

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, July 11, 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: 864 4222 3103

Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

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

ABSENT:
Sue Barlow, Ward Two

6:45 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of Paper Streets affecting the following:

- Teaberry Court (connection to 135-20.00-2.02)
- Frankenberry Drive (connection to 135-19.00-63.02)
- Cinder Way (connection to 135-20.00-6.00)

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview the request from the Village of Cinderberry for the Town of Georgetown to consider the abandonment of paper streets.

- Questions/Comments posed from several members of the public in favor of abandoning the paper streets

The record will stay open for 14 days.

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 Councilman Barrett to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to approve the July 11, 2022 Town Council minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3

- Happy to see everyone here tonight

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Happy to see everyone here tonight

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- No comment

Mayor

- No comment

6. GREAT FUND REQUEST – GEORGETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Town Manager Dvornick presented the request from the Georgetown Historical Society in the amount of \$24,750 for various projects at the museum.

Jim Bowden, President of the Georgetown Historical Society, spoke in reference to several projects the Georgetown Historical Society has done, and future projects they plan to do. Also provided some background information on the confederate flag and monument.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council
- Correspondence was read into the record opposing this funding request
- Town Manager noted that there were two pieces of correspondence received encouraging the Town Council to vote against this request

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the Great Fund Request.

Vote:

Ward 1: Nay
Ward 2: Absent
Ward 3: Yea
Ward 4: Yea
Mayor: Nay

Motion Failed

Councilwoman Townsend requested that the Great Fund Request be placed back on the Agenda at the next meeting.

7. BID AWARD – COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to award the compact utility tractor bid to David A. Banks in the amount of \$36,500.00.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2022-07 TREES

Town Manager Dvornick read the Ordinance into the record.

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Front Street & Wagamon Avenue
 - Rescheduled
 - New date anticipated by Wednesday, July 13
- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - Fencing in process
 - Demolition to begin this week
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement
 - Test pitting properties between Green Alley and Parsons Lane
- University Drive
 - Base coat (Phase II) completed

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Fiscal Year 2023 Goal Setting: Thursday, July 21 – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Miscellaneous
 - Legislative Update

Community Reinvestment Fund

- Town of Georgetown - \$117,000
 - Police Department Bathroom Upgrades - \$42,000
 - Public Works Materials Storage Facility - \$75,000
- Local Organizations - \$3,155,000
 - CHEER Gateway East - \$450,000
 - Easter Seals (Georgetown) - \$455,000
 - Georgetown Boys & Girls Club - \$750,000
 - Richard Allen Coalition - \$1,000,000

- Sussex Sports Center Foundation - \$500,000

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 Sotrage	\$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
Total Encumbered	\$843,134.50			

- Questions/comments posed from Council

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Dennis,

- Question on the vote for the GREAT Fund request as to whether the Mayor could vote. Town Solicitor advised Mayor may vote on all motions.

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Commented in opposition to the GREAT Fund Request for the Georgetown Historical Society.
- Requested that his letter be read into the record when the GREAT Fund request from the Georgetown Historical Society is on the agenda again.

Janet Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Expressed concern with flying the confederate flag at the GHS Marvel Museum.

Clayton Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road

- Shared opinion on the confederate flag being flown

Dennis Winzenreid, Park Avenue

- Shared opinion on the confederate flag being flown.

Jane Hovington

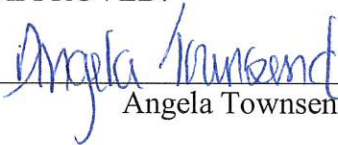
- Shared opinion on the confederate flag being flown

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adjourn at 8:06pm.

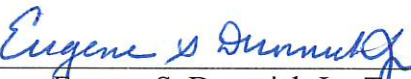
Motion Carried (unanimous)

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