

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
March 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tracy 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 March 1, 2022, in the following manner:

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

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

Mayor Tracy Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Tracy Torres, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilwoman Rhodes, and Councilmen Woodall.

Council Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Town Manager Jason Stewart, Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Account Specialist Yvette Yerkes, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, CFO Tom Josiah, and Police Chief Marcus Whitney.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OATH OF OFFICE

Justin T. King

Honorable Noel E. Primos swore in Justin T. King as Mayor for a two-year term.

Mayor King thanked Honorable Primos for swearing him into office. He also thanked City of Dover Mayor Christiansen for his continued support and attendance.

REORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2022

Selection of Vice-Mayor

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to appoint Councilman Schock as the Vice-Mayor. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Town Clerk

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to appoint Sarah Cahall as the Town Clerk. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Town Solicitor

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to appoint Craig Eliassen as the Town Solicitor. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Building Inspector

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to appoint Harold Scott Jr. as the Building Inspector. All in favor; none opposed.

Appointment of Engineer

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to appoint Kevin Minnich from Minnich Engineering as the Town Engineer. All in favor; none opposed.

Selection of official newspaper for notices of publication

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to select Delaware State News and the Dover Post as the official newspapers for notices of publication. All in favor; none opposed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Woodall, to approve the February 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Yerkes said the Town received \$24,847.76 in RETT and there is currently less than \$35,000.00 in back taxes. She added the two properties that went to monitions have been paid in full.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Brown gave a report that included but was not limited to fire calls. He said they are looking into purchasing two new ambulances.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked his family and friends for their support. He is honored to be back and serve as the Mayor for the Town of Camden. He wants to make sure the Town runs efficiently and with prosperity.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Horty & Horty FY21

Paige Rubino represented Horty & Horty. She reported there was no weak internal control and audit went well. Assets exceeded the Towns liability by 7.2 million of this amount 4.8 million dollars is unrestricted and can be used to satisfy obligations. 2.4 million is invested in capital assets. Outstanding debt of the Town is under 2.5 million. The capitol asset is around 5 million, which is stable from the prior year. The Town received a portion of the ARPA between the two

fiscal years they will receive 1.7 million. In FY21 \$58,000.00 was spent. Overall audit went well, and she thanked Mrs. Yerkes, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Josiah, and entire council for being available and answering all questions.

She commended Mayor, Council, and staff for doing a great job on another successful budget.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes to approve Horty & Horty FY21 audit. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Ridgely- Mr. Ridgely proposed to have a Planning & Zoning workshop.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King thanked Tracy Torres for her 11 years of dedication and serving the Town of Camden.

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 7:40pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting and enter executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:40pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*