

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, October 10, 2022
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:
Website: <https://www.georgetowndel.com/live-stream.htm>

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Zoom Meeting ID: 896 3335 2515

Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Sue Barlow, Ward Two
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

6:45 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #2022-08 Revision to Town Code §230 Article XXII Signs

Tom Wilkes, Carroll Engineering, presented an overview of the revisions to Town Code §230 Article XXII Signs.

- Questions/Comments posed from Council

The record will stay open for 14 days.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Barlow, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the September 26, 2022 Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

No Comment

Councilwoman Barlow, Ward 2

No Comment

Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3

- Asked Town Manager Dvornick for update on weeds growing around the pond at Sandhill Fields
- Asked if there will be a Mayor's Reception this year on Return Day

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

No Comment

Mayor West

- Requested a report from each recipient, on money disbursed from Town funds this year, with an update on how it was spent.

6. PROJECT UPDATE – SPRINGBOARD COLLABORATIVE, PALLET SHELTERS

Judson Malone provided an update on the pallet shelter project. Key points discussed are as follows:

- Delay in ARPA funds from the State
- Secured additional funding that will allow us to continue
- Foundations are poured and pallets are on schedule to arrive by the 17th.
- We have over 60 people interested in staying at the pallet shelters.
 - We will continue to go through the applications to make our final selection of applicants
- Questions/Comments posed from Council

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Water Main & Service Line Replacement
 - Installation anticipated to start Monday, October 10
 - Delayed due to weather
- Bedford & Market Streets Pavement Rehabilitation
 - Executed Agreement received from DelDOT on October 4
- Sussex County Family Court
 - Utility work continues

- Site work and concrete are out for bid
- Hope to have some work starting in December

Kimmeystown Storyboards

- Theme
 - Georgetown – ‘Then and Now’
- Locations
 - Transit Hub
 - Train Station
 - Town Hall
- Content
 - Photographs & text
- Size
 - 24” x 36”

Circle Bollards

- Vendor
 - Reliance Foundry
- Model
 - R-7539 Decorative Bollard
- Specifications
 - Base 10.25”; Height 35.75”
- Placement
 - 4’ apart – 142 bollards
 - 5’ apart – 114 bollards

Bench Sponsorship Program

- Vendor
 - Keystone Ridge Designs
- Model
 - Atlanta Series
- Lengths
 - 4’, 6’, and 8’
- Recognition
 - Memorial or Sponsorship Plaque
- Program Document being drafted

ARPA Encumbrances

Project	Obligated	Vendor	Description	TC Approved
Biolac	\$171,875.00	Parkson Corporation	Biolac Repairs/Nozzles/Biofuser Replacement, Barge Purchase	September 8, 2021

SCI Elevated Storage	\$88,500.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
PS Rehabilitation	\$51,000.00	Beacon Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
Pooled Lawyer	\$16,332.50	Barnes & Thornberg	Lawyer	October 13, 2021
Flygt Pump (Wastewater)	\$15,427.00	Xylem	Submersible Pump (Cedar Lane)	October 27, 2021
Springboard Collaborative	\$500,000.00	Sub-recipient	Pallet Shelters	May 9, 2022
AMI Proposal	\$31,000.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Engineering Services	July 25, 2022
Total Encumbered	\$874,134.50			

General Items

- Planning Commission: Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
- Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, October 20, 5:30 PM, Dover
- Questions/comments posed from Council

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Correspondence

- Four pieces of correspondence received pertaining to GHS/Confederate flag, that specifically requested to be read into the record. Town Manager Dvornick read all four into the record.

Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive

- Shared concerns with the pallet shelter project and the need for services for the people who will use the pallets

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Commented on what Linda Dennis said about the pallet shelter project

Clayton Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road

- Commented on what Linda Dennis said about the pallet shelter project

Kelly, Georgetown Resident

- Ashamed that Council has acted the way they have in regards to the issue with the confederate flag

Jane Hovington, 204 South Railroad Avenue

- Read her own letter into the record discussing the issue with the confederate flag

Darrell Melvin, Georgetown Resident

- Commented on the issue with the confederate flag and how divided we are as a community

Shirley Hitchens, 120 Burton Street

- Commented on the pallet shelter project and her experience working with the homeless population

Malinda Hudson, Georgetown Resident

- Continued reading Ms. Jane Hovington's letter into the record
- Questioned if there is a protocol for letters that get read into the record

Steve Reynolds, Georgetown Resident

- Commented on the issue with the confederate flag

Dennis Winzenried, Park Avenue

- Commented on the letters that were requested to be read into the record and pointed out how they are all very similar.
- Commented on the issue with the confederate flag

Harold Carmean, Property Owner in Georgetown

- Commented on how the issue with the confederate flag is a travesty for this Town
- Commented on how the name calling, insults, and innuendos towards Council is undeserving
- Commended Mayor West on the prayer he led this evening

Judson Malone

- Responded to the comments made in regards to the pallet shelter project

Jalyn Powell, Milford Resident

- Questioned Mayor West for his personal opinion on the confederate flag. Mayor West expressed that he was opposed to the flag display.
- Reminded Council to listen to the community as they explain their feelings about this issue

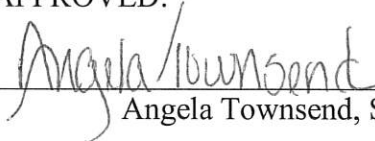
Clifton Gibbs, Lewes Resident

- Commented on the letters that were read into the record tonight.

9. ADJOURNMENT

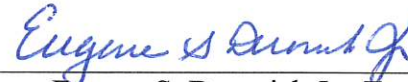
Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Barlow to adjourn at 8:15pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Angela Townsend, 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