system will be tied into the existing system.

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, and seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve \$12,083.00 for the sprinkler system. All in favor; none opposed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Stewart explained the Holiday light contest is on the website for residents to start registering there home or business. He said him and the Manager of Wyoming are monitoring it and its something fun to look forward too.

He added the wreaths are in and will be placed on Camden Wyoming Ave for this winter season. He said he's working on getting a Christmas tree to be placed near the bench.

He said the final number for the savings over the lifetime of the bond for the refinance is \$658,416.00.

Mr. Stewart received a survey for observation of Juneteenth for the 2021 calendar year in reference to adding it and or removing another holiday. This will be discussed later when we receive more information.

Chief Whitney wanted everyone to be mindful that is front loading more time to personal which will give them more accumulation. He said that if a consideration like that will take place, he would like the department to be afforded a larger carry over.

MAYOR

Mayor Torres thanked the staff and is pleased with everything.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Chappell is happy that there will be wreaths hung around the Town for the holidays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Woodall thanked staffed for a job well done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:34pm by Councilman Giry, seconded Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting and enter excessive session without returning to a regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*