

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, April 14, 2025
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

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Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 860 3535 1359

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Tony Neal, Ward Two
Eric Evans, Ward Three

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager
Diana Ramirez, Administration
Ralph Holm, Chief of Police
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:

Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Councilman Neal led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the March 24, 2025 Town Council minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilman Neal, Ward 2:

- Blessing to see everyone here tonight

Councilman Evans, Ward 3:

- Welcome to the meeting

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 4:

- Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meeting

Mayor West

- The town is looking beautiful

6. BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

The proposed 2025 Municipal Election Board of Elections is as follows:

1. Cathi Lind
2. Mary Lou Barmby
3. Janette Fletcher
4. Annie Richardson, Alternate
5. Shirley Hitchens, Alternate

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the Board of Elections as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT 2025-01 CHEER GATEWAY EAST

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the Public Works Agreement.

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to approve Public Works Agreement 2025-01 CHEER Gateway East as presented.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. WAIVER REQUEST – FOOD VENDORS ON EAST MARKET STREET

A. REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN AND THE GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A WAIVER OF TOWN CODE §119-7 A. AREAS RESTRICTED FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF FOOD TRUCK VENDORS ON EAST MARKET STREET AT CHERRY LANE, ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, EXTENDING MAY 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 2025 FOR THE HOURS OF 11 AM – 2 PM

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the Waiver Request.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the waiver request for food vendors on East Market Street. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2025-02 ZONING AMENDMENT FROM NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL (UR3) TO URBAN RESIDENTIAL (UR1) LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ZOAR & SUSSEX PINES ROAD 135-23.00-20.00 THROUGH 20.03 & 135-20.00-482.00 THROUGH 493.00

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

Formal action will take place at the next regular Town Council meeting.

- Questions/Comments posed from audience

B. ORDINANCE #2025-03 MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 98 FEES (UTILITY, TAX, CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY)

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

Formal action will take place at the next regular Town Council meeting.

10. RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION #2025-04 ADOPTION OF FY2026 BUDGET

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Mayor West to adopt Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of FY 2026 Budget as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Update

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - General Trades
 - 3rd floor – miscellaneous finish work continues
 - 2nd floor – drywall finishing up
 - 1st floor – finishing areas 1 & 2
 - Masonry
 - Clocktower work continues
 - Windows
 - Cleaning up miscellaneous trims and caulking
 - Frames in parking garage in process
 - Site Work
 - Market Street wall construction continues
 - Parking garage concrete work starting April 21
- Police/Public Works Facility
 - Civil Engineer contract being finalized
 - ‘Coming Soon’ sign fabrication in process, followed by installation
- East Market Street Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements
 - Work started April 14 due to weather delays
 - Expect land and shoulder closures during this project
- AMI Meter Replacement
 - Two large meters replaced week of April 17
 - Three replacements still to be done
- Community Reinvestment Fund
 - Security fencing at Lynch Lane & South Railroad Avenue
 - Landscaping at Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2025 Annual Municipal Election

- Notice of Solicitation of Candidates for Wards 1 and 2

- Candidate filing deadline is Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Municipal Election, if necessary – Saturday, May 10, 2025
 - Polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
 - Certification of Candidates: Thursday, April 17, 5:05 PM, Town Hall
 - Town Offices Closed: Friday, April 18, in observance of Good Friday
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, April 24, 5:30 PM, Cheswold
 - Town Council Meeting: Monday, April 28, 6:45 PM, Public Hearing followed by Regular Meeting
- Legislative Update
 - Bill Tracking

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deanna Loeb, Georgetown EMS

- Shared some statistics on EMS services in Town

Sunny Gyani, 22512 Springfield Lane

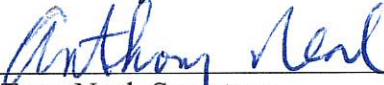
- Commented on people abusing the emergency services
- Purchased 225 South Bedford Street for a potential park

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Neal to adjourn at 7:33pm.

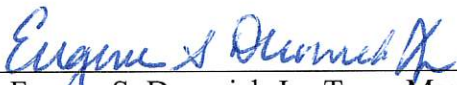
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Tony Neal, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager

These minutes are a summary of the meeting. Complete audio and visual recordings are available upon request