

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

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 Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
RL Hughes II, Chief of Police

7:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

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 14, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the August 14, 2019 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE

A. ORDINANCE #2019-05 AMENDING CHAPTER 116 HOUSING STANDARDS, SECTION 116-20 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE III – GENERAL PENALTY, SECTION 1-18 SUMMONS

Town Manager Dvornick read an overview of the Ordinance.

Town Solicitor Ballard requested Chapter 144 Noise be added to the Ordinance.

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Abandonment Request – Dunbarton Oaks

The Town received a formal request from Dunbarton Oaks for the abandonment of paper streets within their property (Alfred Street and Franklin Street). In addition to their request, the Town has required that dedication of Lee Avenue take place at the same time. It is anticipated we will be scheduling a public hearing regarding the abandonment in early October 2019. A copy of the formal request is included in your packets.

September 2019 SCAT Dinner Meeting

The September 2019 Sussex County Associations of Towns Dinner Meeting has been rescheduled for September 11 – this conflicts with our first Town Council Meeting in September. It is suggested that we cancel the September 11 Town Council Meeting.

Sussex County Presentation

Staff and I have been working with Sussex County regarding opportunities to leverage resources. Accordingly, at the September 25 Town Council Meeting we are tentatively planning a presentation by the County on three topics: Biosolids Agreement, Wastewater Redirection from Stevenson Lane, and Water Tie In in the event of an emergency.

Miscellaneous

- Reminders:
 - **Patrolman Chad Spicer Wreath Laying:** Sunday, September 1 at 7:00 PM on The Circle
 - **Town Offices Closed:** Monday, September 2 in observation of Labor Day
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 PM, hosted by Dewey Beach
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee:** Friday, September 13, 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport
 - **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Thursday, September 26, 5:30 PM, The Duncan Center (Dover)

B. RL HUGHES II – CHIEF OF POLICE

- Georgetown Police Department Core Values
- 21st Century Policing
- Guardians of Georgetown Organization Chart
- Continuation of Policy Review
- Continuation of programs (DV, Cadet, SRO, and Victim Services)
- Records, crime reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eddie Rideau, 25 Surrey Lane
 - Thank you for all of the improvements

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to enter into Executive Session. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Mayor and Council will meet in Executive Session for the purpose of:

- A. *Strategy sessions and advice from an attorney regarding pending or potential litigation and records relating to potential litigation 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(4)*
- B. *A personnel matter which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(9)*

C. Preliminary discussions on site acquisitions for any publicly funded capital improvements, or sales or leases of real property 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(2)

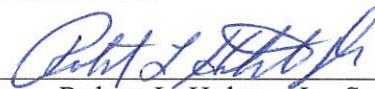
Exited Executive Session at 7:59pm.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to authorize item discussed related to Land Acquisition in Executive Session. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. ADJOURNMENT

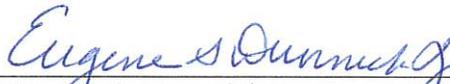
Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 8:00pm.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager