



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
February 1, 2016
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Dale Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS: Dale Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Georgette Williams, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, 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: Glenn Neese, Jonny Johnson, Sheryl Ford, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jonny Johnson asked about the road construction signs that are still standing on Southern Boulevard and S. Layton Avenue. The Chief said he is pretty sure they are done in that area and the signs can come down. Ms. Haddick will tell Lew to take them down.
- Cheryl Ford thanked the town for resurfacing S. Layton Avenue. It is so much better than it was.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Witt moved with second by Ms. Williams to adopt the agenda as published. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that we officially own the property at 321 Broad Street. We need to get the asbestos abatement done and then the Fire Company has agreed to burn it down for us.

- Mr. Snyder suggests that we clean out the buildings first, then move all the sheds up next to the house so that everything will burn together and we will have only one area to clean up.
- Mayor Rife and Ms. Haddick attended an MS4 (municipal storm water program) workshop at the Duncan Building prior to the DLLG meeting on January 28. This is something we are required to do. It has filtered down from the EPA, thorough DNREC. There appears to be lots of help and some financial aid to help small towns become compliant with this.
- Mayor Rife spoke about HB 255 which allows for PBJ (probation before judgement) for violations of county or municipal codes which are similar violations to those that have been eligible for PBJ in the past.
- Mayor Rife announced that Nicole Armour has completed and been awarded her Certified Municipal Clerk designation through the Delaware Municipal Clerks Association.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 4, 2016 Public Hearing – *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Ms. Williams to adopt the Conditional Use Public Hearing minutes as published. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.*
- January 4, 2016 Council Meeting – It was brought to Council’s attention that in the minutes where the motion to approve the Conditional Use at 12 S. Drive for a home daycare was made, there was only a motion and second. The votes were not reflected. The votes were as follows: Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.
Under unfinished business Mr. Cable stated that he did not use the term dysfunctional when referring to the streetlights in front of his house and he has no idea who Conectiv is. It was assumed that the lights were not working (dysfunctional) as that has normally been the case when bulbs are replaced. Ms. Haddick also explained that Conectiv and Delmarva Power are the same company. Mr. Cable had wanted to know how many kw hours were being used by the new lights vs. how many were being used with the old lights and how that multiplied into dollar amounts. Ms. Haddick did not understand that he wanted that much detail. She just found out that the new lights were LED and use less energy than the old ones. Mayor Rife suggested that Mr. Cable call Delmarva Power if he wants that broken down further. He stated that he was not being paid as the Town Clerk was to make phone calls of that nature.
Mr. Witt moved with a second by Ms. Williams to approve the Council Meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.
- January 4, 2016 Executive Session – *Mr. Cable moved with a second by Ms. Williams to approve the minutes. Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review.
- Mr. Dixon stated that Nicole was looking into reimbursement for the snow storm expenses.
- Discussion ensued on what several checks were for and where the code enforcement income came from (105 N. CR Ave.)

Mr. Witt moved with a second by Ms. Williams to approve the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.

- Mr. Dixon passed out an estimate that he received on a zero turn mower for Lew. He feels we should continue to look into this.
- Council looked through some papers that WSFS supplied us for Fraud Protection on our accounts. Council isn’t happy with the idea of having to pay them for protection that we feel

