

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 10, 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
Dave Anderson, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
R L Hughes, Chief of Police

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor West led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **INVOCATION**
Councilperson Lecates led the invocation.
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to adopt the agenda as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.
4. **APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**
Motion by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Lecates, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.
5. **SUNGEVITY PRESENTATION – RESIDENTIAL SOLAR SYSTEMS**
David Miller and Jason Dye presented Council with an overview of Sungevity. Sungevity installs efficient, high-quality solar panel technology, using watertight roof mounts for a more reliable system. Our guarantee is one of the best in the industry, covering system performance for 20 years. Mr Miller asked Council to spread the word that they are currently working in the community going from door to door. At a time that suits you, a consultation with one of our solar experts will give you all the information you need to weigh your solar options. We do this with you over the phone and at your computer, without anyone climbing on your roof. We'll design your residential solar panel system, provide an accurate quote, and explain your financial options, including local rebates or other incentives. We install dozens of solar systems a day. When you work with Sungevity, we take care of the planning, paperwork, solar panel installation, applicable rebates, and any hurdle that might come up. Share your experience with friends and earn a referral bonus for sending them our way. Mayor West asked Sungevity that they contact the Town Clerk on the days they are going to be in Town so that information can be forwarded on to the Police Department and to the residents in Town.

6. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT**

One seat is currently up for appointment. Bo Shockley is resigning from the Board. A letter of interest was received from Paul Myers.

Mayor West recommended the appointment of Paul Myers to the Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Lecates, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Paul Myers. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

7. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. R L HUGHES – CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Hughes updated Town Council on changes at the Department since he was appointed Police Chief. Chief Hughes is very proud and honored to be a Georgetown Police Officer. Chief Hughes told Council they should be very proud of the Police Officers they do have, they are a very competent Police Department. Chief Hughes has made contact with various organizations and individuals in the community. Chief Hughes updated Council on pieces of legislation: SB59, SB60, HB141, not sure of the bill number but if someone goes to Family Court for a PFA they have to relinquish their weapons to any Police agency in the State. Three transfers within the Department: Lieutenant Grose as Administrative Lieutenant in charge of support services, Sergeant Tyndall as Criminal Investigation Commander, and Corporal Wilson as Patrol Supervisor. These transfers have reconfigured our organization, to make it more functionable. Chief Hughes presented Council with an assignment to be completed by the Leadership Team (Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporals) showing everyone's roll and responsibility, completion date by next Monday. They were also asked to do their, Mission Vision, and Values of their Department. Lastly there are 4 areas we are working on: Crime Reduction, Highway Safety, Community Policing, and Special Development. Those four areas will drive everything that we do.

Council was updated on several items: the Accreditation process spearheaded by Lieutenant Grose, bringing back a Victim Services person being paid by a 5 year grant, generating more revenue by negotiating with the IRSD for a School Resource Officer (a new hire), actively recruiting to hire a new Police Officer, the development of a seasonal Police Officers program (observe and report), Crime View software, addressing after hour phone calls, improvements to the Police Department entrance and lobby, military surplus vehicles (Peacekeeper, 3 Hummer's, and the bread truck back to Public Works), sheds are full of military surplus (5XL service uniforms, field sanitation units, rat traps, flyswatters and Police Uniforms), reconfiguring the evident locker for accreditation, prisoner retention/holding area with juveniles separate from adults, a vehicle for the Tactical Team, and the motorcycle will be kept and utilized.

Chief Hughes asked Council to let him know what they want him to report on at future Council meetings.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is tomorrow at 7:30am on the Circle with 100% participation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angela Townsend, Town Clerk thanked the Police Department for checking on the house and her Mother while she was away. A lot of residents are not aware of the additional service the Police can provide in checking their home/property while their away.

Correspondence was received from the AARP thanking Mayor West for attending their 16th Anniversary Party and by providing information on the status of the Town.

9. ADJOURNMENT

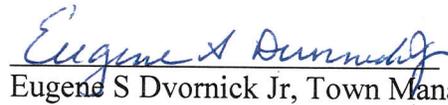
Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adjourn at 8:13p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:



Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager