

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 4, 2021**

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 September 28, 2021, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board, and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site,
- d. The Delaware State News, and
- e. The News Journal.

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

Mayor Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Torres, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilwoman Rhodes, Councilman Woodall, and Councilman Girty.

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Sarah Cahall Account Specialist Yvette Yerkes, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Public Works Manager/Code Enforcement Harold Scott Jr., and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Town Hall will be closed on October 11th, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

*Halloween will be observed on October 30, 2021 from 6pm-8pm.

*Tamarac Residents- Town Hall meeting on October 25, 2021 from 6pm-8pm at the Camden-Wyoming Fire Hall.

PRESENTATION

Harold Stafford and Eric Cheek of Helping Incentives which is a nonprofit company presents their lights on program. Their program supplies and installs LED lights in the front and back yards of resident's homes. Studies have shown this helps with crime activities in the areas as well as energy savings. They will be providing this program to 200 homes in the area and another 200 homes in 2022. Help Incentives will reach out to homeowner's associations to provide information when they will be coming to their homes as well as leave door hangers when needed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Councilman Girty, to approve the September 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to approve the September 13, 2021 executive session meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Yerkes said the Town received \$43, 542.50 in RETT. A total of \$1.6 million was collected in taxes.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORTS

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Brown gave a report that included but was not limited to fire calls.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Councilman Woodall said the budget meeting went well and everything is good. If everything is passed there will be no rate increase.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

None.

POLICE REPORT

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Stewart announced that the Town of Camden residents can observe Halloween on October 30, 2021 from 6pm-8pm. He said the community yard sale was a success in September. Mr.

Stewart stated that a letter will be mailed out regarding the meeting with Tamarac residents. He advised Mayor and Council that the legal team fee for the ARPA funds is \$7,099.94 and it automatically comes out of those funds. The Town will retain them for 18 months.

MAYOR

Mayor Torres said that the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company had a loss of funds totaling \$287,763.00 and a supply lost of \$96,081. She would like to see if the ARPA funds could be able to help assist.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, and seconded by Councilman Schock, to enter public hearing. All in favor; none opposed.

2ND Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-01 New Residential Construction School Bus Stop

No public comment.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-02 Temporary Activities

Vice-Mayor Schock asked to construct the verbiage from “all zoning areas” to designated zoning areas such as commercial and industrial with the exceptions of the Fire Department, Police Department and Schools.

No public comment.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-03 Planning Commission- Expiration of Site Plan Approval

No public comment.

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to exit the public hearing and return to the regular council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

2ND Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-01 New Residential Construction School Bus Stop

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-O-01 New Residential Construction School Bus Stop. All in favor; none opposed. Motion Carries

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-02 Temporary Activities

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-O-02 Temporary Activities. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-O-03 Planning Commission- Expiration of Site Plan Approval

A motion was made by Councilman Girty, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-O-03 Planning Commission- Expiration of Site Plan Approval. All in favor; one opposed. Motion Carries.

118 Main St

Mr. Stewart said that the requirements have been met and the house is currently up for sale.

Councilman Woodall would like to follow policies and protocol.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Girty to reevaluate the property. All in favor; none opposed

NEW BUSINESS

Drainage of Maintenance Contract Proposal

Mr. Stewart explained Century engineering will be the project manager for bidding jobs regarding storm water management. The cost to utilize Century engineering is \$105,000.00.

Councilman Woodall asked if we have to have a bid for a project manager.

Mr. Stewart said no.

Mr. Scott expressed and explained that the storm drains in Tamarac and Newell's Creek need to be replaced sooner than later.

Mr. Stewart said we can use the ARPA funds for that project.

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the Drainage of Maintenance Contract Proposal. All in favor; none opposed.

Purchase of Sander

Mr. Stewart said the cost of a sander from Cliffside is \$12,800.00.

Councilman Woodall asked Mrs. Yerkes for the RETT balance.

Mrs. Yerkes stated the balance was \$1.3 million.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, and seconded by Councilman Girty, to approve \$12,800.00 from RETT to purchase a sander. All in favor; None opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Brown- asked what the access would be for East St for the Fire Department. He asked Mayor and Council if they could make it a through and through access with a gate or removable barriers.

Mayor Torres asked Mr. Stewart what is possible from the developer.

Mr. Stewart said he will talk to the developer to see what can be done.

Mr. Stewart said the Town is responsible for East St and this matter could be considered a public safety and the fund can come from RETT.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Woodall would like the Historical part of the Town to maintain its Historical value.

Councilwoman Rhodes and Vice-Mayor Schock thanked Town staff.

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 8:16pm by Councilman Girty, seconded Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*