

Newport Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2017

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, Town Manager Wendy King, Commissioner Timothy Chatburn, Commissioner Florence Czerwinski, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, and Police Chief Michael Capriglione. Solicitor Robinson was out.

Minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2017, were approved via motion by Mayor Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Joseph. All ayes.

No public comment or correspondence.

Town Manager's Report - Commissioner filing deadline is Friday, March 3, 2017. Accountant came in to reconcile bank accounts and prepare reports for the upcoming audit. Correspondence with owner of 102 E. Ayre Street was sent in the form of email requesting a meeting to discuss progress on the project and to advise of expired permits and business license. Business license applications are coming in. Financing was approved for maintenance truck. A quote for demolition of the buildings adjacent to the garage was received but did not include removal and remediation of the section of asbestos. Budget comments - payroll date threw the reconciliation off by a day, so adjustments made affected the budget numbers in the payroll-related line items. Vice Mayor Joswick asked about 102 E. Ayre. The town cannot really demand a property owner to do something on the town's timeframe - we can offer input and given the state of the property, condemning the property is a last resort.

Police Chief's Report - January statistics were given.

Alderman's Report - \$46,973 fines collected for January, 2017.

Maintenance Report - Commissioner Joseph questioned an entry regarding removing needles from catch basins. Follow up requested.

Code Enforcement - Tire removal, parking, house taken over by bank on W. Ayre Street, 204 N. Mary Street has obtained proper permits for work being done.

Chief Capriglione introduced new officer, John Mitchell, who came to us from Elsmere Police Department.

No Solicitor's Report.

Mayor Spencer introduced the town's new solicitor, Christopher Griffiths, from Connolly Gallagher. He is also solicitor for Delaware City. He will begin in April, 2017 at the Reorganization Meeting.

Commissioner Joseph commented on finding needles on her walk to Exxon. She approached Exxon employees regarding disposal and was told that they were not allowed to pick them up. She also said there was a needle near the barbershop. There was discussion regarding the safe removal of these items if they are ever found. Chief Capriglione did not believe that they would be dispatched specifically for removal/disposal of drug paraphernalia. Biohazard boxes should be obtained and emptied at the hospital.

Mayor Spencer motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Czerwinski seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.