

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, June 23, 2025  
**Location:** 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

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Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5243 6194

**Time:** 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

**TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Bill West, Mayor  
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One  
Tony Neal, Ward Two  
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager  
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor  
Diana, Ramirez, Administration  
Jamie Donaway, Community Development  
Eric Rust, Public Works Superintendent

**ABSENT:**  
Eric Evans, Ward Three

**7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilman Neal led the Invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the June 9, 2025 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Thank you everyone for being here tonight

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Juneteenth parade
- Congratulations to the newly promoted Officers
- Commented on Code Enforcement

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Grateful to be here tonight

Mayor West

- Attended opening day for the Junior Police Academy
- Toured tiny homes on East Market Street

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Recommendation by Mayor West to appoint Ira Roach to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Mayor West, seconded by Councilman Neal to appoint Ira Roach to the Planning Commission.

Vote:

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Abstain
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilman Evans, Ward 3:	Absent
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	No
Mayor West:	Yea

**Motion Denied**

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to table the planning commission appointment until the next regular town council meeting.

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**7. ROSSI GROUP PRESENTATION – BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN**

Representatives from the Rossi Group presented to Council the Bike/Pedestrian plan within the town limits.

- Questions/Comments posed by Council

**8. AWARD OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN REVISION (RFP #2025-01)**

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the award to Wallace Montgomery at a price not to exceed \$34,750.00.

Vote:

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilman Evans, Ward 3:	Absent
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**9. RATIFICATION OF FOP CONTRACT – FY 2026 TO FY 2028**

Town Manager Dvornick highlighted the changes made in the contract.

Motion by Councilman Barrett seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the FOP Contract for FY26 to FY28 as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK**

**Project Updates**

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
  - General Trades
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – punch list items
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – punch list items, door installation
    - 1<sup>st</sup> floor – drywall & soffits continue
  - Sprinkler
    - Finishing up
  - Electrical
    - Lighting fixture install
    - Fire & security systems
    - Exterior lighting
  - Painters
    - Throughout the building
  - Site Contractor
    - Curbing along Race Street, Sallie Port
    - Front steps
  - Masonry
    - Race Street wall
    - Parking Garage
- Street Lighting
  - Cinder Way
    - Finalizing the design, then scheduling of construction
  - Old Park Avenue & North Bedford Street
    - Initial field visits complete, in design phase
- Pump Station Rehabilitation
  - Slow start – waiting on DelDOT permits
- Salt Barn
  - Stake out completed
  - Foundation work started
- Circle Fountain
  - Breakdown scheduled for week of June 23

- Necessary service and repairs made
- Reassembly the week of June 30

### **College Park Lane Safety Improvements**

- Pattern Changes
  - 4 Way Stops
  - Right Turn Only
  - No Left Turn
  - Speed Reduction

### **Just the Facts**

- Claim: The property tax increase was the result of the new Police and Public Works Facility
- Fact:
  - Bond Payment: 39% (\$0.39)
  - Public Safety: 61% (\$0.53)

### **General Items**

- Upcoming Events
  - GREAT Fund Committee: Tuesday, June 24, 3:30 PM
  - Circle Advisory Committee: Wednesday, June 25, 3:00 PM
- Legislative Update
  - 4 Legislative days remain
  - Last day of the session: Monday, June 30
  - Bill tracking (updated 6/23/25)
- No Questions/Comments

## **B. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – ERIC RUST**

### **Public Works**

- Street sweeper is back on the road
- Serviced several police and public works vehicles and equipment
- Work on the new salt barn has begun
- Hot mixed Adam Street, and Cedar Street from water leaks
- Routine maintenance, grass cutting, trash, bike trail, emptied cigarette butt containers, and parking meters
- Uncovered 3 storm water manholes for DBF on Rosa Street
- South Front Street striping is complete

### **Wastewater**

- Lagoon Depths: Large Lagoon 11.25', Small Lagoon 6.25'
- Influent flows January through May 2025: 116.99 MG
- Effluent flows January through May 2025: 111.27 MG
- Hopkins construction is waiting on UPA permits from DelDOT to start work on pump stations upgrades

- Repaired several air diffusers in Bio-Lac at Cedar Lane plant
- All flow meters were calibrated by W.G. Malden on 5/2/2025
- Replaced controller for pump1 at Stevenson Lane pump station
- Farmer has completed short side of hay field and has started cutting the big side

#### **Water Department**

- Fire hydrant flushing, and flow testing was finished on 5/26/25
  - Dug up and capped off the water line in front of Megee motors going to fire hydrant
  - Replaced the fire hydrant in front of Megee Motors and installed new valve in front of it
  - Repaired several leaking gaskets on fire hydrants around town, that were found during flushing
  - Had to dig up and re-tap water main for 202 Cedar Street because of low water pressure
  - Concreted around several water valves around Town
  - Replaced SCADA pack at South Railroad with loaner pack from Keystone. Waiting on quote to upgrade
- No Questions/Comments

#### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maria Hammond, 507 North Bedford Street

- Commented on the bike/pedestrian report.
- Commented on problems with cyclists in town not following the rules of the road

Sunny Gyani, 22512 Springfield Lane

- Commented on the bike/pedestrian report

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Discussed having dependable Wi-Fi in Town

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

- Thank you to the EMS for holding the carnival in Town
- Commented on people ignoring bicycle laws in Town

Mark Rogers, 5 Boisenberry Lane

- Commented on the bike/pedestrian report
- Thank you to Public Works and the great job they do in Town
- Thank you to the Police Officers in Town
- Thank you to Councilwoman Diaz-Malone for acknowledging that there were two good candidates for Planning Commission

Judy Hill, 100 West North Street

- Commented on the homeless population in Town
- Commented on the success of the carnival in Town

- Thank you to Public Works and the Police Department for their hard work

Russell White, Georgetown EMS

- Thank you to Council for allowing us to put on the Carnival this year

Deanna Loeb, Georgetown EMS

- Thank you to Georgetown residents for helping make the carnival a success

Lt. Diaz & Officer Repass, Georgetown Police Department

- Thank you for approving the new FOP contract tonight

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to adjourn at 8:08pm.

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:

  
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Anthony Neal, Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager

*\*These minutes are a summary of the meeting. Complete audio and visual recordings are available upon request\**