

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 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.  
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Zoom Meeting ID: 951 5265 4196  
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**Time:** 6:45 PM Executive Session  
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Executive Session

**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  
RL Hughes II, Chief of Police  
William Bradley, Director of Public Works  
Jason Loar, Town Engineer

**6:45 PM – 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 Councilman Barrett to enter into Executive Session. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to continue with the action as discussed in executive discussion. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

Mayor West led the Invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the April 28, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK**

**Ordinance Revisions**

Based on comments provided at the April 28 Council Meeting, drafting of ordinances regarding code enforcement fines, screen and window blind condition, and time to remedy violations are in the process of being drafted and will be introduced at the May 26 Council Meeting

**La Plaza De Georgetown**

The advisory board of La Plaza De Georgetown has requested a deferral of the workshop to review and discuss their requests from the Town of Georgetown. When appropriate, they will notify us to initiate rescheduling of the workshop.

**DNREC – Site Access Agreement (King Street Water Plant)**

DNREC's Remediation Section is conducting an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) to determine the direction from which Tetrachloroethene (PCE) is migrating in the groundwater. Accordingly, they will be installing temporary well points on the King Street Water Plant property and conduct multi-level groundwater sampling. The results from this will determine if permanent monitoring wells should be installed. A Limited Site Access Agreement has been executed for this work to be completed.

**WMDT SkyCam**

WMDT 47abc has contacted the Town seeking the placement of a SkyCam atop the Town Hall building (39 The Circle). Information regarding a SkyCam, a mockup of the proposed view, and a photo of an existing SkyCam shot are included in your packets. The only requests are for power, internet access, and space for placement.

*Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to move forward with the request from WMDT for power, internet access, and space for placement for their SkyCam atop the Town Hall Building. **Motion carried (unanimous)***

**King Street Water Plant – Clear Well Painting – Change Order #1**

The Town has received Change Order #1 related to the Clear Well Painting at the King Street Water Plant. While working in Tank 2 during the sand blasting process, the contractor encountered unexpected concrete substrate delamination or spalling, which was not envisioned in the original bid. To correct this condition, the contractor is recommending that we parge all the walls and damaged surface areas with a masonry repair mortar to restore the original wall profile, in order to provide a proper surface for final coating. The Town Engineer recommends proceeding with this repair. The total estimated cost is \$19,700.

*Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to move forward with the Clear Well Change Order #1 in an amount not exceed \$19,700.*

***Motion Carried (unanimous)***

### **2021 Swearing In**

Swearing-in of the Councilpersons for Ward 1 and Ward 2 will take place at the May 26, 2021 Town Council Meeting with the Honorable Peter Jones officiating.

### **Project Updates:**

- West Adams Street:
  - Milling complete
  - Base coat (2") being applied
  - Concrete valley gutter/utility collars/curbing replaced
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement Project
  - Still anticipate a start date of June 1, 2021
- Georgetown East Gateway Project
  - Detour is in place – South Bedford at Park Avenue significant impact
  - Second water line relocation in process
  - Work continues to make good progress
- Brittingham Lane
  - Best surface treatment option appears to be Tar and Chip – investigation into pricing underway
- South Race Street Sidewalk
  - Sidewalk work completed: ADA compliant intersections, utility collars, curb replacement, and sidewalk repair
  - Anticipate street rehabilitation the week of May 24

### **Miscellaneous**

- Legislative Update
- Reminders:
  - Community Clean-Up: Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 AM – Richard Allen School (Sponsored by First State Community Action Agency Learning Pods)
  - Town Council Special Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 5:00 PM – Electronic Meeting

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town Manager Dvornick

- Correspondence from the Beebe Medical Foundation thanking the Town for their letter of support for their application for a mobile opioid crisis clinic
- Thank you to the Mayor, Town Council, and the Staff for the flowers you sent on behalf of my father.

Suraj Gyani

- Commented on the Kimmeytown Clean-Up event happening soon and requesting someone from the Town be a part of this committee

Councilwoman Townsend

- Question on status of rental license inspections workshop previously discussed
- Streets in Swain Acres need some attention

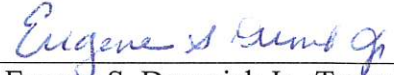
**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 7:26pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:

  
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Angela Townsend, Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager