

Newport Town Council
Meeting minutes
February 20, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Delaware Open Meetings Act.

Attendance: Mayor Michael Spencer, Commissioner Tim Chatburn, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, Commissioner John Joswick, Town Manager Wendy King, Police Chief Michael Capriglione, Solicitor Stephen Robinson. Commissioner Michele MacDonald was absent.

Commissioner Joseph made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Joswick seconded.

Bill Lower from Harvey, Hanna and Associates thanked the town for taking care of potholes and to advise they were open again in the same location.

Town Manager King presented her report which consisted of the phone system, business licenses, Verizon Wireless, contact with the owner of 110 Water Street, election intentions for current councilmembers, and meeting with the Aldermen. There was some discussion about qualifications for Alderman and interview process for the Alderman. Commissioner Joseph pointed out that there were rules for court that a candidate would need to be familiar with. It was decided that the position will be posted and that the town manager and mayor will conduct preliminary interviews and narrow candidates down to two or three and then interview those candidates again during a council meeting.

Police Chief Capriglione presented his monthly report. He advised council of a commendation from New Castle County for Cadet Dominick Mills, advised that Sgt. Brown was back to work and that MCpl Maiorano is out on paternity leave.

Alderman's Report was presented with no questions.

The Maintenance Report was presented. Commissioner Joseph complimented the Maintenance Department for snow removal.

Commissioner Joswick mentioned a neighbor pushing snow in the road using a company truck. Mayor Spencer asked Chief Capriglione to look into that further.

Statement of Accounts and Budget were briefly reviewed and things are off to a good start for 2014.

Solicitor Robinson commented about meeting with the Alderman. He noted that he needed to discuss some things with Barbacane Thornton and would be reaching out to Pam Baker.

Commissioner Joswick noted that the Joint Finance Committee were going to be putting some projects on the back burner due to funding and heard that the James Street Bridge was one of them. Mayor Spencer was going to reach out to Senator Peterson for confirmation.

Mayor Spencer advised that Governor Markell would be speaking at the Business Breakfast which is on March 25, 2014, from 7:30 to 9:30. He attended the Delaware League of Local Governments Dinner and will be going to the upcoming DART Transportation meeting. Comp Plan Update Committee met and will be forwarding information to Chris Fazio.

Mayor Spencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Joswick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.