

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 6:30 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three
Bob Holston

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager

ABSENT:

Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

6:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING

Authorization to Borrow \$1.255 Million for Capital Costs Associated with the Market and Bedford Streets Water Main and Service Line Project (Interim interest payments pending loan forgiveness)

Town Manger Dvornick presented an overview of the public hearing to Mayor and Council.

The record will stay open until the next regular Town Council meeting.

Public Hearing Ended 6:37pm.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Councilwoman Lecates led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Remove item #5 Water Interconnection Agreement – Town of Georgetown and Sussex County.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the February 26, 2020 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. MULTIPLYING GOOD – LEAD360 AWARD CEREMONY

Nikki Mowbray, with Multiplying Good Presented Council with an overview of the Lead360 Program in addition to recognizing the top projects.

6. COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY (VILLAGE OF CINDERBERRY & THE OAKS AT GEORGETOWN) DISCUSSION

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the Community Connectivity between the Village of Cinderberry and the Oaks at Georgetown.

No action required.

7. WATER INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT – TOWN OF GEORGETOWN AND SUSSEX COUNTY

Item deleted.

8. GREAT FUND REQUEST - \$6,000 FOR PLANTS & BULBS

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the GREAT Fund Request from the Arts and Flowers Group to help offset the cost of plants, bulbs, and the new planters.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the GREAT Fund Request in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

9. PROPOSALS FOR STORM WATER CONVEYANCE PIPE REHABILITATION (JAMES STREET & WEST NORTH STREET)

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the proposals for storm water conveyance pipe rehabilitation (James Street & West North Street). **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

10. REVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION FOR CERTIFICATION

A. CASE #2018-24 ISAAC'S FARM

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the action for certification for Case #2018-24 Isaac's Farm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #2020-02 ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION (REFERENDUM)

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt Resolution #2020-02 Ordering a Special Election (referendum).

Motion Carried (unanimous)

12. BOARD OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS APPOINTMENT

Gene Dvornick presented the Board of Special Elections to consist of Laura Givens, Kristen Dabrowski, and Elaine Reynolds.

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to appoint Laura Givens, Kristen Dabrowski, and Elaine Reynolds to the Board of Special Elections.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

13. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A. ORDINANCE #2020-01 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT UR1 WITH A RPC OVERLAY TO MR2 AT WEST SIDE OF INTERSECTION OF VAUGHN ROAD AND ENNIS ROAD, IDENTIFIED AS SUSSEX COUNTY TAX MAP ID 135-14.00-44.01; 47.01; 50.00

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt Ordinance #2020-01 Zoning Map Amendment. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

14. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Washington DC Trip – Delaware League

The DLLG Capitol Hill visit (Washington, DC) was held earlier today. We did hear from Senator's Carper and Coons, as well as Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester. Current focus in Washington is the Coronavirus (stimulus action and funding). Other major bills are progressing including energy, water, and transportation. All three expressed their thanks for the efforts of local elected officials and municipal employees.

2020 Annual Municipal Election

Statements of Candidacy for Mayor, Ward 3, and Ward 4 will be available on Monday, March 2, 2020. The deadline for completion and filing is April 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Should an election be needed it will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

Coronavirus (COVID-19 Policy)

Town staff has worked with the Town Solicitor to develop a Policy for handling the Coronavirus (COVID-19) should it impact our employees. The proposed policy is in your packets and we are seeking adoption at tonight's meeting.

*Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

Abandonment Request – Village of Cinderberry

The Town has received a formal request from the Village of Cinderberry HOA/POA for the abandonment of roadway connectivity to three (3) adjoining properties: Stevenson Property, Easter Seals Property, and the Oaks at Georgetown. This request is consistent with the information presented under Agenda Item 6. It is anticipated we will be scheduling a public hearing regarding the abandonment in March 2020. A copy of the formal request is included in your packets.

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to move forward with scheduling a Public Hearing regarding the abandonment in March 2020.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Sidewalk Request – Dupont Boulevard

In response to the request for the Town to investigate sidewalks along Dupont Boulevard from Old Laurel Road to West market Street, the Town is working with DelDOT Safety, as this is located within their Right of Way.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

- William I Taylor Sr., Resident of Georgetown
 - Concerned about the trash throughout the Town
- Resident of Cinderberry
 - How much correspondence have you received regarding the Community Connectivity?
 - Town Manager Dvornick – I have received zero.
- Representative for the Light Project in Town
 - Provided an overview of their project

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adjourn at 7:19pm.

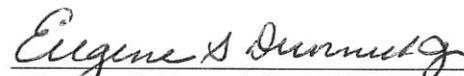
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager