

**Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
July 10, 2023**

**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 June 29, 2023, 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 King led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: Councilman Woodall,

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Account Specialist Malori Lewis, Town Manager Harold Scott Jr., Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Chief Marcus Whitney.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Property taxes are due by the close of business on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the June 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the June 5, 2023 executive session meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Lewis said that the Town received \$19,158.54 in RETT during the month of June. The delinquent taxes for 2022 are down to \$9,085.74. She added that the Town Taxes for 2023 were mailed out at the beginning of July.

**CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Scott said the Firehouse has bingo every Tuesday. The Firehouse will have its crab feast on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

None.

**FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

None.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added there were 40 hours of paid overtime and 2 hours of court overtime.

**TOWN MANAGER**

Mr. Scott stated that the Town received \$72,139.00 for street aid and \$150,000.00 in community reinvestment funds were received. He said that he received the Camden Bypass contract from Del-Dot and added that negotiations need to be discussed before signing.

**MAYOR**

Mayor King thanked State Representatives Landon Yearick and Trey Paradee for their support. He also thanked Jason Dean for his assistance with the Town Clock and the flag in the Council room.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Maryann Faust- 267 Paynters Way- She asked about police staffing, budgeting for more officers, the Savannah Farms project, and the hiring process for new officers.

Chief Whitney stated they are budgeted for 10 officers, and he's in the middle of a hiring process.

Mayor King stated that the Savannah Farms project won't begin for another year. He added that they will stay ahead of the project for budgeting and staffing.

John Badger-35 Dill Ln- Asked how long the Savannah Farms project will take to build.

Mr. Scott stated it would be a 5-8 year project.

Justin Buchwald asked about the CPOA contract.

Mayor King said they will discuss this in executive sessions.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor King recognized Harold Scott Jr with a plaque for his 20 years of service.

Vice-Mayor Schock presented Mayor King with a proclamation.

Vice-Mayor Schock thanked the Fire Department and the Town staff.

Councilman Dougherty thanked the Town staff.

Councilwomen Rhodes thanked the Town staff.

Mayor King thanked the community, Police Department, and Town staff for all their support.

### **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 Dougherty, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to enter into executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*