

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
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:

Steve Hartstein, Ward One

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 MAY 9, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Tabled to the June 13 Town Council Minutes.

5. OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Mayor West for office of Mayor.

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

The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilwoman Lecates for the Third Ward.

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The Honorable Judge of Family Court, of the State of Delaware, Peter B Jones officiated the Swearing in of Councilman Holston of the Fourth Ward.

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6. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

A. VICE MAYOR

Mayor West nominated Councilwoman Lecates as Vice-Mayor.

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Recused: Lecates

B. SECRETARY

Mayor West nominated Councilman Holston as Secretary.

Motion by Mayor West, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to approve the nomination of Councilman Holston as Secretary.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Recused: Holston

C. AFFIRMATION OF 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. ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF FUNDING

A. GEORGETOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE – STATION 93

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

B. GEORGETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 77

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

BidUenergy

The Town has received pricing from eight (8) energy suppliers for terms ranging from 12 to 36 months (summary attached). We are currently paying \$0.07355 per kWh with Constellation. The best price and term was from WGL Energy Services at \$0.05864 per kWh for 36 months, starting September 2018. Estimated savings over the term is \$54,509.59.

*Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the WGL Energy Services at the electric supplier from September 2018 through August 2021 at \$0.05864 kWh. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

New Bank Account

The Finance Department wishes to open a new bank account for the Georgetown Recreation, Education, and Arts Trust Fund. Currently this fund is in the General Fund Account and has a balance of \$239,180.00

*Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to authorize the new bank account for the GREAT Fund. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

39 The Circle

Tonight is the last official meeting taking place here in Town Hall – renovations will begin on June 1, 2018 and are anticipated to last four to five months. Our Town Council, Planning Commission, and Board of Adjustment meetings will be held at First State Community Action Agency on North Railroad Avenue.

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Reminders:
 - **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Thursday, May 24, at 5:30, in Dover
 - **Memorial Day Service:** Sunday, May 27, 1:30 PM, The Circle
 - **Town Offices Closed:** Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 PM, Hosted by Town of Milton
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee:** Friday, June 8, 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport

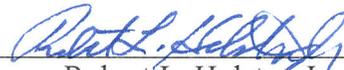
9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 7:23pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager