

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 27, 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.
Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 931 8514 2181
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Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

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

6:45 PM – PUBLIC HEARING

Road Abandonment – Front Street from East Market Street to East Pine Street and Strawberry Alley from South Race Street to a point +/- 255 feet to the East.

Town Manager Dvornick presented a PowerPoint presentation to Mayor and Council.

No action at this time. The record will stay open for 14 days and formal action will take place at the next regular Town Council meeting on February 10, 2021.

Public Hearing ended at 6:54pm.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION – RAJAN ZED, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSAL SOCIETY OF HINDUISM

Rajan Zed, President, Universal Society of Hinduism, led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the January 13, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING – WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LINE PROJECT (MARKET AND BEDFORD STREETS) - \$413,668.00

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the supplemental funding request.

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to move forward with securing the additional funding for the Water Main and Service Line project (Market and Bedford Streets) from the Realty Transfer Tax Account in an amount not to exceed \$413,668.00. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Parking Meters

Public Works has poured the concrete bases for the Parking Meter Kiosks. Additionally, the old parking meter poles are being removed. Once kiosks are installed and appropriate signage for the Pay-by-Zones installed, a press release announcing the change will be issued.

Outside Dining Area

Contact was made with Sussex County regarding the possibility of relocating the 4 picnic tables from South Race Street to another location along East Market Street corridor, ideally the Sussex County Parking Area between the old Caruso's (sold to the State) and Susan's Boutique. The County Administrator responded that they are hesitant to place the tables on County property given the liability risk and that parking lot is scheduled to be part of the State's Family Court construction project. Additionally, building demolition for the new court facility is anticipated in the late Spring.

Request made by Councilwoman Townsend to have the picnic tables removed.

*Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to remove the picnic tables from South Race Street for the time being. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

Crime Mapping

As announced yesterday, the Town has gone live with CrimeMapping.com. Links to view data and sign up for alerts can be found on the Town website under News & Notices and on the Georgetown Police Department webpage. Thank you to Mayor West and Chief Hughes for the interviews given to WBOC and WRDE. The announcement has been well received.

Curb Painting

The 2 corner visibility concerns raised at the last council meeting – Cedar Street at North Railroad Avenue and Stephens Street at North Front have been addressed with the curb being painted yellow.

Request made by Councilwoman Townsend to extend the yellow paint on curb of South
Front Street

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Events:
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, February 5, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Townsend

- Questioned if the Police Department has ever been cleaned by a professional company since COVID
- Brought up mural inquiry for a local business

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategy sessions, including advice or opinion from an attorney at law, regarding collective bargaining, pending or potential litigation; and discussion of the content of documents excluded from the definition of "public record" in 29 Del. C. §10002, 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(4); (b)(6)

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to enter into Executive Session at 7:15pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Exited Executive Session at 7:46pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

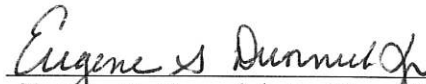
Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 7:47pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager