

Newport Town Council
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spencer announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Delaware Open Meeting Act.

Attendance: Mayor Michael Spencer, Vice Mayor John Joswick, Commissioner Kathleen Joseph, Commissioner Michele MacDonald, Town Manager Wendy King, Police Chief Michael Capriglione. Commissioner Timothy Chatburn was absent.

Minutes from the meeting of May 21, 2015, were approved via motion by Vice Mayor Joswick and seconded by Commissioner Mac Donald. All ayes.

Public Comment: Bill Lower, Harvey Hanna Associates, reintroduced Ryan Kennedy, Director of Marketing, to provide an overview of the DE Kids Fund 5K, Saturday, August 1, 2015. Prerace reception at 7:30 am; race starts at 8:30 am and concludes at 9:45 am. Reception and awards to follow. Money raised goes toward youth initiatives and feeding children in August. It's the sixth anniversary of the 5K. Needs police assistance.

Town Manager King reviewed her report which included the audit being complete and comments are ready for presentation, tax payments, transfer funds to the capital account, fee schedule for state benefits.

Mayor Spencer brought up the workers compensation insurance pool and perhaps we could consider the pool for 2016. More municipalities are joining the pool. Mayor Spencer said that he would do some preliminary research.

Police Chief Capriglione presented his statistics for the month. He announced that the department was full-staffed. He advised of an incident at Pettinaro involving some kids and keys left inside a vehicle. Vice Mayor Joswick wanted to know when the weight team would down on Water Street and Chief Capriglione advised it would happen in July.

Alderman's Report - \$41,116 fines/costs/security fees collected.

Maintenance Report presented with no questions. Town Manager King advised that a third quote for the repair on Water Street was expected to be received. Code Enforcement and the Building Inspector did an inspection on 102 E. Ayre Street. Report was submitted to the real estate agent.

Solicitor Robinson received an email from Bill Saienni regarding annexation of their property into town. Annexation of Vice Mayor Joswick's neighbor will take place prior to the town entertaining any other requests.

Mayor Spencer would like an executive session due to negotiation. He attended the Delaware League of Local Government meeting with the Vice Mayor. One bill discussed was the Open Carry Opt In municipal buildings. Telecommunications tax was another bill discussed.

New Business –There was a resolution on the agenda regarding the Comprehensive Plan/Zoning categories, but after a lengthy discussion, an ordinance needs to be done to rename the zoning categories and mapping changes.

MS4 Stormwater Report will be sent by Remington Vernick.

Mayor Spencer made motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation with right to reconvene. Vice Mayor Joswick seconded. (7:57 pm)

Regular session reconvened at 8:06 pm.

No more business came before the Board. Commissioner MacDonald made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Joseph seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.