

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Mike Wyatt, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two
Bill West, Ward Three
Linda Dennis, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
Stephani J Ballard, Town Solicitor

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wyatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Wyatt led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ITEM #8A TOWN'S MANAGER REPORT was added.

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adopt the agenda as amended. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2013 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to approve the minutes as written. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilperson Steve M Hartstein for the First Ward.
"Oath of Office is incorporated as part of the minutes."

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilperson Sue H Barlow for the Second Ward.
"Oath of Office is incorporated as part of the minutes."

Affirmation of the Code of Ethics was signed by Councilperson Barlow, Councilperson Hartstein, Councilperson West, Councilperson Dennis, and Mayor Wyatt.

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6. TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATION ITEMS

A. VICE-MAYOR

Councilperson Hartstein nominated Councilperson Barlow as Vice-Mayor.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Dennis, to approve the nomination of Councilperson Barlow as Vice-Mayor. **APPROVED (unanimous). Recused: Barlow**

B. SECRETARY

Councilperson West nominated Councilperson Hartstein as Secretary.

Motion by Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to approve the nomination of Councilperson Hartstein as Secretary. **APPROVED** (unanimous). **Recused: Hartstein**

7. PROCLAMATIONS

A. NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

Mayor Wyatt presented Kaneisha Trott, PR Specialist, First State Community Action Agency, with a proclamation honoring National Community Action Month.

B. DEE BESCHE

Mayor Wyatt presented Dee Besche with a proclamation honoring her volunteerism for the Town of Georgetown.

8. JEFFERSON AWARDS – YOUTH SERVICE CHALLENGE

Alison Wade and Michele Fidance presented the Council with an overview of the Jefferson Awards program. This year in Delaware, there was a total of 113 service projects submitted statewide. The town of Georgetown’s 12 projects engaged 274 volunteers and contributed 1133 hours of service. The top 3 outstanding projects for the Town: Sussex Academy of the Arts and Sciences - Town Fusion Service Day, Jefferson School Student Council – Stuff the Bus, and Jefferson School Student Council – Child’s Play Stuffed Animal Day.

8A. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Georgetown Arts & Flowers

The Town extends special thanks to the following members of Georgetown Arts & Flowers:

- Dee Besche
- Anita Burney
- Carolyn Green
- Barbara Holston
- Denise Leyh
- Janice Owens
- Ethel Rockemann
- Joy Sikora and
- Louise Skerrett

Their work can be seen on The Circle, along Market Street, Wilson Park and at the Police Station.

Legislative Items

There are a few pieces of legislation we have been actively engaged with and offering comment on:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>	
HB 4	Reincorporation – New Charter	Support	Passed House	Passed Senate
HB 6	Modification to Prevailing Wage Requirements	Support	Failed in Committee	
HB 27	Tax Refund Intercept for Collection of Property Taxes	Support	Out of Committee	

HB 81	Police Officers' and Firefighters' Employment Relations Act	Oppose	Passed House	Labor & Industrial Relations
HB 147	Police Chief Due Process	Support	House Administration	
SB 6	Minimum Wage	Neutral	Econ Dev/Banking Insurance/Commerce	Passed Senate

The Legislature is currently on a two week break returning on June 4, 2013

Miscellaneous

Reminder: Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observation of Memorial Day

- Upcoming Events
 - Georgetown Memorial Day Service, Sunday, May 26, 1:30 PM
 - Sussex County Association of Towns, Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 PM – Bear Trap Dunes
 - SCAT Steering, June 7, 9:00 AM – Arena's At The Airport
- Service Anniversaries for May:

Jamie Burk	Code Enforcement	1 Year
Derrick Callaway	Police	1 Year
Paul Smith	Wastewater	1 Year
Eric Rust	Wastewater	27 Years

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

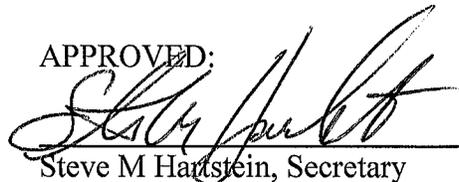
Correspondence was received from Anita Burney, representing the Georgetown Arts & Flowers group, thanking the Town for approving \$440.00 from the GREAT Fund. The funds will help the group to meet their future goals and more importantly the Town's belief in those goals gives their group the confidence to move forward.

Town Clerk, Angela Townsend, thanked Mayor & Council for all their support with the Spring into Spring Festival. The Public Works Department was also thanked for all their hard work with setting up for the event, working during the event and clean-up afterwards. Chris Lecates was thanked for all her hard work with volunteering to advertise the event.

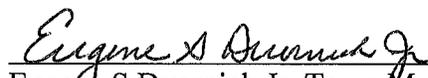
10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:


 Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:


 Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager