

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Mike Wyatt, Mayor
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two
Bill West, Ward Three
Linda Dennis, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager
Angela Townsend, Town Clerk
Stephani J Ballard, Town Solicitor

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wyatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Wyatt led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to adopt the agenda as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Dennis, to approve the minutes as presented. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

5. CHARTER REVISIONS FOR RESUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Charter Review Committee met on Monday, October 15, 2012 to address the concerns raised by the Office of the Governor and the ensuing veto.

Below is a summary of the revisions made:

- Addresses the Amendment made to the original bill in the House (Communications to Cable)
- Correction of grammar
- Addresses the cause for veto by the Office of the Governor
- Removes incorrect filing time for Candidate Filing Date
- Removes Sussex County Office requirement for Town Solicitor

Motion by Councilperson Barlow, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve the proposed revisions to the Charter for resubmission to the General Assembly in January. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

The Mayor asked that the Charter Review Committee be released from their responsibility of serving.

6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**
A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

Tree Removal

Complete Tree Care has scheduled this Saturday, October 27, to begin removal of the trees. Work will be coordinated with our Public Works Director, Bill Bradley

Public Works – Part-time Employee

On October 18, six (6) applicants were interviewed for the Maintenance I part-time position. On Friday, October 19 an offer was extended to Kyle Rager – his first day was Monday, October 22. Training on the Street Sweeper has been completed and the sweeper has been out on the streets.

Skunk Patrol - Control

Advanced Pest Management (APM) placed sixteen traps during the second week of October. In total, 4 skunks, 2 possum and 1 raccoon were trapped. If it meets the pleasure of the Council, the Public Works Director and I recommend one additional week of trapping. This would bring the total cost to \$1,504.00.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to extend the work for one additional week. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

Business License Signs

Funding by Representative Briggs-King for the “Georgetown Corporate Limit” and “Business License Required” signage has been approved and funded in the amount of \$2,116.00 – the signs have been ordered.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Events:
 - Groundbreaking for the Service Line Replacement Project will be on Thursday, October 25, 4:30 PM, North Bedford Street Park
 - Sussex County Association of Towns, Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 PM – Greenwood
 - SCAT Steering, Friday, November 9, 9:00 AM – Lighthouse Landing
- Number of Service Lines Replaced:
 - 90 – 1” services
 - 3 – 2” services
- Water Leaks
 - No new one to report
- Reminder: Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, November 6, 2012 in observance of Election Day
 - Thursday, November 8, 2012 in observance of Return Day (1/2 day)
- Employee Service Anniversaries

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ralph Holm	Police Department	13
Mark Rogers	Police Department	11

- Trash Can Collection – Total collected to date is \$1,000.00

- Transitional Housing Task Force – The Task Force completed their meetings on Oct 23, 2012. The committee will forward recommendations to the Planning Commission and Town Council to incorporate into the Code.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Walls, Return Day Committee, asked Town Council for permission to use one electric receptacle on the Circle, for Wednesday night and all day Thursday. Town Council did not have a problem with the vendor using the Town's electric for that time period.

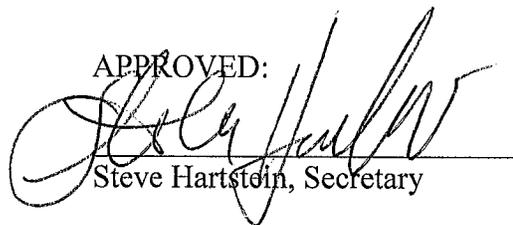
Tony Semeraro, 4 Cranberry Ct, commended the Town on all the improvements that he has noticed driving around the Town. Mr Semeraro thanked the Town Manager and Bill Bradley, Director of Public Works for all their hard work.

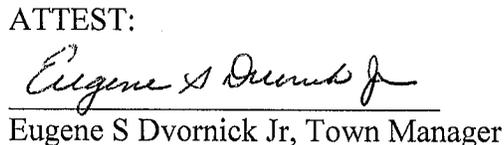
Mayor Wyatt was contacted by the Library about their water usage in regards to the EDU calculation and they also requested a waiver for future utility billings. The Library also asked if the Town would continue to clear snow from their parking lot if needed. Councilperson Barlow has concerns with setting precedence for other non-profits if this request was approved. The EDU calculation and utility waiver request will be placed on the Town Council's November 14th Agenda.

Correspondence was received from the Historic Georgetown Association (HGA) as an update to Mayor & Council.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Barlow, to adjourn at 7:21p.m. **APPROVED** (unanimous).

APPROVED:

Steve Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:

Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager