

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, May 12, 2025
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

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Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 828 0380 4151

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor
Kristen Dabrowski, Finance

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 Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the April 28, 2025 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- No Comment

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- No Comment

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Glad to see everyone here tonight

Councilman Evans, Ward 3

- Thank you to everyone for being here tonight

Mayor West

- No Comment

6. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There are two seats available on Planning Commission. Three letters of interest were received from Chris Lecates, Lance Mears, and Thomas Allen.

Mayor West recommended appointing Chris Lecates and Thomas Allen to the Planning Commission.

- Questions/comments posed from Council

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to appoint Chris Lecates and Thomas Allen to the Planning Commission.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (4 yea's, 1 nay)

7. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

There are three vacancies on the Board of Adjustment. Three letters of interest were received from Jane Hovington, Anthony Kline, and Tom Baker.

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Neal to appoint Jane Hovington, Anthony Kline, and Tom Baker to the Board of Adjustment.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

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

A representative from Station 93 presented a PowerPoint to Council with details on the fundraising carnival for American Legion Ambulance.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to grant permission for Station 93 to move forward with the Carnival at the proposed location on North Front Street (135-14.20-34.00)

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

9. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE

A. ORDINANCE #2025-04 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FOR 135-14.00-87.00

Town Manager Dvornick read an overview of the ordinance into the record.

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - General Trades
 - 3rd floor – interior doors and hardware installation continues
 - 2nd floor – starting interior doors
 - 1st floor – drywall finishing, lobby drywall continues
 - Flooring
 - Carpet and VCT starting on 2nd floor
 - Ceramic Tile
 - Multiple areas throughout the building
 - Windows
 - Continue installation of frames – glass installation starts May 19
 - Site Contractor
 - Installing Storm Water Management System
 - Race Street seat wall installation
 - Front porch foundation
- Coal Alley
 - “ONE WAY”
 - Swain Avenue to West North Street
- South Front Street
 - Line striping
- South Railroad Avenue
 - ‘NO TRUCKS’

- Right turn off East Marlet Street
- Georgetown Police Station and Public Works Building
 - Monthly Update Report

Request for Funding Authorization

- Circle Fountain Service
 - Disassemble & repair broken line
 - Install new nozzle manifold on fountain floor
 - Estimate is \$21,800
 - Funding through existing Realty Transfer Tax

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to authorize \$21, 800 from Realty Transfer Tax to fund the Circle Fountain Service.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Delaware Local Government Day: Tuesday, May 13, 11:00 AM, Dover
 - Planning Commission: Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
 - Georgetown Memorial Day Service: Sunday, May 25, 1:30 PM, The Circle
 - Town Offices Closed: Monday, May 26 in observation of Memorial Day
 - Town Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Town Hall
- Legislative Update
 - General Assembly returned on May 6
 - Bill Tracking (updated May 12, 2025)
- Questions/Comments posed from Council

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Hill

- Spoke in support of Station 93's fundraising proposal
- Commented on the planning commission appointment decision

Sunny Gyani

- Commented on the problem with people abusing the ambulance service

Ruth Ann Spicer, 16 Cinder Way

- Following up on the Circle Advisory Committee

Wanda Burton, 405 North Bedford Street

- Commented on some issues she is having with the Shepherds House and homeless people

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

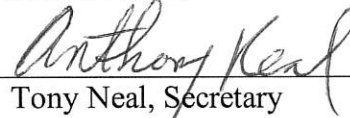
- Spoke in favor of the fundraising proposal for Station 93
- Commented on the Shepherds House

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to adjourn at 7:43pm.


Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Tony Neal, 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