



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
October 1, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: Treasurer Georgette Williams

- Ms. Williams had a conflict with tonight's meeting and asked to be excused from the meeting. *Mr. Witt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stokes to excuse Ms. Williams from this meeting due to a conflict. All in favor; none opposed.*

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Police Chief Martin Willey, Richard Snyder

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Paul and Liz Cable, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Elaine Bilow, Lisa Fulcher, James Winchel, Barb Gooden, Kim Bomberger, Gene & Carol McFann, Mike Marasco, Mike Quinn, Louise Fair

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Ms. Stokes made a motion to adopt the agenda as published. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Ms. Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes for September 19, 2012 (including the Executive Session.) Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- As Ms. Williams was not present to give the Financial Reports, Mayor Rife presented the Balance Report, the Budget Update, and the Check Register.  
*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Greenwood to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

#### POLICE REPORT – Chief Martin Willey

- Chief Willey gave the police report for September. The written report is part of the council packet.

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Fred Jester was present to give the Fire Company Report. The EMT crews responded to 245 medical calls last month and Fire & Rescue responded to 38 alarms. There were 15 motor vehicle collisions, 8 reported building fires, & 41 medical assists to the ambulance. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 20 hours this month, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 12, and they had an average of 9 calls per day. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> 33 firefighters from Camden-Wyoming Fire Department responded to Barclay Farms in response to tornado damage.
- Current money makers the Fire Company is holding include Tuesday night bingo at 7:00 p.m., All You Can Eat Breakfast the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m., Ladies Auxiliary Annual Dinner will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., A Soup and Bake Sale will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and a Craft and Bake Sale on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was available to give a report as there was no meeting held this month.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was present to give a building permit report; however, a written Building Inspector Report is in the packets.
- The property owner at 38 S. CR Avenue has until October 10<sup>th</sup> for the 60 days to be up that Council has given him to remove or tag the vehicles in his yard. Mr. Snyder will stop by to see him to remind him of this. At that time, any untagged, inoperable vehicles on his property will be stickered and towed by the Police Department.
- The property at 101 Front Street has hired a contractor to install a privacy fence and the contractor has acquired a building permit. This will be tabled until next month to be sure the fence is installed as agreed upon.
- Council has two quotes for abating the public nuisance at 46 S. Mechanic Street – one is from Tricks of the Trade and one from Franks Home & Lawn Care Services LLC. Tricks of the Trade is \$143.00 higher than Franks; however, their estimate is itemized and very clear as to what they are providing. Franks is not. *Mr. Witt made a motion to accept the bid from Tricks of the Trade to abate the nuisance at 46 S. Mechanic Street. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*
- Mayor Rife announced that a property at 24 S. Mechanic Street which will be on the November Agenda has had a dumpster moved onto the property and someone is filling it with all the rubbish that has been all over the yard. According to the people she has spoken with at the property, they will be also clearing out the inside of the house once it has been exterminated. This property will be addressed in November.

#### C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn stood and gave a report about what the Authority is doing to stop rain water from infiltrating into the sewer system at the area of the Isaac Branch. He brought a piece of the lining material that they have used to line the disintegrated pipes with.

- Jim Winchell gave a rundown of the FOIA case against the CWSWA which was held today at the Kent County Courthouse. Attorneys from both sides gave their cases to the judge and he will be taking it into advisement and give an opinion as soon as he is able. Mr. Winchell stated that this case is about a private citizen filing a complaint against CWSWA, not a representative of the Town of Wyoming filing a complaint. Once this case is completed, regardless of the outcome, any paying resident of either Camden or Wyoming can come into the CWSWA offices and request any information that is covered by FOIA and this information will be made available to them. Discussion ensued. Jim also stated that each request for information will have a fee and there will be fees for having copies made.

#### PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mayor Rife announced that we have received notice from our attorney that none of the deeds or titles that were found for the Wyoming Park have any restrictions in them preventing us from charging for reservations of the pavilion. Council will hold a workshop before next spring to decide if and what we will charge.
- Mr. Witt reported that Lew has put the new gutter brooms on the street sweeper and has been cleaning the streets and gutters. We have a new large brush that still needs to be installed on the sweeper but Lew needs help with that. We will be asking Clarence McNatt to help Lew as he has a lift he can use.
- Mayor Rife gave a report done by Ms. Williams on all of Jay Wyatt's time, expenses, & salary costs as well as what he has accomplished over the 2 ½ months he worked for us. His last day will be Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. (Copy of the report is attached.)
- The second phase of planting at the Wyoming Park is still scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Town will once again be providing lunch and bottled water for the volunteers. She asked residents to please come out and help.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife asked Council to please look over the sidewalk ordinance that had a first reading at the last council meeting on September 19, 2012. Please try to come up with some ideas to change this ordinance to make it work for the town. We will have discussion and a second reading at the November 5, 2012 meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife passed out a copy of a spreadsheet for some possible proposed changes to building permit fees and other town fees. These will be discussed at next month's meeting or at a workshop.
- Mayor Rife also passed out a cost analysis of approximately what it would cost to install an outside staircase to the second floor of the annex. There are some safes in the attic that cannot be removed from the pull down stairs that we currently have which actually broke today. It is also difficult for anyone to carry any large items up and down the current steps. We need the storage space. Discussion ensued; it was asked whether there was enough room to install an exterior set of steps and although there appears to be room, it would infringe on setbacks. It was asked why the original set of steps was removed from the inside of the annex. It was apparently done to make more room by a previous administration. This will be discussed further at a future time.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 11/5/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. Phase 2 of the planting at the Wyoming Park – 10/6/12, 9:00 am
- D. Planning & Zoning – 10/9/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- E. CWSWA – 10/9/12, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office

## GOOD NEWS

- We have nothing for good news at this meeting as the last meeting was less than two weeks ago.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- It was asked when the pole project was going to be complete and the old poles all removed. Ms. Haddick stated that she has tried to contact Delmarva about a couple of issues and they have not responded. She will try again.
- Ms. Carol McFann stated that the minutes from last meeting did not state what she understood was said. She said that the minutes say Mr. Snyder stated nothing could be on the 1 ½ pads adjacent to the street. Ms. Haddick said that the minutes do say that but if you read further, it goes on to say that “Mr. Snyder then said that as long as what they put up is less than three feet in height, it shouldn’t block vision”. Ms. McFann said that sounds as though the 3 feet is only allowed for things hanging from the posts and they want to be able to sit things on the sidewalk there also. Ms. Haddick said that is what she meant by what she wrote in the minutes but maybe she should have worded it differently. As the minutes from the September meeting have already been approved, they cannot be changed; however, these minutes will state that Simply Charming can place items on and/or between the poles that are adjacent to Railroad Avenue as long as they do not exceed three (3) feet in height.
- More discussion ensued in regards to the ordinance.
- Mr. Marasco stated that the “rude comments and opinions” he made at the last meeting were to the mayor, not the council. He also asked who the mayor was when the CWSWA issues began. Mayor Rife stated that Butch Arnold was the Acting Mayor at that time.
- Mr. Marasco made a reference to Dale’s Maintenance Man. Mayor Rife spoke up and said she did not like this reference to our part-time maintenance man. She went on to state that we had advertised this position. When the applications came in, they were looked at by her and Mr. Witt. Mr. Wyatt was interviewed by her and Mr. Witt, and Mr. Wyatt was offered the position. It was only a part-time, temporary position. Mr. Wyatt used his own truck and was not reimbursed for mileage. We normally hire a high school student to help Lew in the summers but this year we decided to hire someone more experienced in order to get some projects done that a student would not be able to do. It has worked out well. A lot of projects have been completed. Friday will be Jay’s last day.
- Jim Winchell asked if the Town has an ordinance for boarding houses. He has a huge house that he could rent rooms out and get a considerable amount of income from. The town does not have an ordinance for boarding houses; however, his property is zoned R1 which is single family residential and would not support a boarding house. In addition to that if he chose to do this, he would be considered a landlord and would have to get a landlord license.

- Mr. Marasco asked about the report that Ms. Williams did on “Dale’s Maintenance Man.” Will it be public and can it be attached to the minutes? Council stated that it would be attached to the minutes.

*Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Haddick, CMC  
Town Clerk