

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
Eugene S Dvornick, Jr, Town Manager

ABSENT:

Dave Anderson, Ward Four

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor West led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

5. DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE GRANT – THE UPPER CRUST

Town Manager presented Council with an overview of the application. The applicant provided Council with a picture of the proposed 8' awning.

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve the grant application in the amount of \$500.00 **APPROVED (unanimous).**

6. RESOLUTION #2015-3 – TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSING TO BORROW UP TO \$2M – 37 & 39 THE CIRCLE

The Town Manager read the Resolution into the record authorizing a Public Hearing to be scheduled for 6:30pm on September 9th Town Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilperson Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Lecates, to adopt Resolution #2015-3. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

“Resolution #2015-3 is incorporated into the record.”

7. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**
A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Ordinance Revision

The Town Solicitor and I have been working on several revisions to Town Code:

- Violations & Penalties – New Chapter establishing fixed fines of \$100 and \$250, outlining the Code Enforcement Process, and revising numerous Code sections regarding violations & penalties;
- Trailers – Revision of Chapter 206 regarding Recreational Vehicles, addressing parking, screening, and appearance;
- Food Vendors – modifying the Ice Cream Peddler Code to apply more broadly to encompass food vendors; and
- Hotel and Motels – modification of register requirements to comply with a recent Supreme Court decision.

Home Occupation Definition

We recently discovered an issue in the Zoning Code with respect to Home Occupations – two specific uses are excluded, beauty salon and barber shop. Trying to be more responsive to businesses interested in coming to Georgetown, I'd like to get a feel from Town Council with regard to allowing barber and beauty shops as home occupations subject to the restriction of there being only one (1) chair. If agreeable, we could initiate the process to modify the zoning code.

Mayor and Council agreed to move forward with changing the definition of Home Occupation.

Pavement Rehabilitation

Last week we signed agreements for both West Laurel Street and North Race Street pavement rehabilitation. As of this afternoon, West Laurel Street has base coat down and top coat is anticipated for Thursday, August 27th. North Race Street has been milled and we are planning to install handicap ramps as required – base coat is anticipated to begin next week.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Events:
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, September 9th, at 6:00 PM, hosted by Sussex County Association of Realtors
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, September 11^h, at 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport
- Reminder:
 - Town Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day

Town Manager presented Council with an overview of the proposed Code Enforcement Process.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

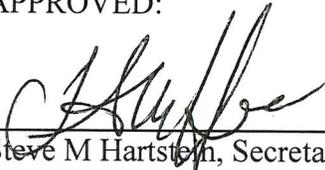
Town Solicitor updated Mayor & Council on legislation recently signed by the Governor in reference to municipalities banning firearms from their buildings.

Mayor West received a phone call from a gentleman in Washington DC, complimenting the Police Department, the Brick Hotel, Gary Hill, Towing Service and the community as a whole. From his first contact he was totally impressed with the employees and people of this Town. He guaranteed the Mayor he would spend more time and more money in this Town in the future.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adjourn at 7:16p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:



Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager