

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
**Location:** In accordance with the State of Emergency Declaration issued by Governor John Carney that became effective on March 13, 2020, and as extended, all public meetings of the Town of Georgetown shall be conducted electronically through Zoom until further notice to prevent unnecessary public gatherings.  
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Zoom Meeting ID: 981 8862 6733  
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**Time:** 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

**PRESENT:**

Bill West, Mayor  
Steve Hartstein, Ward One  
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two  
Angela Townsend, Ward Three  
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager  
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor  
Eric Rust, Wastewater Superintendent  
Bill Bradley, Director of Public Works

**7:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

Mayor West led the Invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

**A. APRIL 14, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to approve the April 14, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**B. APRIL 26, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the April 16, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Town Manager Dvornick presented the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

## 6. RESOLUTIONS

### A. RESOLUTION #2021-03 ADOPTION OF FY2022 BUDGET

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt Resolution #2021-03 Adoption of FY2022 Budget. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

## 7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

#### 2021 Annual Municipal Election

Our Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 with the polls open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Absentee ballots can be requested by contacting the Town Administrative Offices. Ward 1 is an uncontested seat (only one candidate) and Ward 2 has two candidates.

#### FY 2022 Budget

I would like to thank the staff and Department Heads for their efforts during this budget process. As we discussed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop, development of the FY 2021 budget will begin earlier, and incorporate presentation by department.

#### Bond Refinance

Our bond refinance issuance has been completed as the sale took place on April 20, 2021. The total bond amount was \$3,055,000, with maturity date of December 31, 2031. Total cash flow savings are \$1,009,000 – as a reminder, our Bond Rating was upgraded from A2 to A1.

#### Project Updates:

- West Adams Street:
  - Concrete work is complete
  - Awaiting scheduling of milling machine
  - Once milled, pavement restoration will be done
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement Project
  - Still anticipate a start date of June 1, 2021
- Georgetown East Gateway Project
  - Notification of the detour has been posted
  - Work continues to make good progress
- Brittingham Lane
  - Construction Coordinator and Public Works Director are meeting next week to review surface treatment options
- South Race Street Sidewalk
  - Anticipated to start week of May 3, 2021

#### Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Reminders:
  - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, May 7, 9:00 AM at First State Community Action Agency

## **B. WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT – ERIC RUST**

### **1. Flows**

Influent Flow January – March 2021:	101.15mg
Gallons Sprayed Town's Field:	33.24mg
Gallons Sprayed Baxter's Fields:	4.25mg
Gallons Sprayed Pettyjohn's Woods:	55.62mg

Rainfall: 11.27"

Lagoon Depths: 75mg, 16.0' 15mg, 6'

2. We are finishing the new farming lease, and hope to have it signed by the new farmer, Dean Veasey, by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Since last May we have had to replace all the piping in Stevenson Lane, and Gordy Street pumping station because the gases had eaten through the piping. We also had a new valve installed, outside of the wet well, in both station so we can by-pass pump in the future.

### **Questions:**

Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard

- Do you actually do spray irrigation on the portion in the lease?
  - \* Yes

Councilman Barrett

- How high have you seen the big lagoon get in all of your time with the Town?
  - \* The highest it has gotten is 19 feet. This year we were about 18.5. Between October and February, we got a lot of rain.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilwoman Townsend

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the budget process. Specifically, Eric and Billy who made a lot of cuts to make it possible.
- When can the Town lobby open?
  - \* Probably very soon.
- Attended the Active Shooter presentation at the Chamber. Lt. Tyndall did a great job and he is available to any group that wants to see this presentation.
- Met with Code Enforcement Officer and discussed Window Treatments. I think we need to take a look at the Code Referencing Window Treatments.

Lance Mears, 2 Boisenberry Lane

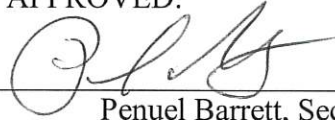
- As a landlord, I think we need to crack down on Code Enforcement following up on violations.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adjourn at 7:23pm.

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

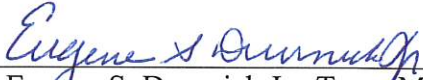
APPROVED:



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Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:



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Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager