

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Mike Wyatt, Mayor
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two
Bill West, Ward Three
Linda Dennis, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Topping, Chief of Police
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
Stephani J Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:

Steve M Hartstein, Ward One

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

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

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

5. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2013-14 VOTER REGISTRATION

The proposed ordinance is Charter driven. Councilperson Barlow recommended adding the voter qualifications instead of referencing the Charter section. No action at this time. 2nd reading and adoption if agreeable will be October 9, 2013.

B. ORDINANCE #2013-15 FAILURE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE

With discussions from the last Council meeting, the Town needed clarification as to obtaining a business license and penalties for failure to obtain a license. No action at this time. 2nd reading and adoption if agreeable will be October 9, 2013.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. BILL TOPPING – CHIEF OF POLICE

Council was presented with 3 reports labeled Last, Current, and Since Last Report which incorporated the summer months. Chief Topping asked Council that if there are any other crimes or incidents that they would like to see just let him know. Due to some burglaries (thefts of opportunity due to unlocked cars) taking place Chief Topping urged everyone to lock their vehicles. Chief updated Council on an event that took place on Friday night at 16 Mile Brewery for the Spicer Memorial and the Beef & Beer Spicer Memorial event on Saturday, both were well attended.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Preston Lewis, 313 Elizabeth Street, Administrator for Student Services, Indian River School District. The district is dealing with a lot more traffic due to increased enrollment; we contacted the Georgetown Police Department with preliminary meetings approximately 3 weeks before start of the school year. We moved the placement of busses, rerouted some traffic patterns, which seems to be working very, very well. I just want to personally thank Chief Topping, Captain Holm and his officers for all their assistance with the transition. I would also like to thank the Police Department with their continued support at the intersection of North Bedford Street at Megee Motors. In the past the busses have struggled at that intersection due to traffic. Councilperson Linda Dennis asked about the situation on Old Laurel Rd, involving parking and flooding. Councilperson Dennis and Barlow inquired about the old tennis courts with the possibility of turning that area into additional parking.

Town Clerk, Angela Townsend, updated Council on the status of the last concert of the season. The event was well attended, looking at January to start planning for next season. Ms Townsend thanked Council for approving the GREAT Fund grant, and also thanked the committee, Bill West, Chris Lecates, and Linda Price for all their hard work.

Charlie Koskey, Park Avenue, thanked Councilperson Dennis and Councilperson West for their participation and for volunteering at the Inaugural Art Crawl. It was a very successful event drawing some new people to our Town. Very positive responses, it would not have been as successful without the volunteers. I would like to also thank Mrs West for all her help.

Councilperson Dennis read into the record the volunteers that contributed to the event: ADHOC Committee – Bruce & Chuck Meade-e, Charlie & Donna Koskey, Rosalie Walls, and Lisa Massey. Friends of Georgetown – Bob & Tina Sonzogni, Tim & Carol Thomas, Bill & Faye West, Patricia & Dave Anderson, Linda Dennis, Elaine Reynolds, Jan Fraipont, Levin Clark, Sue Messick, Karin Joensein, Gail Benton, Paula Colby, and Jose & Virginia Somalo. The art leagues participating were Nanticoke River Arts Council, Mispillion Art League, and Millsboro Art League, Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Get ART, with a total of approximately 47 artists participating.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

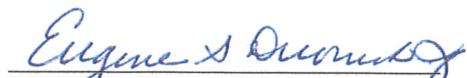
Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Dennis, to adjourn at 7:20p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:



Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager