

Newport Town Council
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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 was out.

Minutes from the meeting of February 18, 2016, were approved via motion by Vice Mayor Joswick and seconded by Commissioner Chatburn. All ayes.

No public comment.

Mayor Spencer received an email regarding the James Street Bridge project and that the bid was anticipated at a little over \$7 million and came back at \$12 million. At this time it appears as though the project will be put on hold for the time being. Mayor Spencer has been in contact with Representative Williams and will follow up with council.

Town Manager's Report - Town Manager King reviewed the meeting she had with Ken Carlsen from ShoreScan and advised the commissioners of her intention to contract with them for scanning and storing documents in an off-site, cloud-based system that will have no effect on the computers and storage at the municipal building. Two scanners will be purchased through ShoreScan and up to 2000 pages per month can be scanned and stored for \$95.00 per month. Business license applications are coming in and it will be time to send out reminders to those who have not yet sent an application. Investment pool pension funds are being sent to retirees and a deceased member. Traffic light work around the old Penn Bantam and in "town square" is upcoming. IFS will be sending me documentation to forward to Terri DeSanto from DELFIT - the workers compensation insurance pool. The town sponsored a little league team for Stanton-Newport Little League and they invited us to the Opening Day Ceremony on April 9.

Alderman's Report - \$54,260 fines/costs for February, 2016.

Police Chief's Report - Mayor Spencer read off the police department statistics in Chief Capriglione's absence.

Code Enforcement - Mr. Walker advised of continued parking issues on Ayre Street and noted that some businesses are straightening out. He commented on the manner in which the demolition of the home on Market / Walnut Street was professionally handled. A Stop Work order was issued at 102 E. Ayre Street for not obtaining proper business license.

Solicitor Robinson spoke to representative from AT&T regarding the celltower contract. He has been speaking to an attorney for a client who is purchasing property and needing access to a road formerly known as Old Mill Lane. He spoke to resident Joe Chambers regarding same.

Commissioner Chatburn was concerned about the poles going up at Christian and Walnut and the debris being left behind.

Mayor Spencer commented on the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and in a couple months would be prepared to make a presentation to the commissioners.

Town Manager King mentioned a resident who came to see her about requesting special resident parking for Christian Street in Stonehurst. All streets in Newport are open parking.

Mayor Spencer made a motion to adjourn; Vice Mayor Joswick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.