we are covered for anyway. It has been suggested that we look into some of the other banks in the area to see if they can do more for us than WSFS is doing.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey presented his report (attached.)
- The Chief announced that the speed limit will be changing on Wyoming Mill Road. DelDOT has done a study that determined that the 35 MPH limit should be extended farther north than it currently does. This will move the 50 MPH about 200 feet north of where it starts now and when coming south the 35 MPH will begin about 200 feet north of where it starts now. They will be directly across from each other. DelDOT will be sending us the resolution to sign for this.
- Mr. Dixon brought up the fact that there are no “no parking” signs on Pine Street on the east side and some people are parking there. Chief Willey stated that we need to pass a resolution to put these up. We will plan on this in our March meeting. The signs have been ordered. Mechanic Street and S. Layton Avenue have this problem also so we have ordered enough signs to take care of these streets also. The only exceptions will be during the Buffalo Stampede and the Peach Festival.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Glenn Neese was present to give the report. The Fire Company will be celebrating 100 years in 2026 as the fire company was incorporated in 1926. They know they were in existence prior to that but cannot find anything in writing that proves what year it was. The original fire company in Wyoming was called Lake View Fire Company and the original fire house was our current annex. Ms. Williams is going to look into the deed for the Annex to see how far back it goes and if there are any dates on it. Camden also had a fire company of their own called Camden Fire Company.
- Mr. Neese spoke about the smoke detector program called Wake Up Delaware that provided smoke detectors free to residents. The federal government is no longer funding this program so Kent County is looking into some other program or grant that could keep this going.
- By having a volunteer fire company, Camden and Wyoming are saving about \$3,000,000 annually.
- The report is attached.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn reported that the Authority voted in a new vice-chairperson, Mr. Dan Ridgely and the new chairperson is Mike Quinn. Mr. Dan Woodall replaced Mr. Peter Couming as one of the Camden representatives.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Planning & Zoning did not hold a meeting in January; therefore, there was nothing to report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The open permit list is in the packet and Mr. Snyder discussed it.
- Mr. Snyder is going to get up with Delmarva Power to see if they will take care of the vines at 6 Old North Road.
- 9 North Drive is being demolished by the property owner.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Cable stated that Lew used 4500 pounds of salt during the January 22 & 23 snowstorm. He also requested possibly paying Brandon Feaster for helping Lew as he spent the night in the Annex with him Friday and Saturday nights. Mr. Cable recommended \$50. Ms. Williams recommended \$100. He's a hard worker. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Cable to pay Brandon \$100 for his help during the snowstorm. Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*
- It was suggested that we should look into getting a new street sweeper after the maintenance building is up. We also should get a snow plow that will fit the new truck also. That way we can have two trucks that can plow snow.
- Lew needs to get a new phone that has a speaker phone that works. The phone he has is giving him trouble. He can hear people talking to him but they can't always hear him. Nicole needs to order him a new phone and be sure it has a speaker phone on it.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Camden Wyoming Little League is asking for team sponsors again this year. *Mr. Dixon moved with a second from Mr. Witt to be a team sponsor for \$400. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
- A resolution to approve a Charter Change was discussed. Mr. Cable asked why lines 8 & 9 on page 1 were added. *Mr. Witt moved with a second by Ms. Williams to approve this resolution. Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Dixon, Abstain. Mr. Cable, No.*
- Council was asked to approve License Applications for outside contractors, businesses and landlords. The follow corrections or additions were made:
 - Outside Contractor: Add "late penalties of 10% per month will be added on unpaid balance." Also add "current" in front of State of Delaware License. *Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve with additions. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
 - Landlord: Add "late penalties of 10% per month will be added on unpaid balance." Also add to form that the fees are \$100 for the 1st unit and \$25 for each additional unit. *Mr. Dixon moved with second by Mr. Witt to approve with additions. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
 - Business License: Add "late penalties of 10% per month will be added on unpaid balance." Also add "current" in front of State of Delaware License. *Mr. Witt moved with second from Ms. Williams to approve with additions. Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.*

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

- Town Council Meeting – 3/7/16, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 2/9/16, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 2/9/16, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival Committee – 2/16/16, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Joyce Stockslager stated that the Potters House Church on Broad Street had the state plow Broad in front of the church the day after the snow.
- Joyce also mentioned that the City of Lewes does not require a Certificate of Insurance or a Current State Business License in order to apply for a Lewes Business License.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Cable stated that he has brought it up at two previous meetings that he wants to see the Newsletter before it gets printed and sent out to the public and he still is not seeing it. Mayor Rife stated that Ms. Haddick needs to be sure that Ms. Armour gets the Newsletter out to all of Council 24 hours prior to printing from now on.
- He also stated that he wants to have lawyer emails, Facebook, Newsletter and Website on the March agenda.

Council moved out of regular and into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Council returned to Regular Session at 10:19 p.m.

Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Witt, Ms. Williams, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Pamela B. Haddick, CMC
Town Clerk/Office Manager