



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
December 3, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:31 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, Police Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Jeff & Joan Miller, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Fred Jester, Elaine Bilow, Lisa Fulcher, Mike Marasco, Mike Quinn, Carol & Gene McFann

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Mr. Witt made a motion to approve the minutes for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Greenwood seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams presented the Balance Report, the Budget Update, and the Check Register. Mr. Witt asked how the Transfer Tax Revenue compares to last year. Ms. Williams stated that she didn't have the information for last year with her but she would look into it for him.
- Ms. Williams asked Council if they had looked over the Audit Report Draft that she had given them. No one saw any problems with it.

*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

## POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the police report
- The Chief also stated that buying the communication contract for the police cars ended up saving the Town about \$2,000.00.

## FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Fred Jester was present to give the Fire Company Report. The EMT crews responded to 209 medical calls last month and Fire & Rescue responded to 52 alarms. There were 11 motor vehicle collisions, 9 reported building fires, & 10 medical assists to the ambulance. There were 5 out of town assists: Dover (3), Magnolia (1) and Marydel (1). On-the-road time for the apparatus was 24 hours this month, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 13, and they had an average of 9 calls per day.
- Bingo is still being held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 (doors open at 5:30) but he's not sure how long it will continue. Attendance is dropping considerably.

## PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was available to give a report.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not present to give a report; however, there is a written Open Building Permit Report in the packets.

## C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn stated that the rehab pipeline project is still being worked on. That is all that involves Wyoming.
- Ms. Williams announced that the judge finally came down with a decision in favor of the Attorney General and Sewer & Water were given 30 days to respond. They have since posted information on their website and given her everything she asked for.

## PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt reported that the Park bathrooms have been winterized and are closed for the winter. A handicapped port-a-potty has been delivered to the Park for anyone still visiting.
- Lew is back from his health issues and has been spending a lot of his time cleaning up leaves.
- Lew was in a small accident last week, practically no damage to the truck; however, the other car did have some damage.
- Mr. Witt said that recently the street sweeper has needed new batteries, replacement of a hydraulic hose, and a new tire (the old one had been slashed.) The Town may want to consider looking around for another used one or hire out another municipality who has a street sweeper to sweep for us.
- Mayor Rife asked Council to ride around town this month and look at our alleys. We need to decide where the legislative funds left over from Remus Lane are most needed. This will be discussed further next month.
- Mr. Witt is very concerned about the lack of handicapped accessible sidewalks throughout town. He wants to look into finding some funding to get that looked at.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- Conditional Use: The Planning & Zoning Committee has forwarded a recommendation to Council to approve the Conditional Use application to have a home day care at 22 W. Camden Wyoming Avenue; however, they did not state any reason why this was their recommendation and no one was available from the committee to ask questions of. *Due to the serious concerns of Council with the traffic and safety issues involved if granting this conditional use, Ms. Williams made a motion to deny the application. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. Ms. Williams, Aye; Mr. Witt, Aye; Ms. Stokes, Aye. Ms. Greenwood chose not to vote without hearing the Planning and Zoning's reasons for recommendation. The motion to deny passed.*
- Council decided to set up a workshop in January to talk about Charter Changes and the possible sidewalk ordinance – January 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. seems to suit everyone. Ms Haddick will send out Barrett's red line copy of the Charter to everyone.
- The Camden Wyoming Little League has asked Wyoming to sponsor a team as in the past. *Mr. Witt made a motion to sponsor a team for \$350.00 again for them to use wherever they need it most. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

## GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife thanked Ms. Louise Fair and Ms. Devon Coventry for helping out during our Halloween Fall Festival. Certificates will be mailed to them.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 1/7/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 12/11/12, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 12/11/12, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Town Hall closed for Christmas – 12/24 & 25/12
- E. Town Hall closed for New Years – 1/1/13

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lisa Fulcher asked what the status of the new police hire is. Mayor Rife stated that it is going to be discussed during Executive Session.
- Ms. Fulcher also voiced her concerns of not having 24/7 police coverage. She asked if there was a police officer on duty when the street sweeper vandalism occurred. The Town knows what night it occurred but we do not know what time; therefore, there is no way to know whether there was still an officer on duty or not.
- Ms. Fulcher asked if the police report was in the council packet. It was not given to Council until Monday because Nicole could not complete it until the end of the day on Friday so there is no copy of it in the public packets. A copy can be made available in Town Hall if anyone is interested.
- Ms. Fulcher also asked about two checks; she wanted to know who they were written to and what for. She will get up with Ms. Williams on a later date to see these.

- Mike Marasco disagreed with last month's minutes – under Good News it was stated that he refused the certificate he was offered in thanks for the work he did getting Chatto Square set up. He says it should have said that he “respectfully declined.”
- Mr. Marasco also objected with the minutes stating under Treasurer's Report that Ms. Williams announced the birth of her first great-grandchild.
- Mr. Marasco asked if the Town would be putting the police car up for bid now. He was told yes.
- Mr. Marasco had not heard about the vandalism on the street sweeper tire. Was this a single incident or were there others? Single as far as we know. Are we sure it was vandalism? It appears to be.
- Mr. Marasco asked if Town Council intends to keep their current representation on the CWSWA? That will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Mr. Marasco asked if some of the money Council is considering spending on streets could be used to upgrade to handicapped sidewalks. Council will look into handicapped sidewalks.
- Mr. Marasco also asked what is going on with the bridge on Wyoming Mill Road. Nothing is going to happen there until 2014.
- Mr. Marasco asked if there was any consideration in replacing curbs and resurfacing Front Street/Old North Road. This is a state maintained road and it is their responsibility.
- Elaine Bilow asked if Witts could get the same kinds of signs at their crossing that Fifer Middle School has. They are very visible. Council will look into it.
- Mike Marasco asked what the Charter Changes is all about – anything specific? Ms. Williams stated that they are legislative changes. After submitting the Charter Changes last time, the legislature changed some things in the Charter without sending it back to Council for approval.
- Mr. Marasco referred to the check register in the packet and asked how Jeremy was hired. Mayor Rife hired him.
- Mr. Marasco asked about credit cards and who has them. There are two credit cards for our charge account; one is in Lew's name and one is in Nicole's name. Both cards are locked up in Town Hall except when in use.
- Lisa Fulcher asked if the CWSWA representatives are paid. Wyoming's reps are not.
- Ms. Fulcher also asked who maintains sidewalks, the Town or the property owner. Sometimes the Town receives a grant to do sidewalk work in a certain area just as we did for Railroad Avenue and North Layton Avenue; however, once the new sidewalks are in, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep them in good condition.
- Ms. Fulcher also thanked Ms. Haddick for getting the street light situation on Meadow Avenue taken care of.

Council took a break at 8:55 p.m.

*Ms. Stokes made a motion to move into Executive Session. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

Council moved back into Regular Session at 9:55 p.m.

*Mr. Witt made a motion to form a committee of two (2) Wyoming Councilpersons to work together with a committee of two (2) Camden Councilpersons and Senator Bushweller to look further into the CWSWA. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

*Ms. Greenwood made a motion to appoint Mike Quinn for a two year term on the CWSWA (if appointments had been done a year ago, he would have been appointed for three years at that time and he has held that position all year without being appointed). Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

*Ms. Stokes made a motion to re-advertise the police position adding “second in command” and “salary negotiable” to the ad as well as having Chief Willey go through his previous applications and look at any that may have had MP experience even though they are not Delaware Certified to see if they might make good candidates if we have to send someone to the academy. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Haddick, CMC  
Town Clerk