

Newport Town Council
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Spencer. He announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Delaware Open Meeting Act.

Attendance: Mayor Michael Spencer, Vice Mayor John Joswick, Town Manager Wendy King, Commissioner Tim Chatburn, Commissioner Florence Czerwinski, Commissioner Kathy Joseph, Police Chief Michael Capriglione. Solicitor Chris Griffiths was absent.

Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2018, were approved via motion by Vice Mayor Joswick and seconded by Mayor Spencer. All ayes.

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment - Tom Brackett from the skateboard park introduced himself as the new contact for Better Life Ministries. He wanted to thank whoever was responsible for helping to save the skatepark. DelDot had an upcoming project coming up and the skatepark was going to be shut down for that time period. He met with five DelDot officials and the conclusion was that the park would end up being closed for a period of a few days as opposed to months. Mayor Spencer said that the local representatives/senators who lobbied to keep the skatepark open. Lease was renewed for a year and DelDot will be looking for another location to place them permanently.

Paul Beane, Public Relations from Waste Management, asked if the council would consider moving the town's service day from Monday to another day because of lack of resources and Monday being a big service day.

Erin Goldner, Hope Street Delaware, wanted to know if the 2nd Saturday in October would be good to schedule the 3rd Annual First Responders Day.

Vice Mayor Joswick commented that New Castle County Council did intend to move the skatepark to Banning Park.

Town Manager King read her report - Verizon Wireless placing repeaters on rights of way. There will be a permitting process and a checklist that has to be met prior to location. Secondary issue is that this is already occurring and the League of Local Governments was on top of it. Also, a concern that they would be located on neighborhood streets and not just on DelDot-maintained roads. We have our monopole, so it may not be applicable to the town. Solicitor Griffiths, Town Manager King and a representative from Comcast will be meeting to discuss renewing/renegotiating the town's franchise agreement. Mr. Paul Beane from Waste Management came in to discuss the possibility of changing the town's service day to Wednesday or Friday. Council discussed the matter and found it agreeable. Business license applications were mailed. Buckley's Auto submitted a proposal to provide service to the town's automotive fleet. 2017 Audit timeline. Chief Capriglione is getting prices for police cars. Council intentions for Election are needed by March 2, 2018.

Mayor Spencer wanted to stay with New Castle County dealers for police cars if possible.

Chief Capriglione reviewed his report. Pastor Tom from Better Life wanted confirmation that the skatepark kids don't really cause any trouble. It was confirmed that lately, there have been no issues.

Alderman's Report - \$47,657 in fines collected.

Maintenance Department - Minquas is not ringing the alarm from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Code Enforcement - Building projects around town are ongoing - 102. E. Ayre Street, Old Mill Lane road project.

Commissioners - Vice Mayor Joswick asked Bob about the hole being filled by County Sewer at the Ewald's house on Walnut/Justis.

Mayor Spencer attended a Jobs for Life meeting. He was placed on the Executive Committee for the League of Local Governments. He met with Dave from workers comp pool.

Budget looks good so far for 2018.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.