

Newport Town Council  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2012

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

Minutes from the April 19 reorganization meeting were approved via motion by Mayor Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Bradbury. Voice vote – all ayes. Minutes from the April 19 regular meeting were approved via motion by Mayor Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Bradbury. Voice vote – all ayes.

Public Comment: Resident Kevin Haigh noted that there would be more activity at the St. James Church playground and wanted to know if it could be cleaned up. He also mentioned that there were trailers in the designated parking spots at Ella Johnson Park. Mr. Haigh wanted to make the town aware of the current lawsuit happening in the city of Newark by dwelling owners in regard to excessive fees. Resident Frank Walker mentioned that said inspections are part of town code and there was discussion of adherence.

Correspondence – none.

Town Manager King reported on the temporary closure of the skatepark, property tax invoices, the audit, sale of the CD and accident involving the marked car.

Police Chief Capriglione presented his monthly departmental statistics. He advised of the Click it or Ticket campaign and a robbery at 7-11.

Alderman's Report was presented.

Maintenance Report was presented. Maintenance Supervisor Bob Harvey was present to address questions and concerns.

Solicitor Robinson advised council that the charter has passed through the house and senate and was waiting for Governor Markell's signature. He advised that he sent the audit letter and requested a brief executive session for matter of negotiations/potential litigation. He requested that the permit/inspection process be placed on next month's agenda for discussion. He met with Kyle

Bendler at the Jackson property. There was discussion regarding the next steps that need to be taken to get this issue resolved.

Mayor Spencer wanted to address the sale of the CD and receipt of restitution in full from a former employee. He wanted that amount added to the \$75,000 CD being purchased upon reimbursement of state funds.

Mayor Spencer motioned to adjourn to executive session at 7:38 pm.

Regular meeting was back in session at 7:53 pm.

Mayor Spencer motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bradbury seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.