

Newport Town Council
Minutes – Regular Meeting
January 17, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Mayor Michael Spencer, Vice Mayor Mary Harrington, Commissioner Albert Bradbury, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, Commissioner Michele MacDonald, Town Manager Wendy King. Also, Solicitor Stephen Robinson and Police Chief Michael Capriglione were in attendance.

Minutes from the December 20, 2012, meeting were approved via a motion from Commissioner Bradbury with a second from Vice Mayor Harrington.

Mayor Spencer tabled the appointment of a rental inspection ordinance committee.

Public comment – Resident John Joswick advised that the last two recycling pickups were missed by the recycling driver, but were picked up by the regular trash driver. Town Manager King will speak to dispatch about this.

Town Manager King reviewed her report which included the schedule of the upcoming audit. The posting of the upcoming election was completed. The date of the election will be April 1, 2013. Worker's comp insurance premiums were estimated at anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000 – more information will follow. Streetscape workshop will be held on January 24, 2013, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Contractor called to see if boards could be removed from windows at 102 E. Ayre Street – the bank/mortgagor still in question. William Francis, author, inquired about original photographs of the town for a book he is writing. He was able to secure some photos from Public Archives, but wanted more.

Police Chief Capriglione reviewed his monthly report for December and the annual report. He also reviewed the Alderman's Report – monthly figure is \$47,988. Transfers have decreased as well as current collections.

Maintenance Report was presented with no questions.

Solicitor Robinson advised he was working on communications with Verizon regarding locating on the monopole. He requested a motion from council to give Town Manager King permission to sign the deed to 5 S. John Street over to the buyer. Mayor Spencer made a motion to allow; Commissioner Bradbury seconded. Voice vote – all ayes.

Vice Mayor Harrington reminded council of a suggestion that Robert Harvey made regarding moving the anchor that sits in the park near 7-11. It will be mentioned in a future newsletter that the town will move it if no reasonable objections are made.

Mayor Spencer reported that he had lunch with Tom Gordon, County Executive, and that sewer issues were loosely discussed along with streetscape.

Commissioner Bradbury made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Joseph seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.