Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
July 13, 2015
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 TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL
Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Secretary Georgette Williams, Councilmember Paul Cable

Council Absent: None

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

Audience attending: Fred Jester, Joyce Stockslager, Jonny Johnson, Sheryl Ford, Mike Quinn, Louise Fair, James Winchell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jonny Johnson asked if we had a time line for road repairs after Camden Wyoming Avenue is done. The Chief stated that Del-DOT is anticipating the project to be completed by the middle of September. Then we will put out for bids to do the repairs on S. Layton Avenue.
- Sheryl Ford asked where the town limits are on S. Layton Avenue. On the west side of S. Layton the limits end at the last house before the CWLL entrance. On the east side it ends after the third house before the curve. None of Peach Street is in town limits.
- Jim Winchell spoke about the Camden Wyoming Sewer & Water Authority.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Cable moved with second by Mr. Witt to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Rife introduced Jacob Williams who is our Mike Brown Scholarship recipient for 2015. He thanked the council for giving him the scholarship and said that he really related with Mike Brown when he read about him in the scholarship packet. They both loved baseball and sports in general.
- The fishing derby went really well even though there was some rain on and off. The children had fun.
- The State of Delaware passed its budget. Municipal Street Aid was given back along with the Community Transportation Funds and the 1 ½ % Realty Transfer Tax.
- The Town of Wyoming did not have a tax increase or a trash increase for 2015. Our trash contractor is adding a bulk pickup day to our schedule. Instead of it being the second and fourth Friday of each month along with the Friday trash pick-up those weeks, it will be an every Wednesday pick-up.
- Mayor Rife and Town Clerk Haddick attended the DLLG dinner meeting to hear what was going on with the legislature during the end of the budget year.
- Representative Yearick will be holding a Town Hall meeting next Monday, July 20, 2015 at Caesar Rodney High School along with State Treasurer Ken Simpler to discuss community issues.
- Ms. Williams made a comment that the legislature needs to start working on the state budget earlier than they do rather than waiting until June 30th to pass it every year.
- It was mentioned that a sign is needed on Camden Wyoming Avenue stating "No Left Turn" at S. Layton Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 6/1/15Council Meeting - Mr. Cable stated that he wanted to see a change made to these minutes. He stated that Mayor Rife made a comment at that meeting stating that holes had been punched in the pool at 105 N. CR Avenue when they had not been done yet. Mayor Rife knew that the CWSWA had been at the property and she assumed that the holes had been punched; however, the Sewer and Water said the water had to be pumped out of the pool before they could punch the holes. It was simply a mistake. *Mr. Cable moved with second made by Mr. Witt to change the actual 6/1/15 minutes as well as to state the change in these minutes. All in favor. Motion passed. Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mayor Rife to approve the corrected 6/1/15 minutes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon and Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable and Mr. Witt, No. Motion carried.*
- 6/1/15 Executive Session – *Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve these minutes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- 6/13/15 Budget Meeting – *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to approve the minutes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon and Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*

- 6/13/15 Executive Session – *Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Ms. Williams to approve the Executive Session minutes. Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- 6/24/15 Council Meeting – *Mr. Cable moved with second made by Ms. Williams to approve the minutes as published. Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review and stated that tax payments are rapidly coming in. Mr. Cable questioned why check #17216 and #17251, both to Hudson, Jones & Jaywork, don't total to match the P & L report. Ms. Williams made the explanation for Mr. Dixon. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for May.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Jester gave the fire company report for May and June (copies attached.)
- The All You Can Eat Crab and Shrimp Feast is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2015. The cost is $40.00 in advance and $50.00 at the door. Last year the tickets were sold out about a week prior to the event.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn stated that there is nothing related to Wyoming to report.
- Jim Winchell thanked the Wyoming Council for standing behind him. Sewer & water rates have not gone up in 7 years. Impact fees have gone up. He feels that all new infrastructures that need to go in to handle new construction should be paid for through impact fees on the new properties, not by raising rates for all residents that have been customers all along. Mr. Winchell explained how CWSWA works and that Camden is charging them permit fees for the new water tower. CWSWA is going to court to fight this.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Phyllis Collins spoke about the May meeting and what is planned for future meetings. June had to be cancelled due to Phyllis being out of town and only one other member being available. The committee is working on filling out its members to 5 in order to make it a complete committee that can vote on issues.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The open permit report is in the packets.
- The Grass Ordinance will be put on the August agenda.
- 105 N. CR Avenue pool will have the holes punched this week by the CWSWA after Lew pumps the water out.
- Mr. DiMondi, developer of Wynsome Knoll, has requested longer than 1 year on building permits for his townhomes. When a townhome "pack" is built the foundation and shell of all the homes goes up at the same time; however, the interior is not completed until a buyer is found. Dealing with a 5 or 6 pack, sales on all houses sometimes takes longer than a year.

Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Cable to add this to the August agenda. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Cable discussed ADA bathrooms & pathways for the park. He has spoken with Robert Ehmann from the State and Matt Carter from the T2 Center. He completed the pre-application for the grant using the figures Ms. Fulcher had received last year and added 10% to 15% to her figures. A 5 foot wide concrete pathway would run about $30,000. An asphalt pathway would be cheaper if 5 feet wide and even cheaper yet if 8' to 10' wide due to that being the width the equipment normally lays it which makes less work for the contractor. *Ms. Williams moved to move forward on getting more info to make the park ADA compliant. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Dave Angstadt is the project manager on the Camden Wyoming Avenue project. Mr. Cable spoke with him about the blind resident signs for Jesse Welch. Del-DOT will not put them up but they have no problem with us putting them up. Ms. Haddick will order them.
- Mr. Cable stated that Norma Jean is doing a great job as part-time maintenance.
- Mr. Cable and Chief Willey are both looking out for a dump trailer for Lew.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A Shore Scan contract was discussed for document retention. Mr. Cable is very much against it. He feels the office staff have the capability to do this on their own and it wouldn't cost the town anything. Ms. Armour and Ms. Haddick disagree. Discussion ensued. Ms. Haddick will do some more research and this will be placed on the August agenda.
- Council Rules will be tabled until August.
- Code Enforcement – Mr. Cable feels there are four ordinances in particular that need work. They are as follows: 5-11 Dangerous Buildings, 6-11 Keeping of Livestock or Poultry, 12-11 Overgrown Grass & Weeds, 17-07 Determination and Abatement of Public Nuisances. The Land Use & Development Code and some of our ordinances do not agree.

NEW BUSINESS

- Town Solicitor – Mr. Cable asked about the procedures for calling the town's attorney. Only the mayor and the town clerk can call the attorney. He asked why the mayor can call the attorney without asking the council but the council can't contact the attorney without the mayor's approval. It was explained that an issue had occurred in the past when a council member was constantly calling the attorney and running up the attorney bills.
- *Ms. Williams moved to have council go over 4 ordinances and have an early workshop prior to the August 10th Council Meeting. Mr. Cable seconded the motion. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Newsletter – Mr. Cable recommended that the newsletter be sent out to Council 24 hours prior to it being delivered so that they will know what is in it. Nicole will be told to start doing that.

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

- Town Council Meeting – 8/10/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 7/14/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 7/14/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival – 7/21/15, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jim Winchell added to his prior comments that CWSWA charges are $86.06 for 1,000 gallons.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mayor Rife stated that anything added to the agenda needs to have back-up paperwork with it for Council to see prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Cable brought up Senate Bill 66 – What is an abandoned property vs. a vacant property?

Council took a recess at 10:55 p.m.

Council moved into executive session at 11:00 p.m.

Council left Executive Session at 11:40 p.m.

Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to adjourn. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mayor Rife, Aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager

June 1, 2015

From: CAMDEN-WYOMING FIRE COMPANY

Subject: Ambulance/Fire Report, May 2015

To: Wyoming Town Council

1. The following is a summary of the activities of the CAMDEN-WYOMING FIRE COMPANY, Station 41 for the month of May 2015.

2. Our EMT crews responded to 218 medical calls last month.

3. Fire and Rescue responded to 43 alarms.

   4 Motor Vehicle Collisions (lowest this year)
   14 Building Fires to include automatic alarms.
   04 Assist with the ambulance
   01 Out of town assist (Magnolia)
   20 Miscellaneous responses. (wires down, brush fires, officer call, vehicle fire etc.)
   On-the-road time for the fire apparatus was 14.3 hours this month.
   Average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 11
   Average calls per day was 8

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Prepared by:

Daniel H. Jones, Fire Recorder

Approved/Disapproved:

Harold L. Scott, Chief
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July 1, 2015

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To: Wyoming Town Council

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2. Our EMT crews responded to 259 medical calls last month.

3. Fire and Rescue responded to 43 alarms.

   18 Motor Vehicle Collisions (lowest this year)
   10 Building Fires to include automatic alarms.
   04 Assist with the ambulance
   03 Out of town assist (Magnolia, Felton and Dover)
   08 Miscellaneous responses. (wires down, brush fires, officer call, vehicle fire etc.)
   On-the-road time for the fire apparatus was 21.2 hours this month.
   Average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 10
   Average calls per day was 10

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