

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020
Location: This meeting will be conducted electronically, pursuant to Governor Carney's State of Emergency declaration, effective March 13, 2020, as amended. Town Hall is closed to the public.
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Zoom Meeting ID: 944 221 44877
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Time: 2:00 PM Regular Meeting

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

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:
Chris Lecates, Ward Three

2:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the July 8, 2020 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. TELECOMMUTING POLICY

Town Manager presented to Council a memorandum with information in regards to establishing a Telecommuting Policy.

No action at this time.

6. SPECIAL ELECTION (REFERENDUM) RESULTS

Town Manager presented Council with the results from the Special Election (Referendum) on Monday, July 20.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Downtown Beautification

The final set of planters for East Market Street were received and installed. Special thanks once again to the Georgetown Arts and Flowers for the beautiful planting and Public Works Department for placement and weekly watering.

Voter Turnout – Special Election (Referendum)

As previously reported, for the Special Election (Referendum) held on Monday, July 20, we had a total of 84 votes cast. The referendum was passed 82-2.

A look back at previous referenda, the votes cast have been as follows:

Date	Description	Amount	Votes Cast
February 10, 2010	South Bedford Street Pump Station Upgrade	\$490,000	27
December 14, 2010	Inflow & Infiltration	\$1,705,000	77
December 14, 2010	Water Supply & Treatment	\$1,595,590	77
December 14, 2010	Water Service Lines	\$2,199,410	76
October 12, 2015	37 & 39 The Circle	&1,925,000	183

For each Special Election we have done extensive notification, outreach, and advertisement. If there are other suggestions you have may have regarding ways to increase participation, we are open and willing to try them.

Utility Rate Study

The Town received a proposal from NewGen Strategies & Solutions (as Municipal & Financial Service Group) to perform a study of water and sewer utility rates (last conducted in 2007). The not-to-exceed fee proposal is for \$31,905 (copy attached). The work to be performed, will allow for implementation of any water and sewer rates and fees beginning in Fiscal Year 2022

*Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to authorize up to \$31,905 for the Water & Sewer Utility Rate Study – subject to review of any contract by the Town Solicitor. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

Miscellaneous

- Reminders:
 - **Municipal Election:** Saturday, August 15, Polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 - **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Cancelled until further notice
 - **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Cancelled until further notice

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 2:15pm.

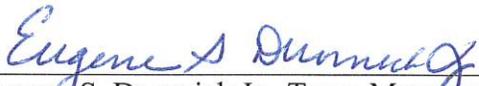
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager