

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
August 14, 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 August 31, 2023, in the following manner:

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

Councilman Dougherty led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Schock led a moment of silence.

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

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

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the July 10, 2023, regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the July 10, 2023 executive meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Lewis stated there was \$18,503.10 received from RETT in the month of July. Delinquent taxes for tax year 2022 are \$7,251.71. Ms. Lewis said a total of \$375,943.95 for tax year 2023 has been collected to date.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harold Scott Jr. added they their Crab Feast is August 26th.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Ridgely welcomed John Badger to the committee. He added they will have a budget workshop on September 24th.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Gale Christensen stated they have an entire board, and they meet on the 4th Thursday of every month. She said they are working on a flag program, a mural, and meeting with Jodi Sweeney in reference to the Goggin house project.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He said the paid overtime was 9.5 hours and 4 hours of court overtime.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Scott Jr. said that the Savannah Farms project is moving forward, and they will have a Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission meeting on September 20th.

MAYOR

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Server Maintenance Upgrade

Chief Whitney explained that the server for all the police operations is connected through the State and DELJIS network and it is obsolete. He added that DELJIS made contact with them to upgrade it, or they would remove them from the system if it weren't corrected. The new server will cost \$8,595.00 and an additional fee of \$3,720.00 to transfer all data and reconnect to the State. He asked to have \$12,315.00 from RETT to approve the server maintenance upgrade.

Vice-Mayor Schock asked if the system would be down during the transfer.

Chief Whitney said yes.

Vice-Mayor Schock asked if it would be the whole week.

Chief Whitney said not for the whole week it will be broken down into sessions, but they will have the ability to take calls for service.

A motion was made by Councilman Woodall, and seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve \$12,315.00 from RETT for the server maintenance upgrade. All in favor none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Milton- 305 Meeting House Ln- Stated that a sign on Meeting House Ln was incorrect. She expressed her concern regarding the overgrowth on Meeting House Ln and Commons Ln.

Dan Ridgley- 215 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave- Asked about the new dwelling process at 218 Camden Wyoming Ave. He asked if shutters on the house would be considered.

Mr. Scott Jr. said he would talk to the property owner.

Fleur McKendell- 44 E. Fred Cir.- She asked if there has been any progress with a hybrid platform for meetings and asked about the regime of the Town Council if there were to be changes, and where she could find that information.

Mr. Scott said he did receive a quote in the amount of \$18,000. Mr. Eliassen stated that the charter was online and guided her to section 12 for the process of replacing Council members.

Dawn Gonzalez- Launden Ln- Asked about the difference between regular meetings and public meeting publications.

Ms. Cahall explained the process of posting different publications.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:42 p.m. by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*