



Town of Wyoming  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Wyoming Town Annex  
April 6, 2015  
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE – Mayor Rife led the Pledge

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife led the Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice-Mayor Terry Witt, Treasurer Kyle Dixon

Council Absent: Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to excuse Ms. Stokes due to illness and Ms. Fulcher due to work related conflict. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Chief of Police Martin Willey and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Paul & Liz Cable, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, and Phyllis Collins

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife announced that Senator Bushweller is giving the town \$500.00 to use for tipping fees for a spring clean-up day. We will probably be getting a large dumpster that residents can put yard waste in. We can keep it for a week or so. Although we have yard waste pickup, this will be an opportunity for residents to get rid of large quantities of yard waste without having to bag it or bundle it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The March Delaware League of Local Governments meeting was attended by Town Clerk Pam Haddick and Councilman Elect Paul Cable. The program was on Sustainable Energy.

Ms. Haddick gave a short overview of available options for homeowners as well as non-profits. There are programs out there that can help both to make buildings energy efficient at a low cost through grants and low interest loans. They will even pay ½ of the fees to have your home audited for energy efficiency up to \$200.00

CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

#### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Mr. Dixon made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the meeting minutes from March 12, 2015 as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- *Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review. Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

#### POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for February.
- Mr. Dixon questioned Pine Street. A lot of people are regularly parking the wrong way on Pine Street which means they must be driving the wrong way also. What is going to be done about this issue? The Chief stated that the officers have already given out several tickets to people driving the wrong way. This will continue and he will personally speak with anyone living on that street that may be doing this purposely.

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Fred Jester was present to give the monthly report. He stated that there were 269 medical calls last month and 53 Fire and Rescue alarms. On the road time for the fire apparatus was 11 hours, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 9 and an average of 11 calls per day.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> will be a Recruitment Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All fire houses will be participating. Camden Wyoming will have their new ladder truck on view.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> will be Safe Summer Day at Brecknock Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn reported that the Authority is preparing to drill the new well on the property near the Nellie Stokes Elementary School.
- The Authority took care of the sewage leak at a Mechanic Street property last month.
- Mayor Rife and Mr. Dixon complained about the brown water issues in several areas in town (Mechanic Street, Broad Street, Pine Street, etc.) This seems to be a reoccurring issue. Mr. Quinn was not aware of it but will look into it for us.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

- Phyllis Collins reported that there was no meeting in March but that at the April 14, 2015 meeting they would be welcoming their new member, Liz Cable.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder reported that we have 20 open permits. The few that are about to expire will be paying a new permit fee to continue working on these properties.

- The Old North Road property that has an expired permit will be paying for a new permit but will have only 45 days to complete the job.
- Susan is sending letters to all permit holders that are about to expire.
- Mayor Rife brought up 46 Mechanic Street and told Mr. Snyder that we have to do another Order to Repair and start over on that property. He wants a contact person when we reach the property owner (bank) so that he can call and speak with them himself.

#### PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt reported that Lew has been working on general spring clean-up.
- Lew used a lot of salt this winter.
- Lew still has his volunteer.
- Lew has put away his snow blower for the season.

#### ANNEXATION – None

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife submitted a resolution showing support for a house bill that will prohibit guns, ammunition or explosives from being brought into municipal buildings or police departments by non-law enforcement people. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve this resolution. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*
- Town Hall Meeting – Senator Brian Bushweller will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at the Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School on April 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Senator Bushweller will be trying to hold this twice a year, April and October.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.

- Town Council Meeting – 5/4/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 4/14/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 4/14/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival – 4/21/15, 7:00 p.m., Annex

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Georgette Williams stated that the W B Simpson School won the Delaware Odyssey of the Mind Competition allowing them to go to the National Competition in Michigan. This will cost \$486.00 per child that attends. She was requesting that the Town sponsor one child for the school. This is a great opportunity for these children.
- Paul Cable questioned the pool issue at 105 N. CR Avenue. He has read portions of two of our ordinances, 17-07, Determination and Abatement of Public Nuisances, and 5-11, Governing Dangerous Buildings and Structures, and can't understand why these are not being used – fines are available to be charged on these types of properties, 17-07 can be charged \$100 each day the property is in violation and 5-11 can be charged between \$100 and up to \$1,000 each day the property is in violation. This revenue could be helpful to the town. This was originally brought up in December as part of the Mayor's Report and it was stated that the town had received two quotes on digging out and filling this hole. The lower of the two quotes was \$5,500. After speaking with Kent County and DNREC, Mayor Rife

said that all we needed to do was to have Lew pump out the water and fill the hole with dirt and remove the fence.. We can do all of this for about \$750 to \$1,000. Council voted to have this work done by Lew.

- Phyllis Collins made the comment that they are starting to build new houses in the back of The Greens at Wyoming and wanted to be sure we were aware of it. She also asked what to do with homes that have not done power washing and have mold on their homes. She needs to contact her HOA on that. The Town doesn't have any ordinances on that. We will discuss this with Mr. Snyder.

*Mr. Dixon made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to adjourn. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager