TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:

Monday, February 10, 2025

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: 842 8997 8655

Time:

7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One ZOOM Tony Neal, Ward Two Eric Evans, Ward Three Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor Diana Ramirez, Administration Ralph Holm, Chief of Police

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Grady Dickerson lead the Pledge of Allegiance

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the January 27, 2025 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

<u>Councilman Evans, Ward 3</u> Good to see everyone tonight

Councilman Barrett, Ward 4
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<u>Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1</u> Stay safe during the snowstorm

Councilman Neal, Ward 1

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Good to see everyone tonight

Mayor West

Thank you to all the Towns for their assistance at the Food Drive

6. PROMOTION PINNING CEREMONY – OFFICER ROMERO

Chief Holm recognized Uriel Romero on his promotion to Patrolman First Class

7. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PD/PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN AND THE ONIX GROUP

- Questions/Comments posed by Council
 - o Will this go out to bid for contractors?
 - TM Dvornick: Yes

Motion by Councilman Neal, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the development agreement as presented.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #2025-02 SUPPORTING A PROOF-OF-CONCEPT INITIATIVE FOR FACILITATION OF ZONING TO IMPLEMENT AN AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING COTTAGE COMMUNITY

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt Resolution 2025-02 as presented.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (unanimous)

B. RESOLUTION #2025-03 PROPOSAL FROM DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE SURFACE WATER MATCHING PLANNING GRANT THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt Resolution 2025-03 as presented.

Vote:

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1: Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2: Yea
Councilman Evans, 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
 - General Trades
 - 3rd Floor drywall walls, ceilings, soffits 95%, ceiling grids 60%
 - 2nd Floor drywall 85%, ceiling grid (phase 1) 50%
 - 1st Floor MEP 80%, drywall 70%
 - Masonry
 - Front canopy precast, clock tower, south elevation continues
 - o Garage
 - Last sequence of precast started last week
 - Erection completion anticipated by February 17
- Police Department & Public Works Facility
 - Bond settlement scheduled for February 13
 - Sale summary sheet provided
- Public Works Salt Barn
 - o Bid Opening February 5
 - o Three bids received
 - o Award February 24 Town Council Meeting
- Federally Funded Projects On Hold
 - State & County Energy Programs (SCEP), DOE \$75,300
 - o Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Program, FHWA \$100,000
- FY 2026 Budget
 - o Presentation to Council February 24
 - Scheduling of Budget Workshop

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - o Planning Commission: Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
 - o Hill Day: Wednesday, March 12 all day (Washington, DC)
- Legislative Update
 - Joint Finance Hearings
 - Bill Tracking
- No questions/Comments

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10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adjourn at 7:19pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:

Tony Neal, 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*