



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Municipal Building
October 2, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Dale Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Dale Rife

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor, Dale Rife; Vice-Mayor, Doug Denison; Treasurer, Kyle Dixon; and Councilperson, Jonny Johnson

Council Absent: Secretary, David Reed

Staff attending: Laura Connor, Town Clerk and Richard Snyder, Building Inspector

Audience attending: Joyce Stocklager and Kristin Heist

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Correction to Ordinance number presented under New Business from 39-17 to 40-17.

Mr. Denison moved with second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the agenda with noted correction. Mayor Rife, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Denison, and Mr. Johnson. Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS – MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Rife mentioned that she attended the Delaware League of Local Government (DLLG) Annual meeting on September 28, 2017 where the State Town Manager and State Town Clerk were recognized.
- Mayor Rife stated that the Maintenance Building is coming along. Minor adjustments to the bay doors and a couple more inspections and we should be able to receive a Certificate of Occupancy
- Mayor Rife introduced Robert Wiegel as our new Maintenance who is replacing Lew Denham who retired on October 1st. Mr. Wiegel gave a brief introduction and everyone was pleased with the decision made by the Interview Committee
- Mayor Rife referenced an article she read in the Dover Post that mentions the CWSWA. It stated that the litigation was in favor of CWSWA and there were no permit fees charged. It was also noted that an appeal still may occur.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.
 - Kent County Recreation Center – Make a Difference Day on 10/28/17
 - Potters House – Fall Festival on 10/28/17
 - Friends of CR Pride Day on 10/28/17
 - Town of Wyoming – Halloween Festival on 10/31/17
- It was also mentioned that the October Words of Wyoming (newsletter) will be delivered next week.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The following minutes were presented:

- September 11, 2017, Special Council Meeting
- September 11, 2017, Executive Session
- September 11, 2017, Town Council Meeting
- September 21, 2017, Special Council Meeting

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to approve all of the minutes as presented. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Maintenance – Welcome Robert Wiegel, Jr.
 - Mr. Wiegel was welcomed earlier in the meeting
- Council Resignation
 - Mr. Reed provided a letter of resignation from Town Council effective immediately.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to accept the resignation of David Reed from Town Council. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Appointment of Secretary position
 - With the resignation of Mr. Reed as Secretary of Town Council, a new Secretary is required to be assigned

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Dixon to nominate Jonny Johnson as the new Secretary of Town Council. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Ordinance #40-17 – Tax Abatement 12181 Willow Grove Road

- The first reading of Ordinance 40-17 was waved

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to waive the first reading of Ordinance #40-17. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.

- Mrs. Connor read the Synopsis for Ordinance #40-17 that states “this ordinance abates taxes for property located at 12181 Willow Grove Road for seven (7) years or until title to the property is transferred to another owner. This ordinance does not abate trash fees, which shall still be owed on this property.”

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to approve the tax abatement on the property located at 12181 Willow Grove Road as stated in Ordinance #40-17. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. Mr. Dixon, Opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 24 S. Mechanic Street
 - Mayor Rife stated that Mr. Harmen has purchased this property and is in the process of demolition
- 46 S. Mechanic Street
 - Several unsuccessful requests have been made to Carrington Mortgage Services regarding the status of the three (3) bids that were provided to demolish the buildings. Updates will be provided when available
- 48 S. Mechanic Street
 - The auction site that has this property listed is currently taking bids.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented Balances and Check Register for September for Council to review. The Profit and Loss reports are still not available.

- It was stated that there are only 10 Business Licenses, about 20 Landlord Licenses, and several Non-Resident Licenses that are still outstanding. License Certificates will be mailed out soon.

Mr. Denison moved with a second from Mr. Johnson to approve the reports presented subject to audit. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

- No one was in attendance, but report was provided for review

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- There are several projects around town that will require roadwork and will be blocking traffic Friday – Monday especially on Old North Road to repair a broken pipe.
- During the CWSWA September meeting, the budget was passed and there will be no increase in rates
- Wyoming Members will be re-appointed at next Council meeting

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- President James Queen, Sr. was in attendance and provided the following updates:
 - CW Fire Department will be a stopping point for Wreaths Across America that will occur on Thursday, December 14th. There will be several tractor trailers and support vehicles transporting wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. In attendance for the ceremony at noon include CR and Polytech ROTC, Dover Drum Corp, and several Representatives
 - President Queen requests Camden and Wyoming Police Chiefs if they would be escorts.

PLANNING & ZONING

- There was a misunderstanding in a building permit that was present to P&Z. Will communicate request is approved for a pole building with an apartment.
- Upcoming Workshops: Saturday, October 14th and Saturday, October 21st (with Council)

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

- Mr. Snyder presented September reports
- He stated that he is having some landlord issues with 8 and 10 S. Layton Avenue. There is lots of work being done with no permits and unlicensed contractors. Repairs are not being done, rental inspections are not being scheduled and taxes are not yet paid. A letter has been requested from WSFS Bank to clarify previous agreements and property lines. A “stop work order” may be issued.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- The gravel is scheduled for the Maintenance Building the week of 10/23/17. It has been requested for the Chief to move the equipment currently in the parking lot.
- There are several (2-3) trees in the park that are dying and need to be cut down.

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

- CWSWA, 10/10/17, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning Meeting, 10/25/17, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting – 11/06/17, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

Council took a break at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Johnson to move into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Council returned to regular session at 9:19 p.m.

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Dixon to move from Executive Session back to Regular Session at 9:19 p.m. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Denison moved and was seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the purchase of new software for the office staff. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. Mr. Dixon opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Denison moved with a second by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rife, Mr. Denison, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Laura Connor
Town Clerk