

Town of Kenton, Delaware

Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019 at 7:00^{PM}
Kenton Town Hall



Call to Order

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Mayor Caple.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were led by Mayor Caple.

Roll Call

Roll was called with the following members in attendance:

Mayor - Paul Caple
Vice Mayor - Herb Boyles
Secretary - Amanda Porter-Westfall
Council Member - Kathy Lachmann
Council Member - John Blanchfield

The meeting minutes were taken by Secretary Westfall.
State Representative Jeffrey Speigelman was in attendance.

Agenda Items to Add/Remove

Town budget was added to new business.

Open Forum

Mayor Caple opened the floor to residents in open forum, but as no one opted to speak, the open forum was closed.

Building Permits

Mayor Caple opened the floor to any resident requesting a building permit, but no one came forward.

Discuss/Approve Previous Minutes

The minutes for the month of January were read. Vice Mayor Boyles made a motion to approve the January minutes with amendments as there was an error in dates. Councilman Blanchfield seconded the motion. All were in favor. There were no "nay" votes. The minutes were approved with amendments.

Town Reports

The Treasurer Report was presented by Treasurer Robin Kassing.

- A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Vice Mayor Boyles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blanchfield. There were no "nay" votes.
- The Treasurer Report was approved.

The Police Report was presented by Police Chief Michael Hibbert.

- Chief Hibbert also suggested adding a third officer to the Kenton Police Department and introduced Bruce Graham, a retired Smyrna officer. It was decided to be discussed among council at a later time.

There is no events team at this time, so no Events Report was given.

Old Business

- Vice Mayor Boyles read the third and final reading of the Good Standing Ordinance. Vice Mayor Boyles made a motion to adopt the Good Standing Ordinance. Councilman Blanchfield seconded the motion. All were in favor. There were no nay votes. The Good Standing Ordinance was adopted.
- Tax Rate Amendment Letter
 - The Tax Rate Amendment letter was read by Mayor Caple. A motion to approve the letter to be sent to the town attorney with amendments was made by Councilman Blanchfield as the incorrect general assembly was noted. Vice Mayor Boyles seconded the motion. All were in favor. There were no nay votes.

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New Business

Town Budget

- Mayor Caple asked for assistance from council on totaling expenses for the town versus expenses for the police department, which will give council an idea for this year's town budget.
- A budget will also be necessary for the tax rate amendment to the town charter as council will need to show where increased taxes will be spent.

Representative Speigelman expressed support of tax rate amendment.

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:48 PM, Vice Mayor Boyles made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blanchfield.

There were no "nay" votes.

The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be on March 5, 2019 at 7 PM.

Mayor

Secretary