

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED AS AMENDED 8/22/22**

Meeting Date: Monday, July 25, 2022
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: 890 9074 7994

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Sue Barlow, Ward Two
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Bobby Fletcher, Superintendent of Public Works

ABSENT:

Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor

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 Councilwoman Barlow 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 Barlow to approve the July 11, 2022 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- No Comment

Councilwoman Barlow, Ward 2

- Compliments to Code Enforcement

Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3

- Compliments to Code Enforcement

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Hometown Heroes banners are coming along. Should have them in Town in the next 60 days.

6. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

One letter of interest was received from Mrs. Jane Hovington

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to reappoint Mrs. Jane Hovington to the Board of Adjustment. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. ABANDONMENT OF PAPER STREETS – DECISION

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the abandonment of paper streets on Teaberry Lane connection to 135-20.00-2.02, Frankenberry Drive connection to 135-19.00-63.02, and Cinder Way connection to 135-20.00-6.00 subject to the petitioner granting a 30' utility easement for water and sewer infrastructure.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. PROJECT UPDATE – SPRINGBOARD COLLABORATIVE, PALLET SHELTERS

Judson Malone and Trish Hill provided an update on the pallet shelter project and engagement with the community. Key points discussed are as follows:

- Emphasis on improving health of participants, not just providing shelter
- Assistance to become self sufficient
- Mobile treatment center once a week
- Hiring a housing navigator
- Developing focus groups
- Progress on prepping the site is moving along rapidly

- Questions/comments posed from Council

9. GREAT FUND REQUEST – GEORGETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Town manager Dvornick read 37 pieces of correspondence received into the record. The majority of the correspondence was against providing funding to Georgetown Historical Society due to the confederate flag and monument.

Questions/Comments from Public:

- Multiple members from the audience (online and in person) spoke against providing funds to the Georgetown Historical Society.
- Several members from the audience spoke in favor of providing funds to the Georgetown Historical Society subject to finding a better suited place for the confederate flag and monument.

Jim Bowden, President of the Georgetown Historical Society, provided some background on the monument and flag located on their property and answered some questions posed from the

audience. Bowden also advised that Georgetown Historical Society did not maintain the monument because of an agreement it entered into with another group which placed the monument.

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Mayor West to table the GREAT Fund Request from the Georgetown Historical Society. **Motion Failed (2 yea's, 3 nay)**

Vote:

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| Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1: | Yea |
| Councilwoman Barlow, Ward 2: | Nay |
| Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3: | Nay |
| Councilman Barrett, Ward 4: | Nay |
| Mayor West: | Yea |

- Questions/Comments posed from Council

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to “approve the GREAT Fund Request from the Georgetown Historical Society in the amount of \$24,750.00, for the specified improvements to the Marvel Museum, and with that a committee would be formed to address the concerns whether it’s the monument and the flag, or just the flag or the monument.” **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

10. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

A. PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, AUTOMATED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the proposal for professional engineering services for the automated metering infrastructure water meter replacement in an amount not exceed \$31,000.00.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

11. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2022-07 TREES

Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adopt Ordinance #2022-07 Trees. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

12. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Front Street & Wagamon Avenue
 - Rescheduled – DelDOT Priority Jobs
 - New date anticipated by Tuesday, August 2
 - Additional work is Zoar Road repair
- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - Demolition is 90% complete
 - Underground utility work in process
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement

- Test pitting started Friday, July 22
- Wawa
 - 10" water main relocation completed on July 21

Upcoming Events

- National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 PM, Richard Allen School

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 |
| Total Encumbered | \$843,134.50 | | | |

B. BOBBY FLETCHER – SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Grounds

- Yellow curb painting has begun
- Alleys trimmed back
- Rear deck on stage has been rebuilt

Streets

- Deaf children sign installed on Edward Street
- All street signs and post removed from East Alley and Strawberry Alley for demolition work to begin
- Dog waste signs/cans/bags installed along bike trail. Parsons Ln/Burton St/Airport Rd.
- Street sweeper out on streets weekly

Water:

- Valve Box repairs are being done throughout Town
- Replacing bad check valves in copper setters
- Replacement of water meter registers is going well

- Well S-2 raw water sample point has been repaired
- Wells S-2 and 2R are currently in operation, combined are producing average of 800,000 gallons of water daily

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bo Shockley, 21392 Park Avenue

- Read a letter into the record stating his dissatisfaction with certain things happening in the Town of Georgetown and how the Town is being run under the current leadership.

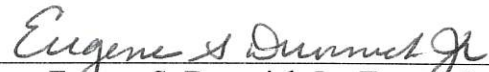
14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adjourn at 9:23pm. **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