



## Town of Wyoming

### **Assessment Appeals & Budget Meeting**

June 18, 2025 5:30pm

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Denison called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor, Doug Denison; Vice-Mayor, Tracy Johovic; Treasurer, Kyle Dixon; Secretary, Melissa Wooleyhand; and Council Person Cathy George.

Staff attending: Chief Baker, Michael Wooleyhand- Town Manager, Roseann Lamar- Town Clerk.

Audience attending: Kevin and Rose Gibbs, Ernie Piazza, Donna Mason and Jane Sweeney.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Mr. Dixon moved with a second by Mrs. George to adopt the agenda added Public Comments. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Wooleyhand read a public comment from Mr. Marasco which was posted on Facebook.

*"I have complete faith in the mayor and council to make the difficult decision that need to be made to keep our amazing town solvent, viable and successful.*

*Our little town is fortunate to have a team of high quality, professional, employees across all departments that service our town.*

*I'm confident a well thought out, fair and proportionate increase will be made with the whole spectrum of town residents economic levels being considered.*

*Wyoming is the best little town in Delaware and I'm glad to have competent, informed and dedicated members of council that have the common sense to keep our small town charm and values at the forefront of their decision making process."*

## NEW BUSINESS

*Mrs. George moved with a second from Mrs. Wooleyhand to open hearing for Assessment and Appeals. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

- Assessment Appeals
  - None
  - Mr. Gibbs questioned changes to their property and how do they go about getting a reassessment.
  - Mayor Denison advised that it must be done through Kent County.
- Sr. Citizen / Disability Exemptions
  - Mr. Wooleyhand advised that there are 26 exempt parcels.
  - The following exemptions from Kent County have been identified:
    - Handicap – 7
    - Veteran – 1
  - Mrs. Sweeney questioned how to get a senior discount.
  - Mr. Denison advised that it is done through Kent County.

*Mrs. George moved with a second from Mrs. Wooleyhand to accept the exemptions from Kent County as presented. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

- Unpaid Civil Penalties and Fees
  - Mr. Wooleyhand reported that there were no unpaid civil penalties or fees to be added to taxes.
- Tax Rate
  - Mr. reviewed different increase scenarios with council.
  - Current rate is \$1.10 per \$100 of Kent County assessed value. Tax rate needs to be adjusted to .1525 to align with current tax revenue.
  - Park reservations for non-residents would go to \$90.
  - Reality transfer has been moved towards Public Safety.
  - Discussion ensued.
  - Discussion involved raising base \$145, increase in property tax and licensing rate by 45%.
  - New tax rate is set at .2211 per \$100 of Kent County assessed value.

*Mrs. George moved with a second from Mrs. Wooleyhand waive the first reading of tax increase ordinance. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

*Ms. Johovic moved with a second from Mrs. George to adopt tax increase ordinance with a new tax rate of .2211 per \$100 of Kent County assessed value. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

- Budget Discussion
  - Licensing fees will be discussed at July’s council meeting and related ordinance will need to be revised.
  - Budget will be approved on the contingency that town manager will be able to make up shortfall of \$691.

*Mr. Dixon moved with a second from Mrs. Wooleyhand to adopt the FY 25/26 Budget with a budget of \$1,626,933.00 with a 45% increase in taxes to residents. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- None

*Ms. Johovic moved and was seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn to executive session at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

*Ms. Johovic moved and was seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn to regular session at 6:47 p.m. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Dixon moved and was seconded by Ms. Johovic to accept the employee terms discussed in executive session. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Dixon moved and was seconded by Mrs. Wooleyhand to adjourn meeting at 6:48 p.m. Mayor Denison, Ms. Johovic, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Wooleyhand, and Mrs. George, Aye. None Opposed. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Audrey Lindale  
Clerk of Council