

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, March 23, 2026  
**Location:** 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

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Zoom Meeting ID: 831 0860 1828

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

**TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager  
Diana Ramirez, Administration

**ABSENT:**

Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor  
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 MARCH 9, 2026 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the February 9, 2026 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- Good to see everyone here tonight

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- Good to see everyone here tonight

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Good to see everyone here tonight
- Thank to our emergency services in Town for the great job that they do

Mayor West

- Announced that he will not be running for another term as Mayor
- Thanked everyone for their support over the last 12 years as Mayor

**6. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL TAX ASSESSMENTS**

Town Manager Dvornick presented the tax assessments to Council.

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to adopt the annual tax assessments as presented.

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 (4 yeas, 1 absent)**

**7. INITIAL PRESENTATION OF FY 2027 BUDGET**

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the FY 27 Budget.

No questions/comments.

There will be a budget workshop scheduled at a later date. No action at this time

**8. FUNDRAISING CARNIVAL FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE (STATION 93)**

Town Manager Dvornick presented the dates for the Fundraising carnival for American Legion Ambulance. Dates for the carnival will be June 9 through June 13.

Motion by Mayor West, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the fundraising carnival to be held in Town from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 (4 yeas, 1 absent)**

**9. OUT OF TOWN UTILITY (WATER & SEWER) REQUEST – CEDARCREST FARMS**

Town Manager Dvornick presented the out-of-town utility request on behalf of Becker Morgan, for the Cedarcrest Farms project.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council and the Public

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the out-of-town sewer request for Cedarcrest Farms.

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 (4 yeas, 1 absent)**

**10. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE**

**A. ORDINANCE #2026-02 ZONING AMENDMENT FROM UR2 TO UB3 LOCATED AT 212 WEST MARKET STREET SC TAX PARCEL 135-19.08-104.00**

Town Manager Dvornick read an overview of Ordinance #2026-02.

This is the first reading, no action at this time.

**11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK**

**Project Updates**

- Police and Public Works Facility
  - Site grading in process
- Parson Lane Trailhead & Parking Area
  - Site clearing and stakeout

**America 250 Activities**

- Artisan & Craft Festival
  - Signature Event
  - June 13, 2026 (rain date June 20)
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence
  - July 4 – 8:00 AM, Noon, and 4:00 PM (The Circle)
- Other Activities
  - Crosswalk Art (The Circle)
  - Fire Hydrant Painting
  - Building Mural
  - National Liberty Tree

**2026 Municipal Election**

- Notice of Solicitation of Candidates for Mayor, Ward 3, and Ward 4 are available

- Candidate Filing Deadline is Friday, April 17, 2026
- Municipal Election – Saturday, May 9, 2026, polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

### **General Items**

- Upcoming Events
  - America 250 Committee: Tuesday, March 24, 3:30 PM, Town Hall
  - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, March 26, 5:30 PM, Cheswold
  - Supportive Housing Issues Committee: Monday, March 30, 4:00 PM, Town Hall
  - Sussex County Association of Towns, Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 PM, Slaughter Beach
- Legislative Update
  - Bill Tracking (Updated 03/23/23)
  - Spring Recess: March 31 – April 16 (updated 03/23/26)
- No Questions/Comments

### **B. CHIEF OF POLICE – RALPH HOLM**

- Organizational Chart
  - New hires
  - Recruits in Academy
- Georgetown Activity Update
  - Crash Data
  - Calls for Service
- Questions/Comments posed by Council and the public

### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive


- Questioned if there was any possible risk for adding the Cedarcrest farms project to our water and sewer infrastructure

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to adjourn at 7:40pm.

**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\**