



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
June 3, 2013
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

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, Chief Martin Willey

Audience attending: Ricky Shehorn, James Kains, Fred Jester, Doug Beatty, Don Ayotte, Lola Phillips, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Gabrielle Greene, Danley Pyles, Jody Sweeney, Tracy Greenwood, Sherene Lindo, Jan Issa

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife stated that the next Council Meeting date should read July 8, not July 1, 2013.

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

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 050613 Reorganization Meeting
- 050613 Council Meeting
- 051013 Assessment Appeals Hearing
- 051013 Sr. Citizen Discount Meeting
- 051013 Budget Meeting

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to approve all sets of minutes as published. All in favor; none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams announced that the defensive driving classes are being set up for a Thursday afternoon and Friday all day. The first timers will attend Thursday afternoon and Friday morning; the advanced class will be held on Friday afternoon. The Town will pay for the employees; any Council Members, families, or residents can come on a first come, first served basis. Cost will be \$15.00 per person; \$12.00 for AARP Members
- Ms. Williams presented the Treasurer's Balance Report, the Budget Update, the Check Register and a Budget Adjustment for FY 2012-13. She also announced that we are still in good shape at the end of the fiscal year. We still have money to carry over. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report and the 2012-13 Budget Amendment subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed.*

Mayor Rife called forward Mr. John Syryla and introduced him to Council and the audience as the 2013 Mike Brown Scholarship winner. Mr. Syryla was awarded the scholarship and given a certificate by Mayor Rife at the CRHS Awards Ceremony on May 30, 2013. He will be attending the University of Delaware next fall and a check for \$500.00 will be mailed to the University.

POLICE REPORT

- The police report is in the packets.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Fred Jester was in attendance to give the report. During May the EMT crews responded to 229 medical calls. Fire and Rescue responded to 46 alarms of which 14 were motor vehicle collisions, 15 reported building fires, 1 out of town assist (Felton), 3 medical assists to Ambulance 41, and 13 miscellaneous responses. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 19.4 hours; average number of volunteers responding to alarms was 14; and average calls per day were 9.
- There will be an all-you-can-eat crab feast on June 15th. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door. Bingo is still every Tuesday night.

PLANNING & ZONING

- No one was available to report – April minutes are in the packet.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder presented the Open Building Permit Report. There are currently 21 open permits.
- Code Enforcement letters have been mailed out to five (5) dangerous buildings announcing inspections. This will occur during June.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- There was no one available to give a report.
- Mr. Jody Sweeney announced that Kent County will NOT be raising rates this year on their sewer & water bills.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Fulcher reported that she is getting prices to refurbish the park bathrooms and make them ADA compliant. She is hopeful that we may be able to find a grant to help with this.
- Mr. Witt brought up the catch basin on Southern Boulevard. It is a priority that must be fixed. Discussion ensued on storm drain and pot holes vs. repaving alleys. After discussion

it was decided that we would get two more prices on the catch basin and get it fixed, and then we will fix the pot holes at the intersection of Second Street and Railroad Avenue, and follow that by resurfacing Jenkins Alley. *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to move forward with these repairs. All in favor; none opposed.*

- South Layton/Southern Boulevard is being tested for a gravity fed storm drain system.
- Lisa Fulcher suggested a cross walk in front of Tre Sorelle Dolce to the parking area. There is a lot of foot traffic back and forth – maybe we could just have Lew put marker lines there.
- Mayor Rife explained the dates of the bridge closing on Wyoming Mill Road and the resurfacing, curb & sidewalk to be done on Old North Road at the same time.
- The street sweeper has had its second hydraulic fluid leak. We have had a quote done on replacing all the hoses and the quote was \$10,000.00. This is more than what the town paid for the sweeper when it was purchased. Ms. Williams suggested getting prices to contract out the street sweeping for FY2014 and then possibly putting a new one in the 2015 budget. *Ms. Williams made a motion to dispose of the old street sweeper. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Ms. Stokes, Mr. Witt and Ms. Williams, Aye. Ms. Fulcher not voting. Motion passed.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Jaci Stokes stated that she has heard from Southern Living that the Wyoming Peach Festival will be in their upcoming publication. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 18th. Everything is moving along smoothly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Recording of Minutes – Mayor Rife stated that our attorney has recommended not recording minutes – it could have some benefits but could also cause more problems. Mr. Witt, Ms. Fulcher, and Ms. Stokes recommend tabling this for another meeting. *Mr. Witt made a motion to table this issue. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. Ms. Stokes, Ms. Fulcher & Mr. Witt, Aye. Ms. Williams, No, because this has been voted down before and she does not feel it should be voted on again.*

ANNEXATION

- Pam is working on the Plan of Services.

GOOD NEWS

- The Town of Smyrna is dedicating their municipal park to Mr. George C. Wright, Jr., Executive Director of the Delaware League of Local Governments as well as former Councilperson for four terms and Mayor for seven terms of Smyrna. The Town of Wyoming is giving Mr. Wright a tribute at the dedication ceremony on June 15th. All of Council has signed the Proclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Town Council Meeting – 7/8/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 6/11/13, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 6/11/13, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Stockslager stated that Chambers Alley still needs to have something done about the potholes on it.
- Tracy Greenwood stated that she agrees with recording the minutes of our meetings. She also questioned whether the grass ordinance is enforceable even though the newsletter with the Ordinance attached has not gone out yet. She felt we should contact the attorney about this.
- Tracy asked about the Tax Ditch and who is responsible for mowing it.
- Sherene Lindo of 24 S. Railroad Avenue stated that the town should consider and research recording the meetings. She also questioned how a resident could feel safe with a neighbor who has a gun.
- Sherene questioned who is responsible for cutting the grass at a rental property and she was told that the landlord was responsible.
- Doug Beatty, Gabrielle Green, Don Ayotte, Lola Phillips, and Ricky Shehorn all spoke in support of Ms. Lindo.
- Jody Sweeney stated that the County would be signing a new contract for dog control soon.

Council took a break at 9:27 p.m.

Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to move into Executive Session. All in favor; none opposed. Council moved into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

Council discussed personnel issues.

At 10:50 p.m. Council moved back into regular session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk