

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018
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
RL Hughes II, Chief of Police

ABSENT:

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

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the September 12, 2018 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Possible Roadway Abandonments

The Town has received two requests for consideration of roadway abandonment – Love Alley from Strawberry Alley to West Pine Street and Franklin Street from James Street to Wilson Street. Public Works will be determining if there are any utilities or other considerations before moving forward on the requests.

WWTF Outfall Repair

The town has received a quote for regarding of the subgrade under the liner at the outfall pipe at the wastewater treatment plant. The current outfall is eroding the area behind the lagoon liner and needs to be addressed. We previously authorized \$14,800 for extension of the discharge pipe and repair of the liner. This work is underneath the liner. We received an estimate from Aztech Contracting, Inc. for \$14,977.60.

*Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to authorize Aztech Contracting to regrade the subgrade under the storage lagoon liner at an amount not to exceed \$15,000. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

Property Liens

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018 the Town executed Property Tax Liens on 27 properties covering delinquent property taxes, utility billings, miscellaneous billings, and penalties. These were recorded today and are the first step towards a tax sale.

Walkability & Connectivity Study

On Tuesday, September 20, 2018 the final workshop for the Walkability and Connectivity Study was held. As part of the presentation, an Implementation Matrix and Estimated Cost for implementation were presented (details of both attached). The total Estimated Cost was \$3,464,290 with sidewalk improvements being \$1,152,531 (Sidewalk: \$680,531.00; ADA Curb Cuts: \$472,000.00). The Town is reviewing the recommendations and will bring some small projects for approval in the near future. A larger discussion on sidewalks and funding for them will be a near future discussion item.

Project Updates

- 39 The Circle – removal of the asbestos on the roof is scheduled for the week of October 8. Change Order #2 has been executed adding \$72,103.00 to the project and increasing the contact number of days by 59.
- Electronic Message Board – two (2) bollards have been installed for protection from vehicles.
- Planting Islands – Alternative plant selections, requiring less maintenance and upkeep, have been submitted to DelDOT for approval.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Events:
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Wednesday, October 10, 6:00 PM, Hosted by City of Seaford (Candidates Night)
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee:** Friday, October 12, 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport

B. RL HUGHES II – CHIEF OF POLICE

- GPD Core Values
 - Honor, Courage, Transparency, Community
- 21st Century Policing
- Organizational Chart of Officers
- Chief Hughes attended the IACP Conference (Oct. 4-7, 2018)
- Continuation of Programs
 - DV Investigator
 - Cadet Program
 - School Resource Officer (Grant Increase)
 - Victim Services (Grant Extension)
 - Camera expansion (funding secured for two additional cameras)

- Crime Report Updates

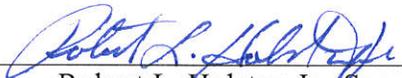
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ethel Rockemann, 508 North Bedford Street, read a letter to the Town Council.
 - Mayor West responded:
At this time, we want to thank you and bringing this to our attention. It has been addressed with the town manager.
- Town Manager Dvornick, members of Council, we have received three pieces of correspondence. First one was a thank you from the Baxter Family in recognition of Jim Baxter's passing. Second, thank you from Everlasting Hope Ministries for use of our light tower during their event on South Railroad Avenue, and the last one was a thank you from La Esperanza thanking the Town for their support for the Hispanic Festival.
- Mayor West, Correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Wilson thanking Sgt. Diaz with his assistance while off-duty.
- Chief Hughes, the Hispanic Festival turned out to be a great event. No issues from a criminal stand point.
- Charlie Koskey, 21407 Park Avenue
 - Spoke to support Ethel Rockemann
 - Abandonment of Alleyways
 - Think about carefully before abandoning

7. ADJOURNMENT

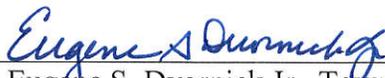
Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 7:35pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager