

Town of Newport
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners
August 17, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Delaware Open Meeting Act.

Attendance: Vice Mayor Michele MacDonald, Commissioner Stephanie Banks, Commissioner Michael Capriglione, Commissioner John Joswick, Town Manager Wendy King, Police Chief Mark Wohner, and Solicitor Ben Forman. Mayor Michael Spencer was absent.

Minutes from the July 18, 2023, meeting were accepted via motion from Commissioner Banks and seconded by Commissioner Joswick

Town Manager's Report - The bids for the Community Reinvestment projects were included in the commissioner packets to be awarded with enough funding to award the highest bid if warranted. Update on swale work and milling on E. Ayre and swale work in Stonehurst – RVB is doing street surveying and preparing bid packets for a winter, 2024, bid period with work starting in spring, 2024. Tax collection is on point and transfer taxes are over anticipated collection because of some large sales in the industrial park and long-time ownership sales. Handicapped space on Highland was taken care of and the space on Justis is being followed up on. Notary guidelines have changed for the state and journals need to be kept (either online or a paper book) and the town manager is in compliance since she is a notary.

Police Chief's Report – Monthly departmental statistics for July, 2023. DEA National Drug Takeback Day is Saturday, October 28, and will be held at the Old Town Hall. A new hire will be entering the state police academy in mid-September. Vice Mayor MacDonald asked how the public would be aware of the drug takeback. The event will be posted on the police department's Facebook page and either yard signs or a banner that is undated will be purchased so it can be used year after year.

Alderman Report – July, 2023, fines were \$15,661.00.

Maintenance Report – Reports were submitted with no questions.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Forman had nothing to report.

Commissioners – Commissioners had nothing to report.

Mayor – Mayor Spencer was absent.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

New Business – Contracts for Community Redevelopment Funding, FY2024. Asphalt work at Ella Johnson Park – Asphalt King (\$19,500); Roofing – GFedale (\$26,000); Fence at Municipal Building – Pioneer Fence (\$16,950); Removal of Solar Panels – CMI Solar (\$2,000) Camera System – Motorola system and Security Instruments is doing the work. Cost after DNREC leftover funding from FY2023 - \$21,933.99.

Commissioner Banks made a motion to accept the contractors and respective bids as noted.
Commissioner Capriglione seconded. All ayes.

No Old Business.

Commissioner Capriglione made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor MacDonald seconded. All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.