

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, May 27, 2025
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: 833 7059 5238

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
Ralph Holm, Chief of Police
Diana Ramirez, Administration

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 MAY 12, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to approve the May 12, 2025 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- No Comment

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Grateful to be here tonight

Councilman Evans, Ward 3

- Thank you for coming out tonight

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- No Comment

Mayor West

- Coffee with the Mayor this month is cancelled

6. OATH OF OFFICE

A. WARD 1

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B. Jones, officiated the Swearing in of Christina Diaz-Malone for the First Ward.

"Oath of Office is incorporated as part of the minutes."

B. WARD 2

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B. Jones, officiated the Swearing in of Anthony Neal for the second Ward.

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7. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

A. VICE-MAYOR

Mayor West nominated Christina Diaz-Malone for Vice-Mayor.

Motion by Mayor West, seconded by Councilman Evans to approve the nomination.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried

B. SECRETARY

Mayor West nominated Anthony Neal for Secretary.

Motion by Mayor West, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the nomination.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried

C. AFFIRMATION OF CODE OF ETHICS

Affirmation of the Code of Ethics was reviewed

8. NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor West presented the National Community Action Month Proclamation to a representative from First State Community Action Agency.

9. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE

A. ORDINANCE #2025-05 ABSENTEE VOTER AND VOTER REGISTRATION

Town Manager Dvornick read an overview of Ordinance 2025-05 into the record.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council
- Public Comment
 - Judson Malone: Spoke in favor of the Ordinance

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

10. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

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

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt Ordinance #2025-04 as presented.

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)

11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - General Trades:
 - 3rd floor – miscellaneous finishing continues
 - 2nd floor – installing doors, finishings
 - 1st floor – drywall work continues
 - Sprinkler
 - Testing continues
 - Elevators
 - Punch list items
 - Painters
 - Throughout the building
 - Masonry
 - Race Street wall

- Parking Garage
 - Site Contractor
 - Front porch walkway and ramp
- Pump Station Rehabilitation
 - Pre-construction meeting: May 20
 - Start: June 9
 - 120-day contract
 - Finish: October 7
 - Monthly progress meetings

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, May 29, 5:30 PM, Cheswold
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, June 6, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
- Legislative Update
 - Joint Finance Committee Markup starts May 27
 - 9 Legislative days remain
 - Bill Tracking
- Questions/Comments posed from Council

B. CHIEF OF POLICE – RALPH HOLM

- Organizational Chart
- Employment Updates
 - Recruitment, Strategies, Challenges
- Activity Statistics
 - Incidents Comparison
 - Crash Data
 - Calls for Service
- Georgetown SRO Activity
 - Indian River no longer funding
- Questions/Comments posed from Council

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Rogers, 5 Boisenberry Lane

- Discussed potentially forming a committee to recruit/retain Georgetown Officers. Also commented on the statistics provided by Chief Holm

Sunny Gyani, 22512 Springfield Lane

- Congratulations to Ward 1 and Ward 2
- Will the Town ever let property owners vote in Municipal Elections?
- Commented on the Chief's report

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

- Commented on the School Resource Officer

Dennis Winzenreird, 23365 Old Park Avenue

- Commented on the Circle Advisory Committee recommendations

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to adjourn at 8:05pm.

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