

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
**Location:** Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947  
**Time:** 6:30 PM Public Hearing  
6:45 PM Executive Session  
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Executive Session

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene S. Dvornick, Town Manager  
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor  
Jocelyn Godwin, Planning Administrator

**6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Georgetown heard the following requests:

**A. Ordinance #2017-5 Revision to 230-173 Signs Permitted in HD Districts  
Revision to 230-135 Signs**

Planning Administrator Jocelyn Godwin presented Ordinance #2017-5 to Mayor and Council. The record will be kept open for 14 days.

**B. Ordinance #2017-6 Addition to 230-5 Definitions  
Revision to 230 Article XX Off Street Parking and Loading  
Requirements**

Planning Administrator Jocelyn Godwin presented Ordinance #2017-6 to Mayor and Council. The record will be kept open for 14 days.

Public Hearing ended at 6:39 PM.

**6:45 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mayor and Council met in Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C § 10004 (b)(4) for the purpose of strategy and advice from an attorney regarding pending or potential litigation.*

Exited Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

**REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Lecates led the Invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9, 2017 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the August 9, 2017 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. RESOLUTION #2017-6 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, DOWNTOWN DELAWARE COMMERCIAL AFFILIATE PROGRAM**

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adopt Resolution #2017-6 Authorizing Participation in the Delaware Division of Small Business, Development and Tourism, Downtown Delaware Commercial Affiliate Program.

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**6. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – PETTYJOHN WOODS LITIGATION**

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the settlement agreement from the Pettyjohn Woods litigation. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER**

**Condemned Property Update**

- 129 East Pine Street – Letter from engineer received, under review
- 101 Brittingham Lane – Temporary Building Permit valid until August 31, 2017

**120 West Market Street**

Sussex Tree is scheduled to be onsite Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25 for trimming and tree removal.

**Delaware Commercial District Affiliate**

The Town has requested to renew its Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Application with Downtown Delaware – this makes us eligible for USDA RCDI (Rural Community Development Initiative) funds. Staff and I are currently completing the application.

Concurrent with our application, Georgetown (along with Harrington and Milford) have been selected for development of a “Downtown Roadmap” to assist with economic development and marketing, assistance is with Ben Muldrow and Randy Wilson. The only request is that the Town commit to providing at least \$3,000 to \$5,000 towards implementation of several key initiatives that result from the Roadmap development.

*Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to commit to provide at least \$3,000 to \$5,000 towards implementation of several key initiatives that result from the Roadmap development. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

**Miscellaneous**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Sussex County Association of Towns Dinner Meeting: September 6, 6:00 PM  
– Hosted by Town of Bridgeville
  - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: September 8, 9:00 AM  
– Arena's at the Airport

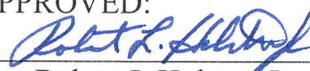
**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bill McCauley
  - The Confederate Monument at the Marvel Museum is an Obelisk, not a statue
  - It honors the maned and wounded
- Bob Holston
  - Thank you to Georgetown Police Department for taking care of the speeding problem on Cinder Way
- Mayor Bill West
  - Commented on how good of a job Georgetown Police Department is doing.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 7:00 PM. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S Dvornick Jr., Town Manager