

Newport Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2016

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, Commissioner Timothy Chatburn, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, Town Manager Wendy King, Solicitor Stephen Robinson, Police Chief Michael Capriglione.

Mayor Spencer announced that Commissioner Michele MacDonald resigned her position as commissioner effective January 17, 2016.

Minutes from the meeting of December 17, 2015, were approved via motion by Commissioner Joseph and seconded by Vice Mayor Joseph. All ayes.

Public Comment: Bill Lower, Harvey Hanna and Associates, wanted to know the recipients of the \$2,500 they gifted the town and was going to send Town Manager King an email.

Town Manager's Report – Resolution 2016-001 to adopt New Castle County's All Hazards Mitigation Plan, 2016 recycling schedule, animal control at Chester County SPCA, April 4, 2016, election with intentions due by March 4, 2016. Police cadet started NCC police academy, retirement of Sergeants Brown and Johnson.

Police Chief's Report – December department statistics and annual department statistics. Retirements of long-term officers and will be starting a new officer in March/April. Cadet will be in academy until July.

Alderman's Report - \$37,521

Maintenance Report – No questions on the report. Mayor Spencer asked about the equipment. Mr. Harvey indicated that the dump truck was 14 years old and that it should be replaced. Need a bucket truck. Discussion on whether the dump truck was used just for snow removal and the possibility of contracting out for snow removal. Dump truck is used for more than just for snow removal.

100 block of East Ayre Street – old American Automotive - too many cars parked on the street. Mayor Spencer would like to see the problem resolved. A meeting with business/property owners for automotive businesses will be necessary in order to get the owners on board with code enforcement as far as the town wanting to redevelop the area and towing will be inevitable if they do not comply.

Solicitor Robinson is working with Richard Abbott about an access issue at the end of West Ayre Street. Working with another attorney about an encroachment issue on the corner of Market Street. Dan Kalina contacted him regarding lease amendments for AT&T on our monopole. He has a conflict for February's meeting.

Mayor Spencer advised that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting. Town map will be updated to include Ella Johnson Park showing in the Conservation district. He spoke to Bill Thatcher from DTC to convert igloos to parking for park/ride.

Discussion of pay for commissioners who leave prematurely. Former Commissioner MacDonald will receive pay for the time she served. Commissioner Chatburn will receive pay for the two months he sat prior to the reorganization meeting.

Someone needs to be appointed to the Election Committee so if commissioners know anyone who may be interested, advise the Mayor or Town Manager.

Resolution 2016-001 – Adopt the New Castle County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mayor Spencer made a motion to accept; Vice Mayor Joswick seconded. All ayes.

Commissioner Joseph made a motion to adjourn; Vice Mayor Joswick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.