

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, August 22, 2022
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: 811 8291 6869

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Sue Barlow, Ward Two
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
Ralph Holm, Chief of Police

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Discussion amongst Council as to whether to amend the language pertaining to the motion made for item #9 on the draft minutes. Councilwoman Townsend stated the motion is incorrect and she did not say the funding is subject to forming a committee.

Zoom recording from July 25, 2022 Town Council meeting was played to clarify what exactly was said for the motion on item #9 GREAT Fund Request.

- Questions/Comments posed from members of the audience

Suggestion made by Town Solicitor to amend the minutes to reflect a direct quote of what was said on the recording.

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to approve the July 25, 2022 Town Council Minutes with amendment of motion for item #9 reflecting a direct quote of what was said on the recording for the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor West

- Summarized the timeline of events over the last couple of weeks regarding the GREAT Fund Request from the Georgetown Historical Society and issuance of funding.
 - Town Solicitor clarified that there is no active litigation against the Town, but a FOIA complaint has been filed.
- Clarified house rules of order to be in effect for the remainder of the meeting into the record.

Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3

- Discussed GREAT Fund Request from Georgetown Historical Society
 - Commented on the motion she made to approve the GREAT fund request at the July 25th meeting.
 - explained why she voted the way she voted on this matter.
 - Provided timeline of how the check for GHS was signed and delivered. Clarified there was never a quorum of three who met together.

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Hometown Heroes banners are going through the final stages and should be out soon.
- Discussed homelessness in Town
 - Suggested forming a committee with the Fire Department, Ambulance Service, and Georgetown Police Department
 - Mayor West provided some information on possible solutions
- 100th Anniversary for the first fire engine is this Saturday at 3:00pm

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- Discussed her concerns with the motion made for the GREAT Fund Request at the July 25th meeting and feelings that she was misled when making her vote

Councilwoman Barlow, Ward 2

- Commented that she did not remember details of the GREAT Fund Ordinance when it was adopted when she was first on Council.
- Great job done by our Code Enforcement officers
- Discussed her concerns with how the issue with the Confederate Flag at the Marvel Museum has been handled.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN SAFETY MANUAL

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to approve the Town of Georgetown Safety Manual. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. DNREC VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM APPLICATION – FORMER GEORGETOWN DUMP SITE (DE-1719)

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the DNREC Voluntary Cleanup program application at the former Georgetown dump site (DE-1719). **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. FY 2023 GOALS – PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Town Manager Dvornick presented Council with an overview of the FY 2023 Goals discussed at the goal setting workshop.

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to accept the FY 2023 Goals as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Front Street & Wagamon Avenue
 - Project completed
 - Submitted to Sussex Conservation District
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement
 - Test pitting completed
 - 11 additional service line replacements identified
 - Bedford/Market Street rehabilitation anticipated out to bid early September Sussex
- County Family Court Facility
 - Utility and demolition work are now complete
 - Utility companies (DP&L, Verizon, Comcast, Crown Castle) should be starting work in the next couple of weeks

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Informational Meeting: Residential Rental Property Licensing Requirements and Introduction of Inspections, Wednesday, August 24, 5:00 PM (In person/Electronic)
 - Town Offices Closed: Monday, September 5, in Observance of Labor Day
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 PM hosted by Lewes
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, September 9, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
- Presented Key Performance Indicators

ARPA Encumbrances

Project	Obligated	Vendor	Description	TC Approved
Biolac	\$171,875.00	Parkson Corporation	Biolac Repairs/Nozzles/Biofuser Replacement, Barge Purchase	September 8, 2021
SCI Elevated Storage	\$88,500.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
PS Rehabilitation	\$51,000.00	Beacon Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
Pooled Lawyer	\$16,332.50	Barnes & Thornberg	Lawyer	October 13, 2021
Flygt Pump (Wastewater)	\$15,427.00	Xylem	Submersible Pump (Cedar Lane)	October 27, 2021
Springboard Collaborative	\$500,000.00	Sub-recipient	Pallet Shelters	May 9, 2022
AMI Proposal	\$31,000.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Engineering Services	July 25, 2022
Total Encumbered	\$874,134.50			

- Questions/comments posed from Council

B. RALPH HOLM – CHIEF OF POLICE

- Organization Chart
- Overview of GPD objectives
- Overview of recruitment/retention
- Proactive Patrol Presence
 - Purchase of 2 Trikkies
- Uniform update
- Presented records in the Downtown Development District from May 23 to August 21, 2022
- Comparison of activity from previous year
 - Crash data comparison
 - E-ticket citation comparison
 - Calls for service comparison
- Questions/comments posed from Council


10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Andrade
 - Commented in opposition of the GREAT fund money issued to the Georgetown Historical Society because of the confederate flag and monument on their property
- Penny Marshall
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- Fleur McKendell, Delaware NAACP
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- Vonderlear Smack
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- Mike Wyatt, 703 East Market Street
 - Thank you to the Town and Bobby Fletcher for use of the light tower and bike racks at the Georgetown Little League
 - Discussed issue with most recent permit received for his address.
- Dr. Linda Whitfield-Spinner
 - Commented in opposition of the GREAT fund money issued to the Georgetown Historical Society because of the confederate flag and monument on their property
- Ron Handy, NAACP
 - Commented in opposition of the GREAT fund money issued to the Georgetown Historical Society because of the confederate flag and monument on their property
- Coby Owens
 - Commented in opposition of the GREAT fund money issued to the Georgetown Historical Society because of the confederate flag and monument on their property
- Clayton Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road
 - Responded to previous comments made against the confederate flag at the Marvel Museum referencing the constitution and freedom of speech.
- Bernard Carr
 - Questions for Chief of Police on diversity in the Georgetown Police Department and statistics on closing cases in Town.
- Dennis Winzenried, Park Avenue
 - Commented on how quickly the GREAT fund money was issued to the Georgetown Historical Society without allowing any further discussion from the community.

11. ADJOURNMENT

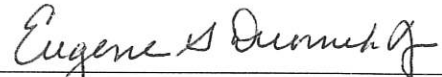
Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adjourn at 8:54pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Angela Townsend, 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