

Newport Town Council  
Meeting minutes  
January 15, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spencer announced that the meeting was compliant with the Delaware Open Meetings Act.

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

Bill Lower, Harvey Hanna and Associates, wanted to clarify the town's position about the letter submitted at last month's meeting regarding support of rentals in the redevelopment district. Council expressed support. Mayor Spencer made a motion to support; Commissioner MacDonald seconded. Mayor Spencer made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Commissioner Joseph made the motion; Vice Mayor Joswick seconded. All ayes.

Town Manager King asked Mr. Lower if he had heard of an upcoming bridge meeting. He advised that he would reach out to the interested parties to schedule a meeting in March.

There was no correspondence.

Town Manager King reviewed her report which included 2015 HSA contributions being made, upcoming meeting for code enforcement, business license packets ready for distribution, election (4/6/2015) – commissioner intentions due 3/5/15. Code Red system functional, newsletter ready for distribution. ADA seminar presentation included in packet, 102 E. Ayre mortgage contact.

Police Chief Capriglione highlighted his reports for the month of December and for the entire year of 2014. He advised of an issue at Air Liquide regarding a terminated employee. State police are providing security. He advised of talking to some businesses in the Industrial Park about the scales that will be set up in the spring. Commissioner Joseph asked about two arrests in December's report but could not find them noted; Chief Capriglione advised that one was a theft and one was an assault.

Vice Mayor Joswick advised of having received an email from Fish and Wildlife advising of thefts of floating docks.

Alderman's Report - \$41,812 collected in December, 2014.

Maintenance Report – Water Street at Air Liquide’s shipping/receiving - developing sinkhole. Richard’s Paving was sent out to quote it and the estimate was \$8,400. Will get other quotes on this after Remington Vernick does an evaluation of area.

Solicitor Robinson advised of the incoming tax payments and only having one or two owners non-responsive.

Vice Mayor Joswick commented on town’s condition in ADA-compliant as being in good shape. Concerns about signs on sidewalk to advertise work being done on property were noted.

Mayor Spencer reported on a meeting he attended with Councilman Reda and County Executive Gordon about the Industrial Park and that it was a good meeting. Sewer discussion. Industrial Park is underutilized. Many issues such as stormwater management, floodplain compliance. Delaware League of Local Government being overseen by Carl Luft, former city manager of Newark. Budget year-end – overshot expenses by about \$2000.

Advertising for Alderman position – town needs to move forward with this so appointment can happen before June.

Town Manager King asked about zoning updates – updates for comprehensive plan and for zoning ordinance. Committee needs to sit down and discuss.

Mayor Spencer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner MacDonald seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.