

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, April 27, 2026
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:
Website: <https://www.georgetowndel.com/live-stream.htm>

Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 870 0745 9603

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
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor
Eric Rust, Public Works
Diana Ramirez, Administration

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 Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APRIL 13, 2026 MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to adopt the April 13, 2026 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

B. APRIL 17, 2026 MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt the April 17, 2026 Town Council Special Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilman Barrett, Ward Four

- Good to see everyone tonight

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward One

- Good to see everyone tonight

Councilman Neal, Ward Two

- Thank you for coming out tonight

Councilman Evans, Ward Three

- Thank you for coming out tonight

6. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Two letters of interest received:

1. Ira Roach III
2. Jennifer Weaver

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to appoint Ira Roach III to the Planning Commission. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. PROJECT #2022-14 SHORTLEAF PRESERVE – APPROVAL OF FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN AND PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to approve the final subdivision plan and public works agreement for Project #2022-14 as presented.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION #2026-03 ADOPTION OF FY2027 BUDGET

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt Resolution #2026-03 as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE

A. ORDINANCE #2026-03 FEES

Town Manager Dvornick read an overview of the Ordinance into the record.

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Police and Public Works Facility
 - Site Grading continues
- Pump Station Rehabilitation
 - Door installed – painting to be done
- Parson Lane Trailhead & Parking Area
 - Site grading and stormwater underway
- Richard Allen Playground – 2025 CRF Funds
 - New equipment installed

- Surface Water Matching Planning Grant Award
 - Mapping of privately owned stormwater facilities and storm sewer infrastructure
 - Project cost: \$100,000
 - Grant: \$50,000

2026 Municipal Election

- Municipal Election – Saturday, May 9, 2026, polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Voter registration ends Wednesday, May 6, 2026
 - Sussex County Department of Elections – North Race Street

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Supportive Housing Issues Committee: Thursday, April 30, 4:00 PM, Town Hall
 - America 250 Committee: Monday, May 4, 10:30 AM, Town Hall
 - Sussex County Association of Towns, Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 PM, hosted by Bridgeville
 - Sussex County Association of Towns – Steering Committee: Friday, May 8, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
 - Delaware Local Government Day: Thursday, May 14, 11:30 AM, Dover
- Legislative Update
 - Bill Tracking

B. PUBLIC WORKS – ERIC RUST

Public Works

- Light fixture in Town Hall has been repaired
- All light heads on East Market Street have been replaced and are all working
- Assisted Water department with postings, rereads, shutoffs and water leaks
- Fountain is back up and running
- Mulched the circle and other Town properties
- Installed new green emergency lights on 4 town owned vehicles
- Salt barn was completed and is being put to good use
- Took delivery of 2024 Tymco sweeper and 2025 Dodge dump truck with snowplow

Water Department

- AC Schultz and DBF mapped out locations for test wells on South Railroad
- Well S-2 out of commission. Pump broke off up pipe and fell and damaged casing
- AC Schultz is waiting on parts to get well S-2 back up and running
- Repaired several fire hydrants that were damaged by automobile accidents
- Repaired 4 water leaks, East Market, Gordy Street, Ennis Road, and North Bedford Street
- All flow meters have been calibrated for the year
- PFAS Pilot and Instrumentation is up and running at South Railroad water plant

Wastewater

- Lagoon Depths
 - Large lagoon: 14.50'
 - Small lagoon: 6.5'
- Influent flows January through March 2026: 79.05 MG
- Effluent flows January through March 2026: 46.51 MG
- Pumps station rehab project reached substantial completion, painting the door at Big Park is the last item
- Worked with Denali and Town's finance department to reach agreement for hauling sludge this spring
- Remove suction pipe and hoses around sludge pond in preparation for Denali
- Denali has started mobilization they expect to start hauling sludge by middle of the week
- Received Generator to replace the one stolen from Gordy Street but the new one not configured correct, so we have sent back and are waiting on correct one
- Took delivery of new 2025 Chevrolet Silverado

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Commented on the confederated flag displayed at the Georgetown Historical Society

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

- Commented on the comments made by Jon Peterson
- Thank you for fixing the light

Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive


- Requested Council to disregard remarks made by Jon Peterson

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adjourn at 7:26pm.

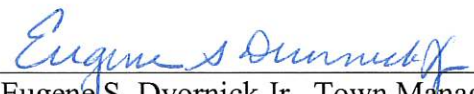
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Anthony 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