

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Monday, January 13, 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: 851 5839 6855

Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One
Tony Neal, Ward Two
Eric Evans, Ward Three

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
Diana Ramirez, Administration

ABSENT:

Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the December 9, 2024 Town Council minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1

- Happy New Year
- Thank you to our Police for keeping us safe

Councilman Neal, Ward 2

- Thank you everyone for being here tonight
- Thank you to our Police for keeping us safe

Councilman Evans, Ward 3

- Thank you to all our first responders

Mayor West

- Thank you everyone for being here tonight

6. PROMOTION PINNING CEREMONY – OFFICER BOWEN AND OFFICER HARMON

Chief Holm recognized Officer James Bowen and Officer Michael Harmon with a promotion to Patrolman First Class.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor West suggested we readvertise the Planning Commission Vacancy and table the appointment at the next Town Council meeting due to administrative procedure errors.

- Comments posed by the Council regarding a deadline for submission

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Evans to readvertise for the Planning Commission Vacancy and table the appointment to the next Town Council Meeting.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

- Public Comment
 - Angela Townsend, 20293 Ennis Street
 - Discussed her concern with the second letter of interest being accepted after the deadline. Also stated she thinks the vacancy should be filled by Chris Lecates.

8. AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE OF 2.66 ACRE PORTION OF SUSSEX COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 135-14.00-205.00 BY THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, PURSUANT TO APPROVED REFERENDUM

Town Manager confirmed that purchase price was the amount of the Town's appraisal of the land and consideration will be by waiver of impact fees.

Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to approve the agreement of purchase and sale as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. RESOLUTION #2025-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$18,000,000 AGGREGATE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL BONDS, SERIES OF 2025 ON A TAX-EXEMPT BASIS IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Motion by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve Resolution 2025-01 as presented.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (4 yea's, 1 absent)

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

Project Updates

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
 - General Trades
 - 3rd Floor – drywall walls, ceilings, soffits 90% ceiling grids 50%
 - 2nd Floor – drywall 85%, ceiling grid starts January 13
 - 1st Floor – MEP 80%, drywall 65%
 - Masonry
 - Front canopy precast in process
 - Clock tower starting near end of January
 - Site Work
 - Paused pending temperatures above freezing
 - Garage
 - Placement of precast continues
- Public Works Salt Barn
 - Pre-Bid Meeting – January 8 (Not Mandatory)
 - Bid Opening – January 29
 - 2:00 PM at Town Hall
- Advanced Metering
 - Still have 12 meters pending
- 2025 Residential Rental Inspections
 - RFP sent out on December 12, 2024
 - Three responses received
 - Under Staff review

General Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Planning Commission: Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
 - Town Offices Closed: Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - Delaware League of Local Governments, Thursday, January 23, 5:30 PM, Cheswold
- Legislative Update
 - 153rd General Assembly starts on January 14, 2025
 - Swearing In of Governor and Lt. Governor on January 21, 2025
 - Bill Tracking (Updated January 13, 2025)
- No questions/comments

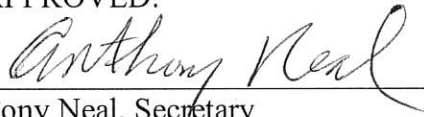
11. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

12. ADJOURNMENT

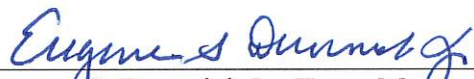
Motion by Councilman Evans, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to adjourn at 8:26pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

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