

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, February 24, 2025
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:
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Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 850 0687 8599

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor West 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 FEBRUARY 24, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Thank you to our Police Department for taking care of the road closures for the funeral procession today

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- Condolences to our fellow firefighters

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Grateful to be here tonight

- Thank you to Georgetown Police Department for their services today

Councilman Evans, Ward 3

- Thank you to everyone attending tonight

6. BID AWARD – PUBLIC WORKS SALT BARN

Three bids were received, and they are as follows:

- AJT Homes: \$498,700.00
- Delmarva Veteran Builders: \$570,420
- Whayland Company: \$729,189.00

It is recommended by the Town Engineer to award the project to AJT Homes, LLC in the amount of \$498,700.00.

Funding will be through Realty Transfer Tax

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to award the project to AJT Homes, LLC in the amount of \$498,700.00 from Realty Transfer Tax.

Vote:

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilman Evans, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

7. VEHICLE PURCHASE – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Five Bids were received, and they are as follows:

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| - 1 st State Chevrolet; 2025 Chevrolet Silverado: | \$74,594.70 |
| - Enterprise Fleet Management; Ford F 450 XL: | \$72,932.00 |
| - Enterprise Fleet Management; 2025 Chevy Silverado 4500: | \$70,282.00 |
| - Enterprise Fleet Management; 2025 Ram 4500: | \$66,872.00 |
| - Hertrich Fleet Services; 2025 Ford F450: | \$74,600.00 |

It is recommended the award be made to Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2025 Ram 4500 at an amount not to exceed \$66,872.00.

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to award the bid to Enterprise Fleet Management for a Ram 4500 at an amount not to exceed \$66,872.00.

Vote:

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilman Evans, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Recused

Mayor West:

Yea

Motion Carried (4 yea's, 1 recused)

8. GEORGETOWN NAVIGATION CENTER (PALLET VILLAGE) UPDATE

Judson Malone presented to Council an update on the Georgetown Navigation center. The following topics were discussed:

- Financial Update
- Program Impacts
- State Legislation

- Questions/Comments posed by Council

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - General Trades
 - 3rd Floor – drywall walls, ceilings, soffits 95%, ceiling grids 65%
 - 2nd Floor – drywall 90%, ceiling grid 55%
 - 1st Floor – MEP 80%, drywall 70%
 - Masonry
 - Canopy precast complete
 - Clock tower resume in 3 weeks
 - Garage
 - Erection complete, crane gone, punch list started
- East Market Street Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements
 - Layton Avenue – North Railroad Avenue
 - Curb, gutter, and sidewalk
 - ADA compliant ramps
 - Crosswalks
 - April 7 – 14
 - DelDOT project
- Sussex County Joint Projects
 - Water Interconnect – completed
 - Reverse flow (wastewater) – completed
 - Capacity surrender – reimbursement initiated
 - Ellendale redirection – in process

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, February 27, 5:30 PM, Cheswold
 - Sussex County Association of Towns – Dinner Meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 PM, hosted by Ocean View

- Sussex County Association of Towns – Steering Committee: Friday, March 7, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
 - Hill Day: Wednesday, March 12 – all day (Washington, DC)
- Legislative Update
 - Joint Finance Hearings continue
 - Bill Tracking
- No questions/Comments

B. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – ERIC RUST

- Public Works
 - Set up for many events, Return Day, Christmas Parade, and Stage Rentals
 - Fixed several street signs/posts throughout the Town
 - Bids for salt barn were opened on February 5 – low bidder was AGT Homes for \$498,700
 - Prepared for and cleaned up from snow events
 - Routine maintenance, trash, bike trail, emptied cigarette butt containers, and parking meters
 - Assisted with sidewalk C/O inspections
- Wastewater
 - Lagoon Depths: Large Lagoon, 11.5', Small Lagoon 6'
 - Influent flows January through December 2024: 338.68 MG
 - Effluent flows January through December 2024: 342.92 MG
 - Pump station upgrades awarded to Hopkins Construction, work to begin soon
 - Ordered new flow meter for Sussex Central High School
 - Installed new Flyght pump at Easter Seals pump station, old pump sent to Hills Electric for repair
- Water Department
 - AC Schultz redeveloped well 1b at King Street water plant
 - Had water leak at Lee Avenue and West North Street repaired
 - Repaired water leak at West Adams and Wagamon Avenue
 - House postings, meter reading and meter programming completed
 - 5/8 and ¾ water meters have all been installed
 - Repaired bollard protecting fire hydrant at corner of East Market and Albury Ave
- Questions/Comments posed by Council

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lakeisha Crippins, 20006 Donovans Road

- Commented on the homeless population in Town

Eric Romero, 512 North Bedford Street

- Commented on the homeless population in Town

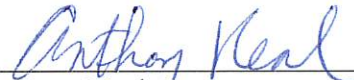
Sunny Gyani, 22512 Springfield Lane

- Commented on the homeless population in Town
- Affordable housing

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adjourn at 7:48pm. **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