

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE
Time: 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

PRESENT:
Steve M Hartstein, Ward One
Sue H Barlow, Ward Two, Vice-Mayor
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

ABSENT:
Mike Wyatt, Mayor

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice- Mayor Barlow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Vice-Mayor Barlow led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2013 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

5. BOY SCOUT FUNDING REQUEST

The Scouts make an annual request for funding from the Trust Fund administered by the Town. The fund was established from the proceeds of the sale of the property and building that now houses the Possum Point Players. Each year, a total of \$5,000 is distributed equally between the Boy and Girl Scout units in Georgetown. Earned interest for FY2013 as of 02/28/2013 is \$139.07. Account balance as of 02/28/2013 is \$15,199.61 (of which \$10,000 is in a CD)

Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to approve the Scout's funding request. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

6. INFORMATION PRESENTATION OF REDNER'S WAREHOUSE MARKETS

Garth Jones, Becker-Morgan Group, presented Council with an overview of the project. The shopping center has been configured around Redner's grocery store with additional retail. Original storm water ponds moved to the other side of Carmean Way. Sidewalks have been provided throughout the site. The pad site for Redner's is to be available by June 1st. Required by Code to supply 9 loading spaces. Gas pumps will have underground storage tanks.

Vice-Mayor and Council voiced their appreciation with Redner's coming to Georgetown.

7. REQUEST TO ALLOW A FOOD TRUCK AT THE GEORGETOWN PROFESSIONAL PARK

Joan Leonard presented Council with a request for a food truck to be placed at the Georgetown Professional Park several times a week. Our menu consists of pulled pork sandwiches, ribs, brisket, bbq chicken, sodas, coleslaw, beans, and no alcohol. The owners of the property required that the applicants first receive permission from the Town. We have noticed that the tenants at the professional park must drive to get their lunch. We would operate from May thru September, three days a week, from 11am to 2:30pm. The truck is 18' long and is self-contained, with electricity coming from a generator. We are approved by the State Department of Health, with all equipment approved by the National Food Safety. We also have a State business license, and carry commercial insurance. We supply large trash cans and do not put out picnic tables in the area. If approved an Out of Town Business License will have to be obtained.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, Councilperson Dennis to allow a food truck at the Georgetown Professional Park. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.

8. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #2013-6 REPEALING ORDINANCE #2011-15 YARD SALES

With adoption of Ordinance #2013-3 Yard Sales and the addition of the Chapter 225 Yard Sales, the current code §130-13(D) Exceptions needs to be repealed.

Motion by Councilperson Dennis, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to adopt Ordinance #2013-6 Repealing Ordinance 2011-15 Yard Sales, §130-13(D) Exceptions. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.

Councilperson Dennis asked that since the Yard Sale Ordinance is in effect, enforcement activity should be going on in those areas of concern that we've had.

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

Road Closure Request

The Town has received a request from Shore Construction & Property Maintenance to close North Lane (alley between Sergovic, Carmean & Weidman and the former Tattoo Parlor) from April 1 to April 21 for improvements being made to the Tattoo Parlor Building. This would allow for a dumpster, construction materials and a lift to be kept out of clear view.

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson West, to approve the North Lane closure request. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.

Escrow Release – Carpenter's Union

The Carpenters Union has submitted a written request for release of the \$265,663.50 in escrow for the improvements made as part of their project. The Director of Public Works is in agreement with this request as all improvements have been made to the satisfaction of the Town.

Motion by Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Hartstein, to authorize release of the escrow funds in an amount of \$265,663.50. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.

Legislative Items

There are a few pieces of legislation we have been actively engaged with and offering comment on:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>	
HB 4	Reincorporation – New Charter	Support	Passed House	Out of Committee
HB 6	Modification to Prevailing Wage Requirements	Support	House Administration	
HB 27	Tax Refund Intercept for Collection of Property Taxes	Support	Out of Committee	

The SCAT Legislative Breakfast was held last Friday, March 22 and very well attended by members of the Legislature. The major issues presented included: Municipal Street Aid; FOIA; Funding Issues (paramedic & RTT); Recycling; Prevailing Wage; Tax Intercept; Workers Compensation and Sea Level Rise.

Monthly Financial Report

The monthly Budget versus Actual Report (February 2013) has been distributed and will be posted on the Town website.

Passing of Bud Reynolds

I am saddened to report on Saturday, March 23, 2013 Elaine Reynolds' husband Bud passed away. A viewing will be on Thursday, March 28 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, followed by a Service and burial. To allow employees an opportunity to attend services and assist at the afternoon reception, I'd like authorization to close Town Offices at Noon on Thursday.

Motion by Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Dennis, to grant authorization to close Town Offices at noon on Thursday. **APPROVED (unanimous)**.

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Events:

- Delaware League of Local Governments, Thursday, March 28, 6:00 PM, Dover Sheraton
- Sussex County Association of Towns, Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 PM, Bridgeville Fire Hall
- FY 2014 Budget Workshop, Monday, April 8, 2013, 4:30 PM, Town Hall
- Reminder:
 - Town Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday
- Employee Service Anniversaries

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>
Craig Eaton	Public Works	13
Troy Bean	Police Department	9
Olga Holm	Finance Department	8
Gene Dvornick	Administration	6

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

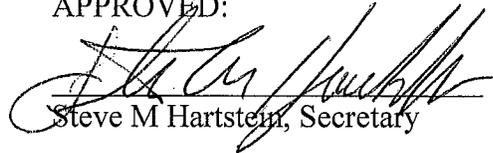
Correspondence from the American Legion Post #8 Station 93 Ambulance Service in appreciation of the Town's donation.

The Town of Georgetown wanted to recognize the Georgetown Arts & Flowers Committee for all their efforts with the Circle and East Market Street.

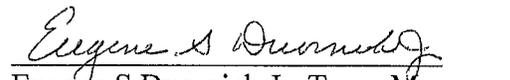
11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Hartstein, seconded by Councilperson Dennis, to adjourn at 7:37p.m. **APPROVED (unanimous).**

APPROVED:


Steve M Hartstein, Secretary

ATTEST:


Eugene S Dvornick Jr, Town Manager