TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Michael R Wyatt, Mayor
Bill West, Mayor-Elect
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three-Elect
Linda Dennis, Ward Four
Dave Anderson, Ward Four-Elect

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager
Stephani J Ballard, Town Solicitor
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk

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 THE AGENDA**
ITEM #5C A LETTER was added.
Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to adopt the agenda as amended. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. **APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2014 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**
Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. **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
Harry Fletcher from the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department-Station 77 was in attendance for the presentation of the check in the amount of $5,000.00.

C. A LETTER
Mayor Wyatt read a letter with parting remarks from his term as Mayor.

6. **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICIALS**
Plaques were presented to Mayor Wyatt, Councilperson Dennis and Planning Commissioner Lecates, for their service, dedication, and guidance to the residents of the Town of Georgetown.

7. **OATH OF OFFICE**
The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Mayor Bill West.
"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 Chris Lecates for the Third Ward.
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The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilperson Dave Anderson for the Fourth Ward.
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Affirmation of the Code of Ethics was signed by Councilperson Barlow, Councilperson Hartstein, Councilperson Lecates, Councilperson Anderson, and Mayor West.
"Affirmation of the Code of Ethics is incorporated as part of the minutes."

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. VICE-MAYOR

Councilperson Hartstein nominated Councilperson Barlow as Vice-Mayor.

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

B. SECRETARY

Councilperson Barlow nominated Councilperson Lecates as Secretary.

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

9. TOWN HALL FACILITY UPDATES

Town Manager clarified questions that were brought up during the last Council meeting. In respect to both systems the hardware is transferable to any other building we may occupy, the wiring within the walls would not be. The pricing is good until December 31, 2014. After review of the contract language by the Town Solicitor we have more favorable terms to match the State's contract.

A. FIRE & INTRUSION UPGRADES

7062-2-0 Town Hall Fire & Intrusion Detection	$9,810.00	Annual Inspection	$325.00
		Line Monitoring	$431.40
Subtotal Fire & Intrusion	$9,810.00		$756.40
Total Cost	$15,800.00		$1,336.40

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve the Advantech Fire & Intrusion Upgrades. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

B. ACCESS CONTROL

Proposal	Description	Installation	Ongoing	
7062-1-0	Town Hall Access Control	$ 5,990.00	Service Plan (Optional	$580.00
	Subtotal Access Control	$ 5,990.00		$580.00

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve Advantech Access Control System in the amount of $5,990.00. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Disc Filter

The Town has been contacted by the Lewes Board of Public Works regarding a Disc Filter which is surplus to their wastewater treatment facility needs. The equipment has been inspected by the Town Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent and myself. Prior to visiting with Lewes, similar equipment, installed at the Selbyville Wastewater Treatment plant was visited and viewed in operation.

Prior to being placed into service, there will need to be design and site modifications at our plant. We are essentially obtaining a piece of equipment for future use at our facility. Bill Bradley will be inspecting the equipment to determine if we can move it ourselves or will need to contract an outside source.

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to expend up to $5,000 towards acquisition of the Disc Filter (Maximum offer for the equipment: $2,500 and up to $2,500 for transportation). **APPROVED (unanimous).**

Georgetown Vaughn Tax Ditch Association Request

Members of the Georgetown Vaughn Tax Ditch Association have requested the Town appoint a Member of Council to join the tax ditch association – this is similar to the Town representation on the Eli Walls Tax Ditch Association.

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to approve the appointment of Councilperson Lecates to serve on the Georgetown-Vaughn Tax Ditch Association. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

Branding Initiative – DEDO

The marketing and branding visit for Georgetown will begin on Monday, June 9th with a series of round table meetings with various stakeholder groups. The public is invited to share their thoughts on the marketing image for Georgetown at one of the following focus group sessions:

Location	Date	Time
Village of Cinderberry Community Center	Monday, June 9th	6:30 PM
Marvel Museum – Barrel Barn	Tuesday, June 10th	6:30 PM
Town Hall	Tuesday, June 10th	10:00 AM
Carpenters Union	TBD	TBD

Design unveiling will be at the Sussex County Council Chambers at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11th.

A press release will be sent out providing this information – Members of Council are encouraged to attend one of the focus groups.

Legislative Items

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

Bill	Description	Position	Status	
HB 6	Modification to Prevailing Wage Requirements	Support	Failed in Committee	
HB 7	Prevailing Wage	Support	Failed in Committee	

	Opt Out			
HB 27	Tax Refund Intercept for Collection of Property Taxes	Support	Passed House	Finance
HB 81	Police Officers and Firefighters' Employment Relations Act	Oppose	Passed House	Out of Committee
HB 147	Police Chief Due Process	Support	Signed by Governor	
HB 158[1]	Line-Of-Duty Death Benefits	Support	Signed by Governor	
HB 169	Compensation for Tax Exempt Properties Owned by the State	Requested More Information	House Appropriations (Tabled in Committee)	
HB 230	Consumer Protection	Requested More Information	Economic Development/Banking/ Insurance/Commerce	
HB 287 w/ HA 1	Establishes a Set Prevailing Wage	Support	Out of Committee	
HB 333 w/HA 1	Limitation on Taxing Powers	Support	Out of Committee (To Be Amended)	
SB 23 w/ SA 1	Municipalities and Limitations on Firearm Regulations	Neutral		Judiciary
SB 157	Open Meetings – Allows Lease and Sale Discussion in Executive Session	Support	Out of Committee	Passed Senate
SB 191	Downtown Development Districts	Support	Passed House	Passed Senate
	Clean Water Funding			
	Gasoline Tax Increase			

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Events:
  - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, June 4th, at 6:00 PM, hosted by Dagsboro at Cripple Creek Golf & Country Club

[1] As this bill was retroactive to August 2009, the Town has submitted to OMB, $20,767.46 in COBRA payments made.

- Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, June 6th, at 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport

- Employee Anniversaries (May):

Jamie Burk	Code Enforcement	2 Year
Derrick Callaway	Police	2 Year
Paul Smith	Wastewater	2 Year
Eric Rust	Wastewater	28 Years

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Price and Angela Townsend, Town Clerk updated Council on Concerts in the Park. There are 17 concerts totaling $17,000 all paid for.

Mary Cathell, 216 West Market St, attended the first concert and was impressed with the stage. Ms Cathell complimented the Town Council on a job well done.

Mayor West explained the process of the stage. It was a joint effort between the County and the Town Council. Mayor West credited the Maintenance Department for the construction of the stage and the end result.

Mayor West welcomed new Councilpersons Chris Lecates and Dave Anderson

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adjourn at 7:29PM. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:

Chris Lecates

Chris Lecates, Secretary

ATTEST:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager