

Town of Newport
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners
April 18, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the March 21, 2024, meeting were approved via nomination by Commissioner Capriglione and seconded by Vice Mayor MacDonald. All Ayes.

Town Manager's Report – Thank you to the pollworkers and Election Board for a smooth election. New WSFS signature cards. Solicitor Walton will be conducting Board of Adjustment training on 4/24/2024. Spring Cleanup is 4/27/2024. Newport Monitoring Committee meeting will be 4/29/2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Ribbon cutting at ShopRite for electric car charging stations. Sent a letter to a business operating out of 4 Copper Drive whose tractor trailer is blocking the width of Copper Drive. Reached out Remington Vernick to find out where they were in bidding out the Ayre Street project. We will still have enough funding for the project through ARPA and the Community Reinvestment funding received, but if we want to incorporate new curbing/ADA compliance, additional funds would be necessary. Roadway conditions were worse than they anticipated. They have also been in contact with Special Services with New Castle County to coordinate fixing some leaky spots underground prior to the milling. Vice Mayor MacDonald asked about timeline and they are waiting for completion of the design. There is a time limit on this funding, so it needs to happen this year.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Wohnner provided department statistics for March, 2024. There have been some vehicle break-ins in Stonehurst. They do have a lead and will continue to work on that. He attended the Delaware Highway Safety Summit and there are a few things that council may want to consider. Speed enforcement cameras are an option in a residential area. The east side of town, "Don't Block the Box" enforcement will also utilize a camera system and that would prevent cars from stacking at the intersection at Justis/James. Also, a high friction surface could be put down by DelDOT at 141 southbound since most crashes southbound are "one vehicle" in the left jersey barrier. Curve navigation using dynamic chevrons is also an option that we could ask DelDOT if our curve entering town would be a good location.

Alderman's Report - \$20,185 in court collections for March, 2023.

Maintenance Report - No questions on the maintenance reports. Mayor Banks noted that there were dirtbikes coming from Silview riding around Ella Johnson Park.

Town Solicitor – Solicitor Sefton advised that Solicitor Walton dealt with some police matters relating to traffic.

Commissioners – Vice Mayor MacDonald asked about the Meetings/Travel/Training budget for the police whose officer traveled to California and confirming that the town was getting reimbursed.

Public Comment – None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.