

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Edwin A Lambden, Mayor
Charlie Koskey, Ward One
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two
Bob Ricker, Ward Three
Brian Pettyjohn, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lambden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Lambden led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item#5B DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - BILL TOPPING – CHIEF OF POLICE was removed.

Motion by Councilman Pettyjohn, seconded by Councilman Ricker, to adopt the agenda as amended. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2009 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Pettyjohn, to approve the August 26, 2009 Council Minutes, as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Correspondence received

Servpro, Ray Hopkins, thanking Bill Bradley and his staff for the conscientious manner in maintaining the circle.

Georgetown Fire Department, thanking the Town for a donation in memory of Edwin O Pepper Sr.

Press Release from the Georgetown Police Department in their handling of a recent drug raid on Cedar Street.

Historic Georgetown Association, letter of condolence for PTLM Chad Spicer.

Georgetown Downs

The Town has received correspondence from Glenn Mandalas, regarding a letter sent to the Harness Racing Commission for a proposed use of the existing horse track just outside of town on the Lewes – Georgetown Highway. A copy of the correspondence has been distributed for informational purposes.

Public Works – Equipment Purchase

With the large number of water leaks this year, we reviewed the itemized invoices for outside services and determined the largest portion of the cost is related to equipment versus labor. The equipment includes a concrete saw, air compressor and jack hammer. Accordingly, we have solicited and reviewed three (3) bids for the equipment as outlined below:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>RSC</u> | <u>United</u> | <u>Chesapeake</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Concrete Saw | \$3,316.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 17,985.00 |
| Air Compressor | \$6,012.60 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 11,995.00 |
| Jack Hammer | \$ 229.62 | \$ 475.00 | \$ 875.00 |
| | <u>\$9,558.22</u> | <u>\$11,975.00</u> | <u>\$ 30,855.00</u> |

Motion by Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Pettyjohn, to approve the purchase of a concrete saw, air compressor and jack hammer, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the funds coming from the Realty Transfer Tax account, from RSC Equipment Rental. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

Miscellaneous

- Water leak – number 32 (in the area of the Department of Elections – South Race Street/Depot Street) – has been repaired.
- Sports at the Beach have made sixteen payments of \$2,000 towards the Sewer Impact Fees due the Town – this is in keeping with our agreement. Current balance due is \$9,580.00 – to date 77% of the total due has been paid (original amount due: \$41,580.00).
- The Circle will be closed to pedestrians from approximately 12:00 (Noon) on Thursday, September 10, 2009 to 2:00 PM on Friday, September 11, 2009 for inspection of the irrigation system.
- During the Month of October, the Town will be participating in “Turning Sussex County Pink” for breast cancer awareness.
- Flex World Fitness is planning a benefit run for Officer Spicer and his family on October 3, 2009. 100% of the proceeds will go to his family support fund.

6. 1st READING OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE 2009-14 GRASS CLIPPINGS

A significant portion of the run-off and debris in the streets results in increased pollution into the Town’s storm drains and catch basins. No action necessary at this time. 2nd reading and adoption if agreeable will be Sept 23rd Council meeting. Councilman Barlow recommended advertising extensively of the requirements previous to the next grass season.

Councilman Ricker feels the ordinance is an enforceable nightmare. With fall approaching leaves would be a problem.

With the following recommendations the ordinance would be revised to address grass clippings only.

B. ORDINANCE 2009-15 EXTERIOR STRUCTURES

To address outside appearances, peeling paint, shingles falling off, and etc. No action necessary at this time. 2nd reading and adoption if agreeable will be Sept 23rd Council meeting.

Councilman Pettyjohn recommended the effective date be one year from the date of adoption, giving residents 12 months to remedy the situation.

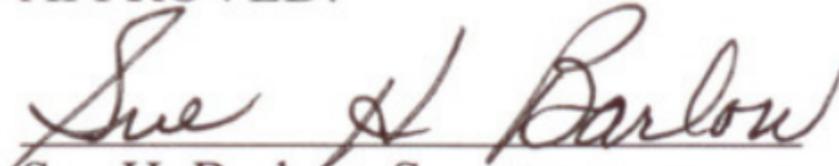
7. PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident of Park Avenue received correspondence from DNREC confirming a dead cardinal found on their property tested positive for West Nile Virus. Town Manager will contact DNREC as to what action needs to be taken.

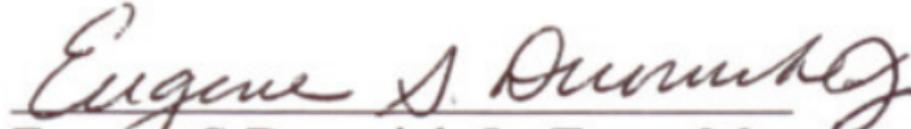
8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Ricker, seconded by Councilman Pettyjohn, to adjourn at 7:19p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:


Sue H. Barlow, Secretary

ATTEST:


Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager