



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
May 6, 2013
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL –

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, PFC Mike Petyo

Audience attending: John Fifer, Rick Eachus, Fred Jester, Richard and Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Mike Marasco

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Williams requested removing XIV C Johnson Square Sign from the agenda as the estimate for refurbishing it is not in yet. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as corrected. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- March 4, 2013 Minutes now have the requested attachment of Ms. Greenwood's comments.
 - April 1, 2013 Minutes
- Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to approve both sets of minutes as published. All in favor; none opposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams announced that she has contacted someone who will do a defensive driving class for the employees at a cost of \$12.00 each for AARP members and \$14.00 each for non-members. She is currently waiting to see who needs the first timers class and who needs the refresher class.
- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Balance Report, the Budget Update, and the Check Register. *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

- Due to the death of Chief Willey's father, the Chief was not able to be present. Both the March and April reports are included in this packet.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fred Jester was in attendance to give the report. During April the EMT crews responded to 212 medical calls. Fire and Rescue responded to 67 alarms of which 18 were motor vehicle collisions, 15 reported building fires, 5 out of town assists (Dover-1, Felton-2, Houston-1, Mayrdel-1), 9 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 20 miscellaneous responses. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 23.6 hours; average number of volunteers responding to alarms was 14; and average calls per day were 9.
- The fire company is planning a carnival from May 29th through June 1st. There will be a crab feast on June 15th. Bingo is still every Tuesday night. And the monthly breakfasts will probably be continuing at least through next month.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Rick Eachus reported that last month's meeting was a discussion of procedures with the Town Clerk.

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. There are currently 25 open permits.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mike Quinn and Jim Winchell were both present. Mike had nothing to report. Jim stated that CWSWA was working on their budget. He stated that water rates are going up all over the country by 20 to 30 percent. There is a small automatic rate hike that goes through every year to help when a big project needs to be done when it isn't in the budget. Del-DOT has announced that they will be repaving Old North Road from the railroad tracks to Main Street. CWSWA will need to replace the piping before the new surface is put down. This project is not in the budget.
- Mr. Witt asked if the CWSWA was operating in the black and Mr. Winchell said it was but they will still be raising the rates.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Fulcher reported that approximately 17 volunteers came to the Wyoming Park on Saturday, May 4th to help with the third phase of the planting with DNREC. It went well.
- Discussion ensued about the condition of the park bathrooms. They are in serious need of refurbishing and need to be ADA approved. We will look into any ADA grants that may be available to help with the cost of doing this.
- We have received two applications for a part-time (20 hour/week) maintenance person to work on special projects during the summer. Mr. Witt and Mayor Rife will be meeting to interview with the applicants next Monday.
- The catch basin on Southern Boulevard near South Railroad Avenue is still a problem and getting worse. We are working with Karen Brittingham in the Municipal Street Aid office to try to find some funding to repair or replace this.

- Mr. Witt also stated that there is a huge pothole on Second Street where it meets N. Railroad Avenue that needs to be addressed. He feels it is too big for Lew to repair. Mayor Rife stated that if we have enough funds to work on Pearce Alley when we do the other three alleys, maybe fixing the potholes could be tied in with that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Jaci Stokes stated that so far she has applications from 43 vendors. There is a new food vendor coming from Yardley, PA that has lots of peach items on their menu. The festival parking will be at WB Simpson Elementary School and Caesar Rodney High School this year instead of the Wyoming United Methodist Church due to the bridge closing on Wyoming Mill Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife read a proclamation for Municipal Clerk’s Week which is May 6 through 13, 2013.
- Mayor Rife also read a proclamation for National Missing Children’s Day which is held on May 25th of each year.

ANNEXATION

- Nothing new at this time.

GOOD NEWS

- Lisa Fulcher is our new council person and will be sharing the responsibilities of Park/Street Commissioner with Terry Witt.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 6/3/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Special Council Meeting – 5/10/13, 7:00 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 5/14/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 5/14/13, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Town Yard Sale – 5/18/13, 7:00 am
- E. Peach Festival Committee – 5/21/13, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. John Fifer of Camden commended the Wyoming police force as well as Camden Police and Delaware State Police for working so hard to stop the speeders on Willow Grove Road. He was instrumental in having the speed limit reduced from 40MPH to 35MPH and has had approval for solar controlled speed signs to be installed. He was able to say that these signs will actually be helpful to the Towns of Camden and Wyoming as well as the County because all three jurisdictions have properties on Willow Grove Road. These should be coming soon. He will also be calling trucking companies to get them to commend their good drivers.

- Mike Marasco had asked last month how much the Town has spent with our attorney for the special Camden and Wyoming committee that is looking into the CWSWA. Ms. Williams told him that it was \$266.00. He also asked if the committee had held any meetings and Ms. Williams said no, there had not been any public meetings yet.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk

National Missing Children's Day Proclamation

Saturday, May 25, 2013

Whereas, on May 25, 1979, six-year-old Etan Patz disappeared from a New York street corner on his way to school.

Whereas, his photo, taken by his professional photographer father, was circulated nationwide and appeared in media across the nation and around the world. Etan became the poster child for a movement.

Whereas, the widespread attention brought by Etan's case and several others led to a nationwide movement to help locate and recover missing children.

Whereas, President Ronald Reagan declared the first National Missing Children's Day on May 25, 1983, the day that Etan went missing four years prior. It continues to be annually recognized on this day.

Whereas, since then, each administration has recognized May 25th as a time to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families, remember those who are still missing, and make child safety a national priority.

Whereas, the potential risks children face throughout their lives can be lessened when adults discuss important safety concepts with them. Parents and guardians can help children make good choices by spending time talking to them and setting appropriate limits. Just minutes of prevention can make a huge impact in the life of a child.

Now, Therefore, We, Frankie Dale Rife, Mayor and Council Members of Wyoming, Delaware, do recognize Saturday, May 25, 2013, as National Missing Children's Day in the Town of Wyoming and encourage all citizens to take just 25 minutes to talk to children about safety.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2013.

Mayor Frankie Dale Rife
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Councilman Terry Witt
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Proclamation

Municipal Clerks Week
May 6 through May 13, 2013

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Frankie Dale Rife, Mayor of Wyoming, Delaware, do recognize the week of May 6 through May 13, 2013, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerks, Pamela Haddick and Nicole Armour, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this sixth day of May, 2013

Mayor Frankie Dale Rife Attest: Joqueline Stokes