

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 24, 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: 995 707 61072
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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
Jason Loar, Town Engineer

ABSENT:

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

4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the June 10, 2020 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. GEORGETOWN WATER INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the Georgetown Water Interconnection Agreement as presented.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

6. WASTEWATER CAPACITY SURRENDER APPROVAL

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the wastewater capacity surrender and ask the County to utilize that capacity and extend up to 200% of that capacity in the reverse, sending effluent to the County.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Call with Representative Blunt-Rochester

Earlier this week Representative Blunt-Rochester held a call with local governments to discuss three areas:

- HEROES Act funding directed to state and local governments. Anticipate some ability to offset lost revenue
- Justice and Police Act of 2020 ad potential impact on Delaware local police departments
- Possible Infrastructure Bill to keep the economy moving

Portable Generator

On Monday, June 22 the Town took delivery of our portable generator designed to power the Administrative Offices in the event of an emergency – this can also be used by the water and wastewater departments.

State Funding

SB 242 – Bond Bill

- Community Transportation Funds - \$24,230,000 (\$27,330,000); \$630,000 drainage
- Municipal Street Aid – 6,000,000
- Downtown Development Districts - \$4,000,000 (\$8,500,000)
- Georgetown East Gateway - \$709,624 (\$426,525 – State; \$283,099 – Federal)
- US 113/DE 18/404 GSI - \$12,360,000 (\$3,760,000 –State; \$8,600,000 – Federal)
- Park Avenue - \$14,053,117 (\$10,238,689 – State; \$3,814,428 – Federal)
- Family Court Facilities (Kent/Sussex) – Zero (FY 2020 - \$6,850,000)
- Street Rehabilitation
 - North & South Bedford Street
 - East & West Market Street
 - Bridgeville Road

SB 241 – Grants-In-Aid

- County Seat Package (Total) \$3,880,543 (same as FY 2020)
- Direct to Town of Georgetown - \$14,000 remainder done by formulary

Project Updates:

- James Street – Proshot Concrete is relining the drain pipe near Harrison House, once completed they will be moving to the pipe along James Street
- Lee Avenue – Discussions are ongoing with Dunbarton Oaks regarding the dedication of Lee Avenue and vacating of paper streets. The most recent request was to reduce the Right of Way to 35’ for the section closest to West North Street – after review with staff this appears reasonable

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update

- Reminders:
 - Town Offices Closed: Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Cancelled until further notice
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Cancelled until further notice

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Town Manager Dvornick read a piece of correspondence into the record.

9. ADJOURNMENT

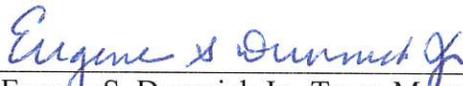
Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 2:20pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager