TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 6:15 P.M. Executive Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three
Bob Holston, Ward Four

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

ABSENT:
Jason Loar, Town Engineer

6:15 P.M. Executive Session
Mayor and Council will meet in executive session for the discussion of:
A. A personnel matter which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed;
B. A strategy session, with respect to a pending litigation issue.

Executive Session exited at 6:50p.m.

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 Holston, to adopt the agenda as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. APRIL 13, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Motion by Councilperson Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

A. APRIL 22, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES
Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Holston, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. **1ST READING OF ORDINANCES**
A. ORDINANCE #2016-7 WATER RATES
The proposed changes in fees were discussed as part of the budget proposal and needs formal action by the Town Council to become effective. No action at this time, 2nd reading will take place at the May 11th Town Council Meeting.

B. ORDINANCE #2016-4 REGISTERED COMPASSION CENTER
Town Manager presented Council with an overview of Ordinance #2016-4 Registered Compassion Center. No action at this time, 2nd reading will take place at the May 11th Town Council Meeting.

6. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES
A. ORDINANCE #2016-5 ANIMALS – CHAPTER 52
Town Manager presented Council with an overview of the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Holston, to adopt Ordinance #2016-5 Animals. **APPROVED (unanimous).**
"The Ordinance is incorporated as part of the minutes."

B. ORDINANCE #2016-6 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – CHAPTER 165
Town Manager presented Council with an overview of the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Lecates, to adopt Ordinance #2016-6 Property Maintenance. **APPROVED (unanimous).**
"The Ordinance is incorporated as part of the minutes."

7. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2016-2 DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE FOR SIGNAGE
This Ordinance re-establishes the Downtown Incentive for Signage in the amount of $3,000.00 making it possible for 6 grant awards.

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Johnson-Dennis, to adopt Resolution #2016-2 Downtown Incentive for Signage. **APPROVED (unanimous).**
"The Resolution is incorporated as part of the minutes."

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER
Broad Alley Abandonment
The Town has received the easement and deeds for the abandonment of Broad Alley. Once executed by the Mayor and Secretary, they will be recorded.
Downtown Development District Plan (DRAFT)
The draft Downtown Development District Plan has been placed on the Town website and submitted to the Office of State Planning for review. Formal action on our Downtown Development District Application will be at the May 11th Town Council Meeting.
May 25th Town Council Meeting
The Mayor, Town Manager and Planning Administrator will be attending the National Main Street Conference Saturday, May 21st through Thursday, May 26th in Milwaukee. Accordingly, Town Council may wish to consider canceling the Wednesday, May 25th Town Council Meeting. It was brought to the Town Manager's attention that the new Councilpersons were to be sworn in that night.

Motion by Councilperson Lecates, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to cancel the May 25th Meeting, and to reschedule the swearing in to the May 11th Meeting. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

2016 Annual Municipal Election

On Friday, April 22nd the Certification of Candidates took place, and with one candidate filing for each position, no municipal election is needed.

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Events:
    - **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Thursday, April 28th, 5:30 PM, Duncan Center (Dover)
    - **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 PM, Hosted by Town of Dewey Beach
    - **Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee:** Friday, May 6th, at 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sunny Gyani, 228 South Bedford Street, voiced concerns and questioned the wording of Ordinance 2016-5 Animals. After discussion on the definition of nuisance, with the language in section C, it was agreed to modify the wording, making it clearer.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Holston, to adjourn at 7:16pm. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:

Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager