

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Location: First State Community Action Agency, 308 North
Railroad Avenue
Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Bob Holston, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
RL Hughes II, Chief of Police

ABSENT:
Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Chris Lecates, Ward Three
Stephani Ballard, Town Solicitor

7:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the May 8, 2019 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Judge of Family Court of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilwoman Rebecca Johnson-Dennis for the Second Ward.

“Oath of Office is incorporated as part of the minutes.”

6. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

A. VICE-MAYOR

Mayor West nominated Councilwoman Lecates as Vice-Mayor.

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the nomination of Councilwoman Lecates as Vice-Mayor.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

B. SECRETARY

Mayor West nominated Councilman Holston as Secretary.

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the nomination of Councilman Holston as Secretary.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

C. AFFIRMATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Affirmation of the Code of Ethics was signed by the Mayor and Council.

“Affirmation of the Code of Ethics is incorporated as part of the minutes.”

7. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

Mayor West presented Bernice Edwards, First State Community Action Agency, with a Proclamation honoring National Community Action Month.

8. ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF FUNDING

A. GEORGETOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE – STATION 93

Lisa Fensick accepted the annual donation from the Town of Georgetown in the amount of \$5,000.00.

B. GEORGETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 77

Eric Swanson accepted the annual donation from the Town of Georgetown in the amount of \$5,000.00.

9. GREAT FUND REQUEST – GEORGETOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the Great Fund Request from the Georgetown Little League in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

10. DISCUSSION OF CODE PROVISIONS FOR TOWN HOLIDAYS

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to grant permission to continue to itemize the holidays subject to review on an annual basis if deemed necessary. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

11. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2019-03 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of Ordinance 2019-03 Tuition Reimbursement to Mayor and Council. This is the first reading. No action at this time.

12. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2019-02 VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt Ordinance #2019-02 Vacant Building Registration. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

13. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Service Line Replacement Application

The Town is finalizing the funding application to the Department of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water, Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for \$1,255,000 for service line replacements along North and South Bedford Street and East and West Market Street. As part of the application process, formal action authorizing the preparation and submission of an application is required. This is being requested at this time.

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to move forward with an application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$1,255,000. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Keep DE Litter Free

Earlier today a conference call was held with the Office of the Governor regarding participation Delaware Anti-Litter Alliance. A formal Press Conference is being held on Thursday in Wilmington announcing the alliance. Our participation in the alliance requires us to encourage residents to not litter, pursue litter prevention policies, and organizing at least one litter clean-up each year. At a future Town Council Meeting, a formal Resolution will be acted upon.

Project Updates

A few updates on current projects:

- 39 The Circle
 - Drywall finishing is completed and painting is in process. Electrical items will be next – completion is anticipated end of June 2019
- West Market Street Pedestrian Signal
 - Work is nearing completion – the mast arm has been installed and the signal is functioning

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Reminders
 - Memorial day Service: Sunday, May 26, 2:30 PM. The Circle
 - Town Offices Closed: Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 PM, hosted by Ocean View
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, June 7, 9:00 AM, Arenas; at the Airport

B. CHIEF OF POLICE – RL HUGHES II

Chief RL Hughes presented a PowerPoint Presentation to Mayor and Council.

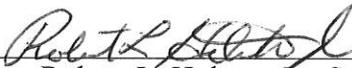
14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor West, Hunter Emory brought to my attention that the U-turn on SB113 from NB113 at 404/18 there is no light there to make a safe U-turn.

15. ADJOURNMENT

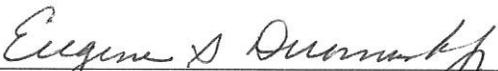
Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 7:45pm.

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager