

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024
Location: 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:
Website: <https://www.georgetowndel.com/live-stream.htm>

Zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 851 6883 4141

Time: 6:30 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Anthony Neal, Ward Two
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
Eric Rust, Wastewater Superintendent
Diana Ramirez, Administration

6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

**A. CASE #2022-15 SUSSEX SPORTS COMPLEX SOLAR – CONDITIONAL USE
APPLICATIN RENEWAL**

An application by Chesapeake – SU165, LLC for renewal of the Conditional Use approval granted December 12, 2022, to allow a ground mounted solar energy facility at 108 Murray Lane, identified as SC Tax Parcel 135-15.00-15.00 & 15.05, zoned Urban Residential District with the Residential Planned Community overlay (UR1/RPC)

Town Manager went over the information and conditions provided to Council.

No questions/comments

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

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3

- Commented on the methadone clinic on West Market Street
- Speeding on Chestnut Street
- Activity in the middle of the night at the parking lot on Murrays Lane

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4

- No Comment

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- How many methadone clinics are located in Town?
- Thank you to the Police Department for addressing my concerns with the vehicle accidents happening on the Circle
- Request to speak clearly so people online can hear us
- Annual cleaning in Town is approaching

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Grateful to be here tonight
- Commented on neighborhood safety

Mayor West

- Thank you Tony for getting people in your neighborhood to help clean up the railroad tracks

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APRIL 8, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the April 8, 2024 Town Council Minutes as presented.

Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

B. APRIL 19, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to approve the April 19, 2024 Town Council Minutes as presented.

Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

7. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Letters of interest received from Michael Briggs, Larry Rohlfing, and Eric Evans.

Eric Evans is no longer eligible for Planning Commission as he is now the Councilperson elect for the Third Ward.

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to appoint Michael Briggs and Larry Rohlfing to the Planning Commission.

Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2023-12 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 230 ZONING, ARTICLE XII UB1 URBAN BUSINESS DISTRICT, §230-76 PERMITTED USES – MULTIFAMILY DWELLING

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt Ordinance #2023-12 as presented.

Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

B. ORDINANCE #2024-01 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 194 SUBDIVISION OF LAND, ARTICLE VII PLAN REQUIREMENTS, §194-32.1 CONTENTS OF FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 230 ZONING, ARTICLE XXVI ADMINISTRATION, §230-209 CATEGORY 1 SITE PLAN PROCESSING

**PROCEDURES. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 230 ZONING, ARTICLE XXVI
ADMINISTRATION, §230-213 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN REVIEW
PROCEDURES**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adopt Ordinance #2024-01 as presented.

Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	Yea
Councilwoman Townsend, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	Yea

Motion Carried (unanimous)

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - Weather barrier installation
 - Exterior metal stud work (Pine Street)
 - Exterior Masonry work (Market Street)
 - Electrical rough in started
 - Mechanical ductwork & piping started
 - Requested and granted permission to work on Saturday's during May (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure
 - Meter installation started April 15
 - Vendor: Core & Main and VEPO
 - 207 meters (April 15 – 18)
- Lead & Copper Rule Compliance
 - Inventory of water lines – Town & Customer
 - Vendor: 120Water
- Cross Connection Control Plan
 - Vendor: Hydrocorp
- Roadway Striping
 - Includes white lines, yellow lines, and stop bards
 - Work starting on Monday, April 29
 - Edward Street followed by Mulberry Street and Cinder Way
- Tree City USA
 - Recognized as a 2023 Tree City USA
 - 10th Year

ARPA Encumbrances

Project	Obligated	Vendor	Description	TC Approved
Biolac	\$171,875.00	Parkson Corporation	Biolac Repairs/Nozzles/Biofuser Replacement, Barge Purchase	September 8, 2021
SCI Elevated Storage	\$88,500.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
PS Rehabilitation	\$51,000.00	Beacon Engineering	Preliminary Engineering	September 22, 2021
Pooled Lawyer	\$16,332.50	Barnes & Thornberg	Lawyer	October 13, 2021
Flygt Pump (Wastewater)	\$15,427.00	Xylem	Submersible Pump (Cedar Lane)	October 27, 2021
Springboard Collaborative	\$500,000.00	Sub-recipient	Pallet Shelters	May 9, 2022
AMI Proposal	\$31,000.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Engineering Services	July 25, 2022
Main Station Upgrade	\$57,500.00	Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc	Engineering Services	October 24, 2022
AMI Equipment Purchase	\$500,000.00	Core & Main	Initial Equipment Purchase	June 12, 2023
Total Encumbered	\$1,431,634.50			

General Items

- 2024 Annual Municipal Election
 - Saturday, May 11, 2024, polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Upcoming Events
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, April 25, 5:30 PM, Dover
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 PM, hosted by Bridgeville
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, May 3, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
 - DE Local Government Day – 2024: Thursday, May 9, Legislative Hall, Dover
- Legislative Update
 - Bill Tracking
- No questions/comments

B. WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT – ERIC RUST

Flows

Influent Flows for January through March 2024: 114.25mg
Gallons sprayed Town's Field: 31.8 mg
Gallons sprayed Baxter's Fields: 0.680 mg
Gallons sprayed Pettyjohn's Woods: 62.1 mg
Rainfall: 28.59"
Lagoon Depths: 75mg, 15.25' 15mg, 5.75'

- The Reverse connection to the County is now operational. We are sending about 100,000 GPD to them. The plan is to mainly use it in the winter months when the lagoon depths are high and/or we are getting lots of rainfall.
- The flow meter for pumps C and D went up. That is the meter that records the flow going to Baxter Farms. The new meter has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery May 1st. The old meter was about 22 years old.
- The VFD (variable frequency drive) which controls the speed of the 2nd air blower went up in January. After having Lywood electric check it out, it was determined that it needed to be replaced. The new unit has arrived and is scheduled to be installed next week.
- No questions/comments

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mindy Davis, President of Georgetown Little League

- Stated several concerns she has with dangerous activity happening at the Little League

Sunny Gyani, 22512 Springfield Lane

- Commented on an issue with the Sussex Housing program

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

- Commented on the safety of Georgetown

Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive

- Commented on the Rights of the Homeless decision made at the Supreme Court

Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street

- Commented on the Georgetown Historical Society issue that happened almost 2 years ago

Tammy Hardy-Kessler, 300 James Street

- Provided information she learned from interviewing the individuals apart of the homeless community.

Lance Mears, 2 Boisenberry Lane

- Commented on the problems happening at the Georgetown Little League
- Responded to the comments Jon Peterson made

Clayton Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road

- Responded to the comments Jon Peterson made

Dennis Winzenreid, 23365 Park Avenue

- Responded to several comments made during public comment.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to enter into executive session at 7:20pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

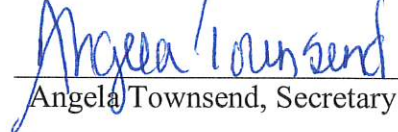
12. POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

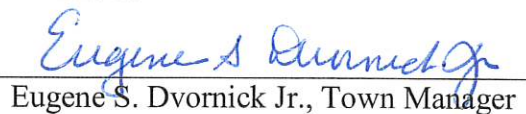
Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adjourn at 7:48pm.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

APPROVED:



Angela Townsend, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager

These minutes are a summary of the meeting. Complete audio and visual recordings are available upon request