

Newport Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted during Reorganization Meeting.

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

Attendance: Mayor Michael Spencer, Vice Mayor John Joswick, Commissioner Timothy Chatburn, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, Town Manager Wendy King, Solicitor Stephen Robinson, Police Chief Michael Capriglione.

Minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2016, were approved via motion by Vice Mayor Joswick and seconded by Mayor Spencer. All ayes.

No public comment.

Correspondence - Letter from attorney in reference to pension payment for Dennis Sandusky. Solicitor Robinson will handle.

Town Manager's Report - Town Manager King reported that she attended Deljis training in Dover and was fingerprinted for clearance to access the CJIS system to work in Court 42. She received an afternoon of training by the clerk from Court 40 who assisted us for two weeks. The application to join the workers' compensation insurance pool was submitted and approved and will commence May 1, 2016. Accountant will be in to prepare financial reports for the 2015 audit which will begin the first week in May. Mayor Spencer made a motion to join the workers' compensation insurance pool. Vice Mayor Joswick seconded. All ayes - roll call vote.

Police Chief's Report - Chief Capriglione advised of a fatal accident that occurred in town, but that the investigation was being conducted by County Police because the incident began outside of the town's jurisdiction. Commissioner Chatburn asked about the mileage patrolled for two new officers and wanted to know if it was an error. Chief Capriglione commented that the new officers are motivated and performing well.

Alderman's Report - \$49,618 for March.

Maintenance Report - Special Pickup on 4/30 - Waste Management. Working on grass. Discussed issue with the flags at Pearl Harbor Memorial Park and the VFW using the media to draw attention to the fact that the flags were in poor condition. Traffic signals being worked on at Highland Avenue and Burnside Boulevard.

Solicitor Robinson was in contact with Chris Fazio regarding the survey work at Lynam for the individual purchasing a parcel from G. Fedale. AT& T lease terms were confirmed.

Vice Mayor Joswick was concerned about the additional traffic on Larch and Ayre to compensate for people wanting to avoid 141 during construction.

Commissioner Chatburn asked if Erin (don't know her last name) had any comments. She advised that she was looking at property at Larch Corporate Center.

Mayor Spencer commented on the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and in a couple months would be prepared to make a presentation to the commissioners. He discussed the James Street bridge and that it will most likely be re-bid. He attended Councilman Reda's memorial service and that there will be a special election at the end of May to fill his seat. He noted that if residents were having disputes regarding water drainage, they should be contacting the New Castle County Conservation District and possibly DNREC and that the town needs to not get involved with those disputes.

Mayor Spencer made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session. Commissioner Joseph seconded. (7:37 pm)

Regular session resumed at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Spencer made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Joseph seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.