

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 6:30 P.M. Executive Session
7:00 P.M. 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 Ballard, Town Solicitor

6:30 P.M. Executive Session

Called Executive Session to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to go into Executive Session.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Exited Executive Session at 6:48pm

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn from executive session at 6:49pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7:23 P.M. 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 Hartstein to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. Approval of February 8th, 2017 Town Council Minutes

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the February 8, 2017 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. Rezone Application 2016-10

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to deny the rezone application 2016-10. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Roll Call:

Ward 1: I am recusing myself because I am on the Eli Walls Tax Ditch Board.

Ward 2: I think we should keep the zoning the same to keep the characteristics of the current neighborhood as single-family homes.

Ward 3: I think we need to keep the zoning the same because it is surrounded by single-family homes and UR1 will keep it the same as the majority of the neighboring community.

Ward 4: I vote we keep it zoned the way it is currently to keep it the same as the surrounding community.

6. Broad Valley Presentation – Broadband to Town Offices

Richard Beville, Broad Valley Micro-Fiber Networks, presented a PowerPoint presentation to Mayor and Council discussing broadband to Town Hall.

7. Resolution #2017-3 King Street Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project – Issuance of General Obligation Bond

Town Manager Dvornick gave an overview of Resolution #2017-3 King Street Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project – Issuance of General Obligation Bond.

There will be a Public Hearing held on March 8, 2017 at 6:45pm.

Voice Vote:

Ward 1:	Yes
Ward 2:	Yes
Ward 3:	Yes
Ward 4:	Yes

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. Departmental Reports

A. Town Manager – Gene Dvornick

Town Hall & Annex

The deadline for bid submission on the Town Hall & Annex has been extended until Tuesday, February 28 at 3:00 PM. This was in reply to several requests from potential bidders.

North Bedford Street & Bridgeville Road

The Town has been in contact with the Department of Transportation Beautification Section and is working with them on improvements to the median at the intersection of North Bedford Street & Bridgeville Road.

2017 Annual Municipal Election

Statements of Candidacy for Ward 1 and Ward 2 are currently available. The deadline for completion and filing is April 21, 2017. Should an election be needed it will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Miscellaneous

- Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, February 23, 5:30 PM, Duncan Center (Dover)

- Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 PM, hosted by Blades.
- Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, March 3, 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport.
- DLLG Capitol Hill Visit to Washington, DC: Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- Sussex County Association of Towns: Legislative Breakfast: Friday, April 7, at 9:00 AM, Georgetown CHEER Center.

9. Public Comment

Suraj Gyani

- Referring to the Broad Valley Presentation, What are the chances of getting city residents this service?
 - Gene Dvornick Responded: The Town itself does not currently have a plan for that. The presentation tonight was to connect Town Facilities.
 - Bill West Responded: I am hoping that with DDD, that will open up some avenues for Broad Valley.

William Mullen, 16 Waples Drive

- The street I live on is a dead-end street and there is a lot of foot traffic and people parking on the street that do not live on that street.
- Recently, there was so many vehicles parked along the street, and in front of my house, I had to drive on my grass and I almost hit the water meter.
- I am proposing to put a no parking sign back there.
 - Gene Dvornick Responded: We will put this on the March 8 Agenda and come up with a solution for you.

Judson Malone, 216 South Race Street

- I have some comments on the broad valley proposal with apologies because I do not really know any of the background. I don't know whether the proposal was solicited by the Town or not solicited, but in listening to the proposal I have one concern: If you are going to go down this path of trying to bring more or better internet, broadband technology to the Town, are you doing it with a master plan of where you want to end up? Or are you simply responding to a proposal that has a Chevrolet price on a Cadillac system that may do some nice things but is also very limited. The only caution I would offer is, if it was not in your mind to start with, stop and think for a minute, what is the place you want Georgetown to be in the long run and what is the process you need to go through to figure out the path you need to go down?
 - Bill West Responded: This started as a County project; they talked to them first and paid for the infrastructure to get the high speed in place. The agents/company (Broad Valley) decided to make a ring around Georgetown because they needed to tie in.
 - Chris Lecates Commented: It is not just on The Circle.
 - Gene Dvornick Responded: It has connected all of the County Facilities. Starts at the West Annex, then goes to the Airport, then to the Emergency Services Operations, then to the Records Management Center, then to Number 2 on The Circle, then it comes back around. In theory, if somebody were to hit the cable as

it runs, it would go the reverse so you do not lose connection. The current infrastructure of the Town is that none of our buildings are connected.

- Bill West Continued: So they came to us with a proposal and we told them we would listen to them and see if it is feasible and if we can afford this.

Ed Dawicki, The Meadows

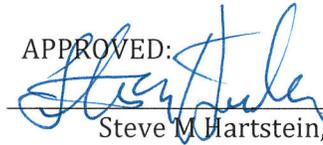
- I would like to say thank you very much to all the Council Members for taking the time to listen to what everyone had to say about the zoning application.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 7:28pm.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S Dvornick Jr., Town Manager