

Newport Town Meeting
July 18, 2013
Minutes

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 Kathy Joseph, Commissioner John Joswick, Town Manager Wendy King. Also, Solicitor Stephen Robinson and Police Chief Michael Capriglione were also in attendance. Commissioner Michelle MacDonald was absent.

Minutes from June 20, 2013, were accepted via motion by Commissioner Joswick and seconded by Commissioner Joseph. All ayes.

Public comment – Bill Lower from Harvey Hanna & Associates thanked the town for all of the cooperation shown in the 5k Walk/Run for Delaware Kids Fund and that volunteers were still needed for the dunk tank. To show their appreciation, Harvey Hanna will be supplying Mayor and Council tshirts to honor the occasion,

Resident Terry Parton commented on the foster kids living on Justis Street and fighting out in the street. Chief Capriglione encouraged her and other neighbors to call 911 if they were having an issue.

Town Manager King reviewed her report which included the upcoming audit draft, tax payments being received, industrial park sign needing to come down, business license audit, tree grant application and phones. Commissioner Joswick asked about 1515 E. Ayre Street and them doing work on weekends with no permit. Solicitor Robinson advised that he could sign an affidavit to swear to seeing it occur and have the building inspector issue a violation notice.

Police Chief Capriglione reviewed his monthly statistics and advised he needed an executive session regarding personnel matters.

Alderman's Report was reviewed. There was discussion about receivables and cases transferring to other courts.

Maintenance Report was presented. Vice Mayor Harrington noted that the fence where the guardrail is in Stonehurst needs care.

Solicitor Robinson advised that he is still working on the monopole lease with Verizon and is presently dealing with the 3rd party indemnity with United Water. In response to a question from the town manager about variances, he advised that most property variances stay with the property unless otherwise noted in the documentation.

Mayor Spencer advised that the first comprehensive plan update workshop was held earlier in the evening and was moving along nicely. Resident Kevin Haigh asked if the meetings were posted. He was advised that they were not because there was no quorum and conversations and ideas were in their formative stages. The public would not be allowed to make comments or suggestions at this time. Solicitor Robinson advised that it was not a big deal to post them, but the public would not be invited to speak at those times.

Motion to adjourn for Executive Session by Mayor Spencer and seconded by Vice Mayor Harrington.

Meeting was adjourned temporarily at 7:30 pm for Executive Session.

Motion to return to regular session by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Mayor Spencer.

Meeting was back in public session at 7:46 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Joswick.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.