

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 13, 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: 920 2849 0494
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Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two

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

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the December 9, 2020 Town Council Minutes. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. FY 2020 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Sheldon Forney, Jefferson Urian Doane & Sterner. Presented Council with an overview of the FY 2020 Audit.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Planning 101 – IPA Webinar

The University of Delaware, Institute for Public Administration, will be holding a “Planning 101: Planning Your Community’s Future: training course on Friday, January 22, from 10 a.m. to Noon via Zoom. Anyone interested in attending, please let me know by Tuesday, January 19th. A copy of the flyer is in your Council Packet.

Sand Hill Road Detour

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has announced that starting on Monday, January 25 and extending through April 16, the portion of Sand Hill Road between US 9/East Market Street/Lewes Georgetown Highway and Briarwood Road will be closed as part of the Georgetown East Gateway Improvements. Detour signage will be posted and are as follows:

- Northbound: Motorists will travel on eastbound on US 9/Georgetown Lewes Highway, make a left on to Shingle Point Road, a left on to Briarwood Road and return to Sand Hill Road.
- Southbound: Motorists will make a left on to Briarwood Road, make a right on to Shingle Point Road and continue to US 9/Georgetown Lewes Highway.
- ONLY access to the CHEER Community Center and Cheer Apartments will be maintained from US 9/Georgetown Lewes Highway

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Town Offices Closed:** Monday, January 18, in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - **Workshop – Town Council & Planning Commission:** Monday, January 25, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Electronic Meeting

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Penuel Barrett

- What is the status on the Comp Plan? Why did we switch companies? Total payment made so far to KCI on comp plan?
 - Town Manager Dvornick: There will be a workshop at the Planning Commission meeting next week, and they are continuing to move forward.
 - We switched companies because the person that was handling our Comp Plan is no longer with the company.
- Update on Police Contract
 - Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard: Cannot discuss during public session. Update can be provided during an Executive Session next meeting.
- What is the process & who makes the decisions on what vehicles are chosen to lease?
 - Town Manager Dvornick: The specs for departmental needs are provided by the Department Heads, and that information is provided to Enterprise Fleet Management. Enterprise Fleet Management then searches all different makes and models to achieve what the specifications were. Then the Department Head signs off that the vehicles have met their needs, then the vehicle is placed for order.
- Is it possible to let the Council listen to the decisions made before we make purchases? I think the Town Council needs to be more involved before the decision is made on purchasing any vehicle.
 - Mayor West: Alright. We will take a look at that and before we purchase, we will bring it to the Council's attention.

- Update on Brittingham Lane
- Why did we use 1.8 Million out of the Water and Sewer Fund for Governmental?
 - Town Manager Dvornick: We do not make enough on the Governmental side. This has been done probably as long as the Town has been in existence.

Angela Townsend

- Corner of North Railroad and Cedar Street – Cannot see oncoming traffic because cars parked there. Can we get the curbing painted yellow there?
 - Town Manager Dvornick: I will work with Public Works on having that curb painted for corner visibility.
- Area of South Front Street and Stephens Street – Cannot see past the trucks parked there. Can we have something done there as well?
 - Town Manager Dvornick: Yes, I will put it on the list.
- Outside Dining off of East Market Street – Can we find a different location off of East Market Street to make it more attractive? Old Caruso’s Parking area possibly?

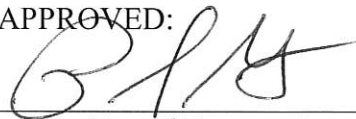
Mayor West

- I would like to thank all the Scouts for being here today.

8. ADJOURNMENT

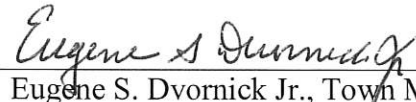
Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 7:41pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager