

Newport Town Council
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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 Kathy Joseph, Town Manager Wendy King, Commissioner Timothy Chatburn, Commissioner Florence Czerwisni, Solicitor Stephen Robinson. Police Chief Michael Capriglione was absent.

Minutes from the meeting of July 21, 2016, were approved via motion by Commissioner Chatburn and seconded by Vice Mayor Joswick. All ayes.

Public Comment: Bill Lower, Harvey Hanna & Associates, thanked the town for cooperation during the DE Kids Fund 5K and for fixing the pothole on Water Street.

Erin from Hope Street announced the First Responders Day was on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm with guest speakers, law enforcement, apparatus from local fire departments. Commissioner Chatburn asked if efforts were coordinated with Chief Capriglione regarding traffic and security.

Correspondence: Email from security patrol representative at BASF expressing concerns about safety of their employees walking to their cars, the condition of the road and crosswalks. DelDot is handling as James Street is maintained by them.

Town Manager's Report: Informational form for commissioners, office cleanup status, training provided by Ken Carlsen for scanning documents to the storage cloud, Bayshore Ford quote for maintenance truck, meeting with Erin from Hope Street, asbestos in the maintenance building and having to find a contractor to remediate/remove asbestos so that part of the building can be demolished. Workers comp insurance safety analysis was done on the maintenance building and several issues were noted, mainly with debris and things that will be resolved once the area is cleaned out. Property owner wanted a privacy lattice.

Police Chief's Report - Town Manager King reviewed monthly departmental statistics.

Alderman's Report - \$40,806 in fines/costs/security fee.

Maintenance Report - Presented with no questions. Bayshore Ford quote was reviewed. Back to the drawing board in regard to the interest charged on lease.

Code Enforcement - Trailer at 120 N. Walnut - needs to be tagged and on a form of driveway. Notice was left. Update on 102 E. Ayre Street.

Legal: Solicitor Robinson did variance decision for Ronald Roberts, AT&T monopole paperwork. East Coast Survey is working on survey at Old Mill Lane

Commissioners: Vice Mayor Joswick - Amtrak and United Water have been on property and wanted to know the town was aware of it. There was no notification because it was not on town property.

Mayor Spencer met with DelDot regarding trainstop. Engineering study to see if bridge over James Street can support a 4th rail and found out that at one time there was a 4th track. Political signs are around and people are encouraged to place signs on their own property as well. Public meetings are coming up to update the zoning ordinance for the redevelopment overlay district.

Frank Walker contacted a property owner regarding a political sign and was told that permission had not been given, but the representative was not aware that permission had been given.

There was no new business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.