



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
November 5, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 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, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Bldg. Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Steve Ingrahm, Letty Dockham, Carrie Ingrahm, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Elaine Bilow, Lisa Fulcher, Carol & Gene McFann, Louise Fair, William Pippin, Mike Quinn, Kim Bomberger, Barb Gooden, Mike Marasco

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife asked to move a Public Comment on Agenda 21 up to Good News B.

*Ms. Stokes made a motion to adopt the agenda as published and adding the above. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife called Colonel Mitch Berger of the Air Force Jr. ROTC at Caesar Rodney High School forward and presented him, MSgt Jon Wedel, and his cadets a certificate of appreciation for helping the town at the Fall Planting at the Wyoming Park. She also gave him certificates for each of the 17 cadets that actually helped that day. Colonel Berger informed us that he has 155 student cadets this year and anticipates at least 170 next year. They love doing community work; this program is designed to teach these students to be good, responsible citizens, not necessarily to make them into future soldiers although some of them do move forward into that line of work. They appreciate having the

opportunity to do any volunteer work for the community. We hope to use them again in the future.

- Mayor Rife introduced Mr. Steve Ingrahm who gave a short presentation on Agenda 21 which is a non-governmental organization sanctioned by the United Nations that has put together an action plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He is a member of the 9-12 Delaware Patriots.
- Mayor Rife asked Mr. Mike Marasco and Mr. William Pippin to come forward to receive certificates of appreciation for their donations and work to prepare Chatto Square for its dedication. Mr. Marasco refused to accept his. Mr. Pippin accepted his certificate and explained that the picture done of Rose would be hanging in the Annex and that he hoped to have the same sort of pictures done of Raymond Johnson and Bruce Stokes as they both also have squares named after them. He showed everyone the pictures they have put together for Mr. Johnson & Mr. Stokes.

#### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Greenwood stated that she did not receive her packet until Sunday night so she had not had time to look through everything. She does not feel comfortable voting to accept the minutes until she has had time to read them.

- *Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for October 1<sup>st</sup>, leaving it open for Ms. Greenwood to request changes if necessary after she has read them. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Mr. Witt, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Williams, aye. Ms. Greenwood not voting.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams reported that she has recently become a great-grandmother for the first time.
- Ms. Williams presented the Balance Report, the Budget Update, and the Check Register. Once again Ms. Greenwood stated that she does not feel comfortable voting on this until she has had time to read over the reports.

*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Mr. Witt, Ms. Stokes & Ms. Williams, aye. Ms. Greenwood not voting.*

- Ms. Haddick will start working on the ad for the sale of one of the old police cars. It will be closed bids and we will advertise in the Dover Post. Council will decide at a later date what the minimum that we will accept will be.

#### POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey is on vacation so Mayor Rife gave the police report for October. 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 237 medical calls last month and Fire & Rescue responded to 48 alarms. There were 13 motor vehicle collisions, 10 reported building fires, & 2 medical assists to the ambulance. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 24 hours this month, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 18, and they had an average of 9 calls per day.
- 33 firefighters stood by at the firehouse from 6:00 p.m. Sunday to 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning during Hurricane Sandy. They responded to 6 alarms and numerous ambulance runs.
- Mr. Jester reminded everyone that the annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held this coming Saturday, 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; however they heard an application for a conditional use for a home daycare at an address on Camden Wyoming Avenue at their October meeting. They will be forwarding their recommendation to Council in time for the Public Hearing prior to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting.

## 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.
- 38 S. Caesar Rodney Avenue has removed the 2 inoperable vehicles in the front yard. Mr. Snyder has spoken with him about cleaning up the rest of the yard and moving all his lawn equipment to the back yard. The owner is also planning on putting up a privacy fence to hide the van in his back yard.
- 101 Front Street has installed a privacy fence around the back yard; it looks very nice.
- The abatement on 46 S. Mechanic Street has been completed. The entire property has been cleaned up.
- The cleanup at 24 S. Mechanic Street has been started. Most of the yard is cleaned up. We will have to wait to see what else the bank will do. The house needs to be exterminated before interior cleanup or demolition begins.
- 5 N. Layton Avenue is in the process of going to settlement on the sale. As soon as settlement occurs the new owner will begin with repairing the property.
- After the holidays Mr. Snyder will begin working on the properties that need to be condemned and torn down.

## C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn stated that all is going well and smoothly with sewer & water.
- Mr. Witt reported that he had been given some wrong information about a storm drain that might cause us some trouble during the storm. As it turned out, we did not have a problem because of the actual location of the drain. However, he had called sewer & water to see if they would help us out if the problem had been what he thought it would be and they did respond with a little urging. Although the storm drains are not the responsibility of the CWSWA, they will help us out when we need it as we do not have the equipment needed and they do.

## PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt reported that Lew Denham has had a heart attack (or to be more correct, a cardiac episode) and has been out for about 3 weeks. He will see his doctor on Friday and hopefully be released to return to work next Monday. In the meantime Jay Wyatt has come out and helped us get through the storm and is now trying to clean up leaves and fallen brush.
- When Lew comes back, his first job will be to close the bathrooms at the park down for the winter.
- Halloween went well at the park; however, Mr. Witt has had some complaints from some of the participants that it was too dark and some of the children were tripping over tree roots trying to get to the pavilion. We may want to consider holding it at the train platform next year. We have a year to decide on that.
- Mr. Witt also stated that we need to work on Del DOT to get sidewalks on the state maintained roads made handicapped accessible.

- Xfinity and Verizon have finally been working to get the old poles removed and to fill in the holes from the new pole project that Delmarva Power started.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No one has come up with any ideas on what to do with the sidewalk ordinance to make it acceptable; therefore, Mayor Rife suggested holding a public workshop after the holidays to discuss this. All agreed that this was a good idea.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

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

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 12/3/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Election Day – tomorrow – Please Vote!
- C. Planning & Zoning – 11/13/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- D. CWSWA – 11/13/12, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- E. Thanksgiving – Town Hall Closed – 11/22 & 23/12

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elaine Bilow stated that the manhole covers on Camden Wyoming Avenue are sinking and make a horrible noise when traffic hits them. We will have to look into getting something done about that.
- She also stated that she isn't sure why Johnson Square was named that way. Mr. Di Mondri actually donated that land to the town. Why isn't it named Di Mondri Square? No one on council was around at the time that was done so it is not sure.
- Lisa Fulcher stated that she commented last month that she felt the previous minutes were wrong in stating that Mr. Marasco made a "rude comment" to the mayor. She feels this is the opinion of the person writing the minutes and not a factual statement. Her comments should have been in this month's minutes and were not. This is now being rectified.
- She also asked what the status of the new officer is. The mayor stated that the qualified applicants have been through the first interview and those with good interviews have been asked to submit information for a background check. Those that pass that will move to the next step.
- Mr. Mike Marasco mentioned Mr. Terry Witt's interview for the town with WBOC. He stated that Mr. Witt did an excellent job representing the Town of Wyoming.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Haddick, CMC  
Town Clerk