

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
May 1, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Schock 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 April 24, 2023, in the following manner:

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

Councilwoman Rhodes led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Schock led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: Mayor King

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Account Specialist Malori Lewis, Town Manager Harold Scott Jr, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and CFO Tom Josiah.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor and Council will hold a Public Workshop Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 pm regarding the Proposed FY 2023/2024 Draft Budget.

Town Hall will be closed on May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the March 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the March 6, 2023 executive meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Lewis said that the RETT received in March was \$12,173.54 and \$16,677.70 in April. She added that delinquent taxes are \$9,425.66.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Dan Ridgley said that they need another board member from the Town of Camden. He added Sunset Village well has been set. He added that they weren't raising rates.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Dan Ridgley said there will be a bench dedication for the late Chapels on May 18th at 1 pm. He mentioned turning the Goggin House into a museum with the funds that they received.

POLICE REPORT

None.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Harold Scott Jr. advised the Council that 218 Camden-Wyoming Ave has been demolished. He added that FY2022/2023 audit passed. Mr. Scott Jr. informed them that the bond improvement application has been submitted. He received 3 trash bids from Republic, GFL, and Charlies, which will be revealed on May 12th.

MAYOR

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2024 Budget 1st Reading

Mr. Josiah informed the Council that this year's working budget is 2.3 million dollars and FY 2024 purposed budget expenditures are \$2.6 million. He added that the proposed revenue is \$2.3 million, and the current is \$2.1 million. The revenue is growing but not at the same pace as the expenditure. The general budget increase is mostly because of waste service fees increase and public safety is increasing. He added that the trash fees will be increasing roughly by 10% percent. Mr. Josiah stated the administrative side is increasing due to staff configuration from public works to Town administrative. Public safety and Public Works plan personnel will have a reduction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fluer McKendall- 44 E. Fred Circle- She asked about the technology regarding meetings and contact information for Town Council. She added she was able to obtain a police report and she said it has the Mayor's address listed as a Magnolia address.

Dan Ridgley- 215 Camden Wyoming Ave- He asked if the Friends of Historic Camden can review the elevation of the new dwelling proposed at 218 Camden Wyoming Ave.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Rhodes thanked Town Staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to enter into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:31 pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*