

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Location: First State Community Action Agency, 308 North
Railroad Avenue
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

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 Hartstein to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the February 27, 2019 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL TAX ASSESSMENTS

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to adopt the Annual Tax Assessments. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

6. RESCHEDULE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

A. APRIL 10, 2019

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to cancel the April 10, 2019 Town Council Meeting. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

B. APRIL 19, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to reschedule the April 19, 2019 Town Council meeting for Thursday, April 18, 2019. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. WAIVER REQUEST – FOOD VENDORS ON EAST MARKET STREET

A. REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN AND THE GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A WAIVER OF TOWN CODE § 119-7 A. AREAS RESTRICTED FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF FOOD TRUCK VENDORS ON EAST MARKET STREET AT CHERRY LANE, ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, EXTENDING MAY 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE HOURS OF 11 AM – 2 PM

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to grant the waiver request for Food Vendors on East Market Street. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

2019 Annual Municipal Election

Statements of Candidacy for Ward 1 and Ward 2 are currently available. The deadline for completion and filing is April 18, 2019. The deadline for voter registration is April 13, 2019. Should an election be needed, it will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

FY 2020 Budget Workshop

The Finance Staff and I have been working on the FY 2020 Budget – initial projections were distributed this evening and shows a deficit of \$1,708.811. We would like to schedule a workshop with the Mayor and Council to review the information, identify alternatives, and discuss potential solutions to address the projected deficit. Based on replies to the Doodle Poll, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM was the most convenient time – for anyone who cannot attend, a separate one on one meeting will be scheduled.

Project Updates

A few updates on current projects:

- 39 The Circle
 - TBS Services Inc. (Building Enclosure Consultants) visited the building on Monday, March 11 and a report and recommendations for insulation will be forthcoming.
- RRFB – South Bedford/Pine Street
 - Contact has been made with DelDOT on specifications and we will begin discussions with them in April
- Pedestrian Connectivity – North Georgetown Elementary
 - The town will be meeting with DelDOT on Thursday, April 4 to review the project area, discuss alternatives, and develop a cost estimate.
- Technical Assistance – Bike Trail Easement
 - A proposal from Simone Collins has been received and is under review by the Town Solicitor

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update

- Reminders:
 - March 27, Meeting has been cancelled
 - Delaware League of Local Governments, Thursday, March 28, 5:30 PM, Dover – Presenter is Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility
 - April Sussex County Association of Towns has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 PM, hosted by Millville – this conflicts with our first Town Council Meeting in April – ***Pleasure of the Mayor and Council***
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Legislative Breakfast: Friday, April 12, 9:00 AM, CHEER in Georgetown
 - 2019 Main Street Conference is March 23 – 28 – attendees are the Mayor and Town Manager

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor West spoke to the boy scouts in the audience and explained to them how the Town Council Meetings work.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to enter into Executive Session at 7:19pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

11. RECONVENE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to move forward with the meeting with the Presbyterian Church. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

12. ADJOURNMENT

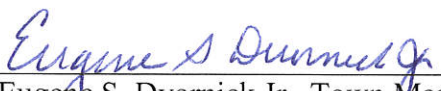
Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 7:46pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager