



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
October 5, 2015
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilmember Paul Cable

Council Absent: Secretary Georgette Williams due to illness

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

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, Glenn Neese, Mike Quinn, Sheryl Ford and Jesse Welch

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife stated that the Town had a successful yard sale last week.
- The Town is planning for Halloween. We may have a haunted trail; there is a family in town that would like to set that up.
- The Shore Scan Program has been set up and the first basic training has been done.
- Chief Willey has located 6 file cabinets on the military website that the Town can use to replace some of the old file cabinets. He has also found a tractor for Lew with attachments for

plowing and bush hogging, and some other equipment for Lew. These are all free of charge. The Chief just has to pick them up.

- The Chief is also working on a grant for new guns for the department.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- September 14, 2015 Public Hearing – Mr. Cable stated that the minutes did not reflect the discussion that was made in reference to the \$450.00 Conditional Use fee and how much of that was spent on postage. *Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Cable to accept these minutes with additions. Mr. Cable, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*
- September 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting – Mr. Cable stated that there were several items of detail that were left out of the minutes that would have been there if the meetings were being recorded. *Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mayor Rife to adopt these minutes as published. Mayor Rife and Mr. Witt, Aye. Mr. Cable and Mr. Dixon, No. Motion tied.*
- September 14, 2015 Executive Session – *Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Witt to adopt as published. Mr. Cable, Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review. He stated that September 30th was the deadline for paying taxes as well as getting all license fees turned in so there have been a lot of funds getting deposited.
Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Cable to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
- Council was given a copy of the official audit report.
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to accept the audit. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, No. Motioned carried.
Mr. Cable asked about what happens when a council person does not respond to the LJT questionnaire. The office will contact Brandy from LJT and ask.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for September (copy attached.)
- There have been no intersection accidents since January when the one-way streets were done. It is working.
- The Chief talked to Delmarva Power about their property on Southern Boulevard where the sub-station used to be to possibly use it for our new maintenance building. They only want to put a pole there with a 2 foot antenna on it. They will get back to him.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Neese reported that the new truck will be at Representative Yearick's event at Tre Sorelle Dolce.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn stated that the new well has been drilled. The next phase will be the foundation
- There has been nothing on Winterberry Woods.
- The Camden permit fees for the tower are still on hold.

- Mayor Rife stated that she met with CWSWA and Camden on brown water issues. Once the new tower is up and running, hopefully by spring, it should take care of some of the brown water issues.

PLANNING & ZONING

There was no one present to report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The public nuisance at 46 S. Mechanic Street was discussed.
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Cable to approve the resolution to move forward with the public nuisance. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
The town received a quote from Tricks of the Trade for \$1,811.76 to abate this nuisance.
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Cable to accept the quote from Tricks of the Trade. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
- The public nuisance at 24 S. Mechanic Street was discussed.
Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Witt to approve the resolution to move forward with the public nuisance. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
The town received a quote from Tricks of the Trade for \$446.42 to abate this nuisance.
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to accept the quote from Tricks of the Trade. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
- Mr. Snyder went over the Open Permits in the packet. 6 S. Railroad Avenue started work on the roof today.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mayor Rife reported that she met with Delmarva Pole about the maintenance building. To put up at 1500 SF building that measures 30' x 50' x 16', with two 10' doors and one 14' door would cost about \$50,000. This includes everything but electric. To put up a 2000 SF building that measures 30' x 60' x 16' with two 10' doors and two 14' doors would cost about \$60,000. Discussion of possible location ensued. The three possible locations would be 321 Broad St., Southern Blvd. substation, or the Park on the east side of the bathrooms.
- Mr. Cable reported that a safety inspection that was done through our insurance company recommended several upgrades at the park. The most prominent in his opinion were increasing the depth of the mulch in the play areas and placing a fence between the end of the existing fence and the pavilion to deter little children from going to the water.
Mr. Cable moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to close the playgrounds until these two priority issues are addressed.
More discussion ensued re: whole fence across the entire park vs ½ fence that was recommended.
Mr. Cable's motion was brought up again. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Mr. Witt, not voting. Mayor Rife, No. Motion died.
- *Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Witt to move Halloween from the park to a safer location. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Mayor Rife, No. Motion carried.*
Discussion ensued about the train platform vs the park pavilion. Mayor Rife stated that if we move it to the train platform, Chief Willey will want to close the street between Camden Wyoming Avenue and Broad Street during the hours of the event.
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to move Halloween to the train platform. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mayor Rife, Aye. Mr. Cable, not voting. Motion passed
- Mr. Cable stated that the maintenance department is doing a great job. Lew has been seen sweeping up streets by hand. Maybe if we can get a street sweeper in the future, this won't be necessary.

