

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 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 J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:
Bill Bradley, Director of Public Works

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

Councilwoman Lecates suggested moving item #12, Public Comment, to directly after item #5, and re-numbering the following items accordingly.

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

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the February 28, 2018 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. AWARD OF RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

Mayor West presented the Award of Recognition to Mason Alexander and Joel Rivera, Sposato employees, for their act of heroism on February 7, 2018.

Mayor West thanked Mason, Joel, and the four other individuals who were unable to attend the meeting, for everything they did to help on February 7 in the Village of Cinderberry.

Barbara Holston presented Mason and Joel with a card on behalf of herself, Councilman Holston, and the Village of Cinderberry, thanking them for their brave actions. She also provided them with an update on how the individual they helped that day is doing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Richard Ley, 1 Elderberry Street
 - I attended the DelDOT Workshop on February 27 with proposed improvements to US 113 and SR 404.
 - All five plans are unacceptable and will not solve our traffic problems or enhance our city.
 - All five plans should be opposed by the Georgetown City Council.

- Instead the Georgetown City Council should support a limited access, 4 lane by pass of US 113 around the west side of Georgetown or North of the Bedford Street intersection to the proposed truck bypass by First State Chevrolet. Such a bypass would surpass the five DelDOT proposals in several ways:
 1. Purchase of land outside of city limits would be far less expensive
 2. Current businesses would not be forced to relocate or close
 3. Construction would be far less disruptive
 4. The bypass would not require expensive bridges and ramps
 5. The proposed bridges and ramps would become an eye sore to our city
 6. The bypass would be a much longer lasting solution to our traffic problems
 7. The five proposals would still bring increased traffic through our city creating more traffic problems, more congestion on our major streets, especially here on our Circle. Such increased traffic flow does not encourage people to stop. It does not encourage people to patronize our various businesses.
 8. The bypass would reduce US 113, as a barrier. Encourage the growth and the unity of our Community.
 9. The Bypass would also promote Georgetown as a destination city. Especially for the Government, Education, Health, and Recreation.
 10. The bypass would enhance the livability of our Community.
- It is imperative for the Georgetown City Council to act promptly, decisively to reject all five proposals presented by DelDOT. Instead, request proposals for a bypass around Georgetown.

7. G.R.E.A.T FUND REQUEST – GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY

Town Manager Dvornick presented Council with the G.R.E.A.T Fund Request from Georgetown Elementary.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve \$300.00 from the G.R.E.A.T Fund to go toward the Georgetown Elementary School Robotics Team.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. WALKABILITY & CONNECTIVITY STUDY AWARD

Town Manager Dvornick presented Council with the Walkability & Connectivity Study Award.

It is the recommendation of myself and the staff to award the Walkability & Connectivity Study to Simone Collins, in the amount of \$29,996.00 subject to the drafting and execution of a contract for the project.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the recommendation to award Simone Collins the Walkability & Connectivity Study for \$29,996.00 from Realty Transfer Tax Funds. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. TOWN LETTER OF SUPPORT – US 113 – SR 18/SR 404 GRADE SEPARATED INTERSECTION

Town Manager Dvornick presented Council with all the information that was presented at the DelDOT Workshop on February 27.

Mayor and Council discussed their concerns with all of the alternatives, and how it will affect the Town of Georgetown.

Councilwoman Lecates suggested not making a recommendation until more information is provided.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to table the Town Letter of Support for US 113 – SR 18/SR 404 Grade Separated Intersection.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

10. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2018-02 WINDOW COVERINGS

Town Manager Dvornick presented Council with an overview of Ordinance #2018-02 Window Coverings.

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

11. 2ND READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2018-01 OFFICIAL CHANGE TO ZONING MAP

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt Ordinance #2018-01 Official Change to Zoning Map. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

12. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

2018 Annual Municipal Election

Statements of Candidacy for Mayor, Ward 3 and Ward 4 are currently available. The deadline for completion and filing is April 20, 2018. Should an election be needed it will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

FY 2019 Budget Workshop

The Finance staff and I have been working on FY 2019 Budget – initial projections were distributed this evening. 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.

Possible dates: Tuesday, March 20; Tuesday, April 3; Monday, April 9; Tuesday, April 10; or Thursday, April 12. Please take a moment to complete the online Doodle Poll indicating the most convenient time for your schedule.

North Bedford Street & Bridgeville Road

The Town has received an estimate for the improvements at North Bedford Street and Bridgeville Road totaling \$51,664.00 (\$45,860.00 for concrete work on the northern island and curbing and \$5,804.00 for the planting beds). A request for the Community Transportation Fund assistance in the amount of \$10,400 each has been made to the following legislators:

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Cumulative Funding</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Senator Pettyjohn	Committed	\$10,400.00	20%
Senator Lopez	Committed	\$20,800.00	40%
Representative Briggs-King	Committed	\$31,200.00	60%
Representative Dukes	No		
Representative Wilson	No Response		
Representative Kenton	To be contacted		

Once Funding is in place, and executed DelDOT Agreements are received, the project will begin.

Miscellaneous

- Reminders:
 - 2018 Main Street Conference is March 24 – 29 – attendees are Town Manager and Planning Administrator (I will be absent from the March 28 Meeting)
 - Town Offices will be closed on Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday

B. BILL BRADLEY – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bill Bradley was absent from this meeting. Gene Dvornick presented his report.

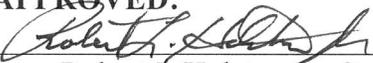
- At this time, the Town is averaging 600,000 gallons of water per day to supply the Town.
- Shea Concrete has installed Handicap ramps on South King Street and when the weather gets clear, we will be paving the street.
- Saint Paul’s Church has hired Shea Concrete to replace the sidewalk on East Pine Street in front of their property.
- The ditch was cleaned and set to grade in Cinderberry Estates. Since then, we have had no flooding at the school or Margaret Street.
- We are still testing and flushing the King Street Water Plant to find out what is causing the color water issues there.
- Coyne Chemical is doing some more testing on the 15th. Jason with DBF and Lenny Gold, a private consultant, will be here. Maybe it will get it taken care of with everyone here at the same time.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 7:38pm.

Motion carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:


Robert L Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:


Eugene S Dvornick Jr., Town Manager