



RESOLUTION 2021-016

To Request to Amend the Town Charter Relating to Meetings

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.1 of the Town of Townsend Charter sets the Town Council meeting as 7:30 on the first Wednesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.1 also directs that the Council shall not be prohibited from rescheduling such meetings from time to time during the year, as the need arises.; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be an inconsistency in the language of the charter due to revision.

WHEREAS, the recent State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 Pandemic has shown the need for flexibility in scheduling Town Council meetings.

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND, DELAWARE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2021.

The Town Council is requesting that the State Legislature revise the Section 4.2.1. of the Town Charter to amend the language as follows:

Section 4.2.1 The Town Council of The Town of Townsend shall hold one (1) meeting in each month on the first Wednesday of each month. ~~at seven-thirty p.m. If the first Wednesday shall be a legal holiday, the meeting shall be cancelled and the next meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of the month.~~ Council shall not be prohibited from rescheduling such meetings from time to time during the year as the need arises. Emergency meetings may be held when necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety. Special Town Council meetings may be held when necessary. Notice of all meetings shall be consistent with Title 29, Chapter 100 of the Delaware Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed on this 3rd day of November 2021.

Passed and Approved This 3rd day of November 2021

TOWN OF TOWNSEND



Patrick Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Antonina M. Tantillo, Town Clerk

Vote of Council	Yea	Na	Abs
Mayor P. Miller			
CM E. Dugan	X		
CM J. Mertz	X		
CW L. Clarke	X		
CM S. Lobdell	X		