- Mayor Rife spoke of finding a dump trailer and passed around a photo. This model holds 2 ½ tons and is 10 feet long. Mr. Cable will talk to Lew to confirm what he needs.

ANNEXATION

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance #1-15 Adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.
Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mr. Witt to fill in Section 112.4 with a fine not less than \$500 or more than \$999. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried
Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Cable to adopt Ordinance 1-15. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.
- Ordinance #12-11, Amendment #1 Grass and Weeds to remove fees from the ordinance body and state “as per attached fee schedule.”
Mr. Dixon moved with a second from Mr. Witt to adopt Ordinance #12-11, Amendment #1. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Comprehensive Rezoning
Mr. Witt moved with a second from Mr. Dixon to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Comprehensive Rezoning. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion carried.
- Procedures for contacting the Town Solicitor were discussed. Mayor Rife handed out a statement which says that all questions to the attorney should go directly to the Mayor or the Town Clerk who will in turn send to the Mayor. The Mayor will either answer the question if possible or contact the attorney for his answer. Mr. Cable stated that he does not like this; he wants to see it in writing by the attorney or hear it out of his mouth. *Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Cable to approve the procedures as written but in addition each Council member will receive a copy of the attorney’s response in writing. Mr. Witt, Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Aye. Motion carried.*
- Procedures for handling complaints were discussed. Mayor Rife stated that Section 14.4 of the Wyoming Town Charter states that it is the responsibility of the mayor to present complaints to Council at its first meeting after receipt of complaint for action of Council. Mr. Cable feels the mayor should bring to Council issues prior to moving forward, specifically referring to the issues with the Chief. She took the issue to Council at the next meeting because he was cleared of all wrong doing. If he had not been cleared, an immediate meeting would have been called.
- Newsletter – Mr. Cable wants to have a say in what is in the Newsletter. Mayor Rife stated that any member of Council can have input if they wish. Just get up with Nicole at the beginning of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation – The Council was asked to approve this proclamation naming the month of November 2015 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of Wyoming
Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve this proclamation. Mr. Cable, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Witt, Aye. Motion passed.
- Community Planning Month Proclamation
Mr. Cable moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to designate the month of October 2015 as Community Planning Month in the Town of Wyoming in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.
- Senior Citizen Tax Discount – one property that qualified by Kent County for a Senior Citizen tax discount was accidentally omitted from the list they sent Wyoming.

Mr. Witt moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to approve 44 S. Mechanic Street for a senior citizen tax discount on the 2015 taxes. Mr. Witt, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Cable, Aye. Motion passed.

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

- Town Council Meeting – 11/2/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 10/13/15, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 10/13/15, 7:30 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sheryl Ford stated that she is disappointed in the Council arguing about everything.
- Ms. Ford suggested putting signs in the park that state “play at your own risk.” This might solve the park safety problem.
- Ms. Ford does not feel everyone should be able to contact the attorney.
- Ms. Ford asked when Camden Wyoming Avenue will be black topped. It was supposed to be completed by September 15. Not sure what the anticipated completion date is now.
- Ms. Ford stated that last weekend during all the rain the pump station worked to keep S. Layton from flooding.
- Lastly Ms. Ford stated that she didn’t like the fact that Council discussed personnel issues in open forum.
- Jessica Welch spoke up and stated that she agrees with Ms. Ford on everything.
- Ms. Welch stated that maybe plastic barricades rented from Dover Rent-all could help to comply with the safety regulations at the park.
- Ms. Welch stated that the Camden Wyoming Avenue road construction destroyed her yard. It turns to mud whenever it rains and runs down over the sidewalk.
- Having worked in law enforcement in the past Ms. Welch stated that Mayor Rife had the responsibility to take the complaint on the Chief to Deljis. She did the right thing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager