

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, February 27, 2023
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: 854 9243 3514

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Sue Barlow, Ward Two
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
Eric Rust, Wastewater Superintendent

ABSENT:

Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Angela Townsend, Ward Three

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

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to approve the February 13, 2023 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilman Barrett, Ward Four

- My thoughts and prayers to the Holm family for the passing of Chief Holm's mother.

Councilwoman Barlow, Ward Two

- Congratulations to Joel Diaz on his promotion to Lieutenant

- Thank you to both of our Code Enforcement Officers on the marvelous job they continue to do.
- Questioned if the Town plans to repave any of our streets?

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Manager Dvornick stated the committee will take a look at what might be able to be done to assist the emergency services.

- The five committee members are as follows:
 - Penuel Barrett, Chair
 - Angela Townsend
 - Rodney Marvel
 - Jake Ricker
 - Lisa Fensick

Mayor West suggested having a business owner and/or resident of the Town on the Committee.

Councilman Barrett stated he will invite different business owners and residents to the meetings.

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to appoint Penuel Barrett, Angela Townsend, Rodney Marvel, Jake Ricker, and Lisa Fensick to the Emergency Services Fund Committee. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2022-11 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 230, ZONING ARTICLE XV, HC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, 230-104 PERMITTED USES, AA. REGISTERED COMPASSION CENTER, (7) SIGNS

Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt Ordinance 2022-11 Amendment to Chapter 230, Zoning Article XV, HC Commercial District, 230-104 Permitted Uses, AA. Registered Compassion Center, (7) Signs as presented.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

B. ORDINANCE #2023-01 ZONING AMENDMENT FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (UR1) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HC) LOCATED AT 20898 DUPONT BOULEVARD, IDENTIFIED AS SUSSEX COUNTY TAX PARCEL 135-14.19-34.00

Town Manager Dvornick read two pieces of correspondence into the record in favor of approving the zoning amendment.

Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 Zoning Amendment from Urban Residential District (UR1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) located at 20898 DuPont Boulevard, identified as Sussex County Tax Parcel 135-14.19-34.00 as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Water Main & Service Line Replacement
 - Punch items have been completed
- Bedford & Market Street Rehabilitation
 - Preconstruction meeting scheduled for March 1
- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - Site work preconstruction meeting scheduled for March 2
 - Fence relocation and Race Street closure anticipated week of March 13
- Wagamon Avenue Traffic Calming
 - Speed humps shipped on February 22, delivery anticipated by March 1
 - Installation by Public Works
- Cinder Way Drainage
 - Completed

Request for Funding Authorization

- Kimmey Street & Pepper Street
 - Includes:
 - Survey, roadway design, water main upgrade, permitting, and project meetings
 - Timing:
 - Approximately 3 months to complete
 - Estimate is \$68,200
 - Funding through Municipal Street Aid
 - Seek Community Reinvestment Funds for Construction

Key Performance Indicators

- Code Enforcement
- FY 2023 Operating Budget

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
Main Station Upgrade	\$57,500.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Engineering Services	October 24, 2022
Total Encumbered	\$931,634.50			

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Sussex County Association of Towns – Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 PM Hosted by Millsboro
 - Sussex County Association of Towns, Steering Committee – Friday, March 3, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
 - Delaware League of Local Governments, “Hill Day” – Tuesday, March 28, 9:00 AM, Washington, DC
 - Sussex County Association of Towns, Legislative Breakfast, Friday, March 31, 9:00 AM, Georgetown CHEER
- Legislative Update

B. WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT – ERIC RUST

1. Flows

Influent Flow for January 2023	24.69mg
Gallons Sprayed Town’s Field	9.5mg
Gallons Sprayed Baxter’s Fields	0.00
Gallons Sprayed Pettyjohn’s Woods	22.88mg

Rainfall	2.1”
Lagoon Depths	75mg, 13.25’ 15mg, 4.5’

2. Beacon engineering sent an update on the pump station upgrades on Friday. They stated that the design is about 95% complete, and are working on construction details so they can provide us with plans to review. They are also working through fitting the wet wells with new pumps and testing how the trash baskets will fit.
3. George and Lynch have completed the test pitting at Stevenson Lane headwork. They have most of their material for the reverse connection to the County there and should begin work shortly.

4. We have finished all the yearly reports, the Annual Spray Irrigation Report, Annual Soil Monitoring, Quality Assurance, and Hazardous Chemical Report, and have submitted them to DNREC.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Swain, 106 Nelson Avenue

- Commented on Ordinance 2023-01 and that supposedly there are deed restrictions not allowing commercial businesses in Swain Acres.

Dennis Winzenreid, 23365 Park Avenue

- The residents at the pallet village were very appreciative of the puzzles I dropped off today
- Thank you to the Town and Council for supporting the pallet village.

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Expressed concern with the reckless disregard to the truth or falsity of objective information in town executive decision making. Compared this to the Dunning Kruger Effect and cognitive dissonance.

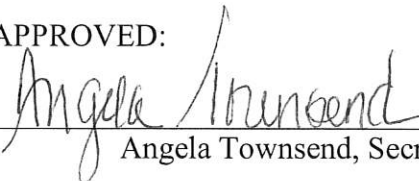
Town Manager Dvornick read two pieces of correspondence requested to be read into the record.

10. ADJOURNMENT

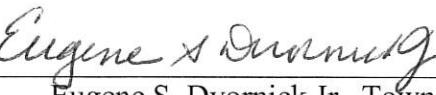
Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adjourn at 7:34pm.

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