TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Michael R Wyatt, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Bill West, Ward Three
Linda Dennis, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
Bill Bradley, Dir of Public Works

ABSENT:
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Zach Ables & Carson Watts representing Boy Scout Troop 95 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION
Mayor Wyatt led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adopt the agenda as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2014 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson West, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. PROCLAMATION – "TURNING THE CIRCLE RED"
Kim Daino, Lisa Tighe, and Linda Price, Fulton Bank were in attendance for presentation of a Proclamation "Turning the Circle Red" with encouraging all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and increase awareness and understanding of women and heart disease.

6. THE DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (DLLG) PRESENTATION TO MAYOR LAYTON JOHNSON
The Honorable Mayor Layton Johnson was acknowledged for his involvement of being one of the founding fathers of the Delaware League of Local Governments Organization (DLLG). Layton was presented with tributes from Senator Brian Pettyjohn, Representative Ruth Briggs-King and Deputy County Administrator Hal Godwin.

7. ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF FUNDING
A. GEORGETOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE - STATION 93
Elaine Reynolds from the American Legion Ambulance Service-Station 93 was in attendance for the presentation of the check in the amount of $5,000.00.

B. GEORGETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 77
Mark Rogers and Chip Stevenson from the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance for the presentation of the check in the amount of $5,000.00.

8. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HANDICAP PARKING ON THE CIRCLE

On Tuesday, February 4, 2014 a request was made, asking the Town to consider adding additional Handicap Parking Spaces on The Circle. Under ADA Guidelines, the number of spaces required is based on the total number of parking spaces provided.

The total number of parking spaces provided on the Circle is 40 – per ADA guidelines the total minimum number of:

- accessible parking spaces (60" & 96" aisles) is two (2) spaces;
- van-accessible parking spaces with min. 96" wide access aisle is one (1) space; and
- accessible parking spaces with minimum 60" wide access aisle is one (1).

The number of handicap accessible spaces provided is seven (7) – with a breakdown as follows:

- Town Hall – 1;
- Family Court – 2;
- Brick Hotel – 1;
- Citizen's Bank – 1;
- County Admin Bldg – 1; and
- Sussex County Courthouse – 1

Councilperson Dennis asked if the 7 spaces were in compliance with the requirements of the ADA guidelines.

Town Manager stated that was correct, the spaces are in compliance with ADA guidelines.

Councilperson Dennis asked if it was at all possible to determine a total of how many other handicap parking spaces are available to the public.

Town Manager stated he would obtain the number of spaces available to the public and have that information available at their next Council meeting.

Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein to table this item until our next Town Council meeting. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

8A. 1ST PRESENTATION OF FY15 BUDGET

This is the first presentation as a part of the Annual Budget process. No action is necessary at this time. The Town Manager presented Council with an abbreviated overview of the FY14 budget.

REVENUES	**FY15**
General Fund Revenues	$ 2,997,654
Water Revenues	$ 1,042,000
Wastewater Revenues	$ 1,803,000
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 5,842,654

EXPENDITURES	**FY15**
General Fund Expenses	$ 3,316,981
Water Fund Expenses	$ 1,170,130
Wastewater Fund Expenses	$ 2,184,560
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 6,671,672
REVENUES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	$ (829,018)

Council scheduled workshops for Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 4:30pm at Town Hall and Monday, February 24, 2014 at 4:30pm.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Request for Parking Restriction

The Public Works Director and I would like to request the restriction of parking on both sides of East Adams Street from South Bedford Street to South Race Street (see handout). This section of road is narrow and barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass. We have experienced individuals parking directly in front of Town Alley, making it difficult for vehicles to enter or exit the maintenance shop.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson West to approve the requested parking restriction on East Adams Street. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

Franklin Street Sewer Laterals

Work along Franklin Street has been completed. The Town withheld $2,500 from the final payment pending yard clean up and soil replacement. Additionally, we removed from the project the cost for resurfacing – this will be done as a separate, larger project to resurface the road.

Monthly Financial Report

The monthly Budget versus Actual Report (November 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013) has been distributed and will be posted on the Town website.

Family Court Expansion

The Town has received a copy of the Division of Facilities Management, Sussex County Property Acquisition Due Diligence Assessment regarding expansion of Family Court. Based on the findings during their assessment, acquiring additional parcels near the Circle is not a viable option for expanding the Sussex County Family Court.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Events:
  - Delaware League of Local Governments, Thursday, February 27, 6:00 PM, Dover Downs
- Service Anniversaries

Employee	Department	Years
Lawrence Grose	Police Department	16
Tommy Tyndall	Police Department	11
Jocelyn Godwin	Planning Department	6

B. BILL BRADLEY – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Margaret Street project is complete with just minor restorations to complete when the weather breaks. This includes top soil and grass seed.

Public Works Department is in the process of replacing the 17 street lights on East Market Street from the RR tracks to the Circle with metal poles and concrete bases. At this time the poles have been ordered then we will schedule for installation. We will replace every other light during this process to ensure there is some lighting at all times.

We are prepared for yet another winter storm, with planning for the worst and hoping for the best.

At this time we have plenty of salt to get through this winter and will replace the salt stock pile from the next 2014/2015 budget year.

Councilperson Dennis thanked Bill and his staff for all their hard work with the snow removal process. You and your staff did a remarkable job, so thank you for all your hard work.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Leo Weigand, 18674 Asketum Branch Rd, Georgetown: He and his wife recently purchased the Georgetown Pool Hall previously known as Hudson's, it was brought to their attention that the Town of Georgetown was not very receptive to the pool hall in the past, they had problems with the previous owners, since then things have changed, we have cleaned the interior and painted and also have cleaned up the clientele that was not wanted. It is now a family orientated area. My wife, Sherrie and I have lived in Georgetown for 14 years. Since we have taken over the pool hall, people have commented on the amount of cars downtown after 4:00pm, than there has been in the last 10 to 15 years. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and especially Fridays and Saturdays there is between 50-75 people there, which greatly increases the economy in Georgetown and all the businesses in that area. I have 22 yrs in the military, have been a Paramedic for 15 years in Maryland, and I have been an ordained Minister since July 2004. The term pool hall leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth, which dates back to the 1940's. In 2011 one of the teams from Georgetown won the Delaware State Championship, because of the pool here. The American Pool Players Association paid us $8,200 to travel to Las Vegas to represent Delaware in the Nationals. I believe that where the Chinese Restaurant is located, there was a pool hall both upstairs and downstairs located there sometime in the 50's. There was one located near Dominos', and also one out on US113. We would like for the Town to back us in setting up something for people to come to after hours. We do have a liquor license, only beer and wine coolers. Some things planned are, the Breast Cancer Awareness Pool Tournament, and also another Bar Box Tournament, where teams travel. Georgetown has been voted the No. #1 place to have a pool tournament, because of the tables and the atmosphere.

Mayor Wyatt asked about the signage that was not permitted in a Historic District, and Mayor Wyatt thought there were ways around it.

Mr Weigand stated that the signage was one item, but his biggest concern was the rumors that the last people were driven out of the pool hall by the Town. It's just rumors, but I was approached by individuals stating we would not be here long. So that is why I'm here tonight, is there any truth to it? Do we need to worry about this?

Councilperson West stated that we as representatives of the Town Council we have never tried to drive a business out of Town. With your military background you should know there are rules and regulations that you need to follow, especially in a Historic District. So that's the reason there are certain rules and regulations in effect, to control that area. We will work with you anyway we can. I like the idea of a pool tournament coming here, it's great for the economy and for the people of Georgetown.

Mayor Wyatt asked Mr Weigand if he could possibly meet on Friday with the Town Manager to discuss any Ordinances that have not been followed.

Mayor Wyatt also informed Mr Weigand of the committee studying the Historic District, and encouraged him to participate if he was interested.

Mr Weigand thought of opening early with the focus being on individuals having their lunches delivered to the pool hall, where he has tables set with flowers on every table. Individuals could enjoy their lunch and play pool during their lunch breaks to help relieve stress.

Mr Weigand that's why I'm here tonight, I am trying to improve it by making it family friendly.

Mayor Wyatt: Senator Pettyjohn's uncle, Warren Pettyjohn passed away. The Town has a Wastewater Disposal Agreement with Mr Pettyjohn. The Town Manger and I attended the viewing, representing the Town. Also, the Jefferson Awards organization contacted

the Town, asking for participation again this year. Mayor Wyatt asked that the Council be involved this year with the selection process.

Councilperson West: The Playground Committee has collected approximately $42,000 when we get to $65, 000 we want to start building the playground. The Concerts in the Park committee are looking for sponsors. We have 13 to 16 bands that would like to play for us this year. I have contacted Mr Lankford about the need for sponsor wording on the signage. Bill Bradley, Director of Public Works, has a tractor trailer body that was obtained from military surplus and is converting it into a stage. The stage will have a canopy over the top and areas for storage. It is a nice project for the Public Works staff and I appreciate all the work they've done.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adjourn at 7:47p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:

Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager