

Town of Camden
Regular Meeting of the Council
October 5, 2009
Town of Camden Municipal Building

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Mooney called the Camden Town Council Meeting to order.

The following persons were in attendance:

Council Members	Robert A. Mooney, Mayor Richard Snyder, Vice Mayor Kevin Casquarelli, Councilman Jeffrey Lewin, Councilman
Solicitor	Craig T. Eliassen, Esq.
Administrative Staff	James O. Plumley, Town Manager William Bryson, Chief of Police Gary Melvin, Captain
Public	Attachment #1

The following person was absent: Kenneth Fuchs, Councilman

Pledge of Allegiance

Pack 277 from the Nellie Stokes Cub Scouts led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation

Commander George Little of the Delaware Young Marines introduced PFC Brenda Lomax, and Private Danielle Swille⁴ both of whom read statements explaining the Young Marines as well as the purpose of Red Ribbon Week. They stated Red Ribbon Week is in memoriam of a former DEA agent who was sent to Mexico to infiltrate a drug cartel; however he was eventually kidnapped and murdered, giving his life for his country while trying to abolish the drug epidemic that has swept across our country.

Councilman Lewin read the Proclamation presented to Commander Little representing the Town's acceptance of Red Ribbon Week. (See Attachment #2)

Motion made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to accept and present the proclamation in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

Notice

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Delaware Open Public Meetings Act by posting on September 23, 2009, copies of the agenda in the lobby of the Municipal Building the electronic sign outside of the Municipal Complex and published in the Delaware State News on September 29, 2009.

Mayoral Announcements

Mayor Mooney announced Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

Minutes

Mayor Mooney commented on the Thank You card received from the Dawson Family for the floral arrangement provided by the Town at form Mayor Dawson's funeral. (See attachment #3)

Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to approve the September 14, 2009, regular meeting minutes as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to approve the September 2009 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Town Manager Report (Attachment #4)

Please see attached report submitted by Mr. Plumley. A brief discussion followed concerning the cost of mowing of vacant or neglected properties.

Police Department Report (Attachment #5)

Please see attached report submitted by Capt. Melvin. The Captain stated the Camden Police Department was please to host the Cub Scouts who met with Sgt. Hartman for a tour of our facility and a discussion regarding possible careers in law enforcement.

Capt. Melvin reminded the residents of Caesar Rodney's Homecoming activities which will tie up traffic on October 16th. He also stated with due respect to Mr. Fifer's complaints of excessive speed along Willow Grove Road that approximately 7.5 hours (at various times) were spent documenting 1200 cars that passed through, only three (3) of which were issued tickets.

Mayor Mooney stated that was not a high number of violators and commented that the Police findings coincided with those of DelDOT's traffic impact study.

Land Use Report (Attachment #6)

Please see attached report submitted by Ms. Klauder.

C.W.F.D.

There was no representation from the CWFD to present a report.

C.W.S.W.A.

Chairman Mark Dyer reported the CWSWA will meet October 13, 2009. She stated Ms. Spence intends to step down. Mayor Mooney stated he was aware and would be looking into a replacement.

Friends of Historic Camden

Ms. Bobbi Toner invited everyone to attend the Underground Railroad Coalition meeting Monday, October 25th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the newly renovated historic Camden Friends Meeting House as well as the newly constructed annex building.

Old Business

a. *Amendment to Ordinance - #2007-101 "Rental License". This matter was originally scheduled and duly advertised for hearing at the August 3rd meeting, wherein Council had tabled the matter without further notification, as approved by our Solicitor, to this evening's meeting.*

Mr. Plumley stated after review and conversations with our Solicitor he proposes the first reading of this amendment be stricken and removed from the table.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to strike the first reading of the Amendment to Ordinance #2007-101 "Rental License", the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Hearing

Motion made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting.

a. *Lands of Town of Camden – Caesar Rodney Avenue, Tax Map No. NM 02-094.10-01-27.01, Zone R-2 Single Family Zone. Recommendation for rezoning to R-3 Multi-Family zone for the construction of a duplex.*

Mr. Plumley stated the Town has been approached by a potential buyer of the property for construction of a duplex. He indicated currently duplexes are only permitted within the R-3

Multi-Family Residential Zones, which led to the rezoning request. He indicated there was sufficient land to warrant this type of construction.

Councilman Lewin asked if they buy has made a commitment; Mr. Plumley stated property was appraised at \$70,000 however the buyer could only recoup his investment by constructing a duplex.

At this time Mayor Mooney opened the floor to the Council and/or public for comments on this request.

John Fifer of Willow Grove Avenue asked for clarification of the properties location. Mr. Plumley stated the property was just south of the First Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Dohn Hershberger questioned possible impact on traffic. Mr. Plumley stated he did not foresee any impact on traffic whatsoever.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to recess the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice Mayor Snyder, to accept the Planning Board's recommendation and rezone the property from R-2 to R-3 to allow for possible construction of a duplex. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Comment

John Fifer – Willow Grove Road

Mr. Fifer commented on the problem of overgrown grass and employing the good neighbor policy for properties that are vacant.

Richard Maly – 20 Raze Lane

Mr. Maly announced Columbus Day is not a holiday recognized by Allied Waste; therefore trash collection should not be disturbed.

Mr. Maly also questioned when the vacant seat on the Planning Commission will be filled. Mayor Mooney stated he is looking at various persons to fill all of the seats currently vacant.

John Hart – Walnut Shade Road

Mr. Hart expressed his concern over vandalism at properties that either are or appear vacant.

Mayor Mooney questioned when the Council will hear the second reading of the proposed amendment to parking for the Brecknock Park Roadway. Mr. Plumley stated he and

Capt. Melvin met with Kent County personnel and Commissioners and we will not proceed until they have concurred with out suggestion.

Executive Session

At 8:07 p.m. a motion as made by Vice Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilman Lewin, to recess the regular meeting and open executive session. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made at by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice Mayor Snyder, to recess the executive session and open the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Lewin, seconded by Vice Mayor Snyder to adjourn the regular meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Charlotte L. Klauder
Town Clerk