



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
August 10, 2015
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 –
Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife also asked that we think
of former Chief of Police Chuck Manuzak who recently passed away.

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: Jacqueline Stokes, Fred Jester, Joyce Stockslager, Sheryl Ford, Mike Quinn,
Lisa Fulcher, James Winchell, Phyllis Collins

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife asked to add the Pledge and Moment of Silence to the Agenda as it had been left out in
error. *Ms. Williams moved with second by Mr. Dixon to accept the agenda as corrected. Mr. Witt,
Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife spoke about the Harriett Tubman By-way Presentation that took place in Camden last week. She was in attendance. Six businesses in Wyoming are participating and four businesses in Camden.
- The Peach Festival had a great turnout.
- CWSWA has punched the hole in the pool on CR Avenue at no charge to the Town.
- The 311 Broad Street property is down and leveled out.
- The 314 Grant Street property is down.
- Mayor Rife met with the Wyoming Mills Homeowners Association.
- There is a photo of Council Person Georgette Williams in the paper with Vice President Joe Biden.
- Caesar Rodney School District is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.
- This year was the 93rd anniversary for the Delaware State Fair.
- The sidewalks on Camden Wyoming Avenue are slowly becoming ADA compliant. A couple of them have had to be done twice because they weren’t right the first time and Del-DOT has been making them tear them out and re-do them.
- Ms. Williams stated that we have been a member of DFIT for the past 5 to 6 years for workman’s comp. The rates have plummeted over this time and in past years the excess funds have been held in a pool. This year the excess funds exceed what they want in the pool so the municipalities have all received refunds. Our refund was almost \$2,000. The next plan is to look into self-insured health insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 6/1/15 Council Meeting
- 7/13/15 Council Meeting
- 7/13/15 Executive Session

Ms. Williams moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to approve all three sets of minutes. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon and Ms. Williams, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review and stated that the auditors have been in to audit our accounts. Although they are still doing some work in their office, they were only in our office for one day. Tax money has slowed down since the early discount deadline has passed but there are still checks coming in regularly. The actual date due is September 30. *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, Aye. Motion carried.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for July.
- The Peach Festival went well with no police issues.
- The intersection of CW Avenue and CR Avenue have had the sidewalk repairs started as of last night. They will not be working on nights that it rains but will continue there until that is done.
- Mr. Cable thanked the chief for keeping an eye out for a dump trailer. He and the chief have both been on the lookout for one.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Jester gave the fire company report for July (copy 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. Be sure to get your tickets soon.
- This year is the 50th year for volunteer service for the ambulance.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn stated that there is nothing related to Wyoming to report.
- Jim Winchell stated that he hopes he can continue to count on Wyoming for their support of the CWSWA.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Phyllis Collins stated that there was nothing to report as all they did at last month's meeting was talk to the two residents that have shown interest in joining the committee.
- Mayor Rife stated that we now have three residents willing to serve on the committee, Kelly Alstott, Jonny Johnson and Tiffany Rife have all turned in letters of interest. *Ms. Williams moved with a second by Mr. Witt to appoint Mr. Alstott, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Rife to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon and Ms. Williams, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motion carried.*
- Mayor Rife stated that we have a full committee so they will now be able to move forward.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The open permit report is in the packets.
- The two houses to be demolished on Grant Street and Broad Street are down. There is another building on S. CR Avenue that will be started next week.
- The old concrete plant is taking down all the buildings on the property and crushing the concrete to sell it.
- Mr. Cable questioned whether we were able to use the 2015 ICC Codes yet and Ms. Haddick said she is waiting to talk to the attorney to see if an old Ordinance that she found is still usable rather than doing a new one.
- The pool on N. CR Avenue was discussed.
- Mowing fees were discussed (Ordinance 12-11.) *Ms. Williams moved to table this discussion until an upcoming workshop. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt and Ms. Williams, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Mr. Witt brought up the tax ditch adjacent to the parking lot of the park and who is responsible for mowing its banks. Ms. Haddick will call Mr. Fifer to see what he says.
- Building permits for subdivisions with townhomes were discussed. Mr. DeMondi had stated that when he builds a 5 or 6 pack, he puts in the entire foundation and shell of all the homes, then as they are sold he finishes the interior to suit the buyer's needs. It is difficult to sell and complete 5 or 6 homes within a year and he would like to be able to extend the permit without having to pay for a complete new one. *Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Witt to allow one (1) six month extension on the townhome permits in Wynsome Knoll at no cost. At the end of the six month extension (18 months total) any home that is not complete will be required to pay for a new building permit at full cost. Mr. Dixon, Ms. Williams, Mr. Cable and Mr. Witt, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Discussion ensued about the steps on the apartment building on the corner of Camden Wyoming Avenue and Layton Avenue – the steps have settled and the last step to the porch

is so high that the renters have placed a block on the top step to step on. This is unsafe and not up to code.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Cable is looking into what the best option is for mulch for the playground. It needs work.
- He also brought up the vines at 6 Old North Road which are growing up into the electric lines. Ms. Haddick has contacted Delmarva Power about it but there has been nothing done to date. She will contact them again.
- Lew is having mower issues. Mr. Cable does not like him working on the mower; however, in order to save the town money, Lew has purchased new belts and is installing them himself.
- Mr. Cable stated that since the ADA project for the park was not in the last minutes as it should have been, he is resigning from handling that project. He turned the paperwork over to Ms. Haddick.
- Mayor Rife spoke of an idea that has been suggested to her to use the millings from the work on Camden Wyoming Avenue for the pathways at the park from the street to the bathrooms and on to the pavilion. We would need to rent a steam roller to pack the millings down but once that is done, it will be a hard path just as if it had been laid with asphalt. The costs of doing this could be used as matching funds towards the project.
- It has been determined that the flower bed on the south side of Camden Wyoming Avenue near the railroad tracks is the responsibility of the property owner that is adjacent to it, not the Town. Mr. Witt owns the property and Mr. Billy Pippin rents the land from Mr. Witt. The Wyoming Beautification Committee originally planted the flower bed but they are no longer in existence and Lew does not have the time to care for this area. Mr. Witt and Mr. Pippin will now be responsible for this area.

PEACH FESTIVAL

- Jaci Stokes reported on the Peach Festival.
- The Dover High School Drumline was great as was the Peach Festival Band.
- We had approximately 130 vendors.
- Ms. Stokes asked that the Town Council come up with a wish list of items the Peach Festival Committee could help to purchase for the Town.
- Chief Willey suggested increasing the amount that they donate to the Fire Police. They supplied us with more people than in the past and they did a great job.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife introduced Mr. Ken Carlson of ShoreScan to do a presentation on a document retention service that his company supplies to municipalities. Mr. Carlson had a PowerPoint presentation that he provided talking about his company, what it can do and how much it will cost. Several questions were asked by council members that he was able to answer. Ms. Haddick had copies of emails from three Delaware towns that currently use ShoreScan and are happy with them. Council asked her to find out what other companies they had looked into before they decided on ShoreScan. Mr. Winchell stated that he thought this was a great idea. Council will vote on this during the upcoming workshop.

- On an unrelated topic, Mr. Carlson told Mr. Cable that he knew someone he should contact for help on the playground mulch and told him he would forward the info to him via email.
- Council Rules are not ready yet and will be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

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

- Town Council Meeting – 9/14/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 8/11/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 8/19/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival – 8/14/15, 6:00 p.m., Janet Talbot’s house

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Cable stated that he had not received a copy of the newsletter prior to it being delivered as he had asked.
- He also went to the Town Hall meeting Mr. Yearick put on at CRHS.
- Last week he went to the Camden Council Meeting – he was not allowed to make any comments until after the votes were done. He told the council; however, that they should be ashamed at the way they treated Mr. Couming, the Chair of the Sewer & Water Authority. He is an 80+ year old man who is donating his time to the Town of Camden and he was treated with what Mr. Cable likened to “elder abuse.”
- Mr. Winchell also spoke again in reference to the Sewer & Water Authority and their relationship with Camden Council vs. Wyoming Council and once again thanked Wyoming for their support.

Council took a recess at 9:48 p.m.

Council moved into executive session at 9:58 p.m.

Council left Executive Session at 10:05 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager