

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, March 10, 2025  
**Location:** 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:  
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Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3691 3752

**Time:** 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

**TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Bill West, Mayor ZOOM  
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One  
Tony Neal, Ward Two  
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene Dvornick, Town Manager  
Diana Ramirez, Administration  
Ralph Holm, Chief of Police

**ABSENT:**

Eric Evans, Ward Three  
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

**7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

Councilman Neal 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 FEBRUARY 24, 2025 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to approve the February 24, 2025 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

Councilman Barrett, Ward Four

- Good to see everyone here tonight

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward One

- Good to see everyone here tonight

Councilman Neal, Ward Two

- Good to see everyone here tonight

Mayor West

- Commented on some of the topics being discussed at the conference

**6. INITIAL PRESENTATION OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the FY 2026 Budget.

Questions/Comments

- Mayor West: Commented on the negative comments received about the proposed tax increase

**7. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE**

**A. ORDINANCE #2025-01 RENTAL DWELLING UNIT INSPECTION FEES**

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the Ordinance.

This is the first reading. No action at this time.

- No questions/comments

**8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK**

**Project Updates**

- Sussex County Family Court Facility
  - General Trades
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – drywall wall complete, flooring in process
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – drywall continues
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – drywall, phase 1 complete; phase 2 ongoing
  - Masonry
    - Working in parking garage
    - Clocktower work resumes March 17
  - Garage
    - Punch list in process
  - Site Work
    - Market Street wall foundation completed
    - Wall starts March 17
    - Parking garage rough grading in process
- FY 2026 Budget Workshop
  - Poll being sent out for date selection
- Public Works Salt Barn
  - Staff cleaning up the yard
- Pump Station Rehabilitation
  - Meeting with various subcontractors
- Advanced Metering
  - Finalizing large meter replacements

### **2025 Annual Municipal Election**

- Notice of Solicitation of Candidates for Wards 1 and 2
- Candidate Filing Deadline is Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Municipal Election – Saturday, May 10, 2025
  - Polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

### **General Items**

- Upcoming Events
  - Hill Day: Wednesday, March 12 – all day (Washington, DC)
  - Planning Commission: Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 PM, Town Hall
- Legislative Update
  - Joint Finance Hearings
  - Bill Tracking
- Questions/Comments posed from Council

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maria Evans, Executive Director of Crisis House

- Informed the Council of a 6-month long issue they were experiencing is finally coming to an end.
- Thanked everyone who helped get this problem resolved.

Dennis Winzenreid, 23365 Park Avenue

- Addressed a concern brought up about missing trash containers

Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street

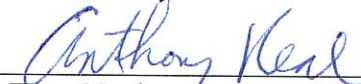
- Commented on the lack of presence from the public at the Council meetings
- Praised the crews who did the snow removal in Town

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

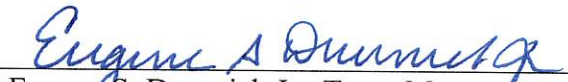
Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Neal to adjourn at 7:29pm.

**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\**