

**Town of Georgetown**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 17, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Council members present: Everett Pullen, Chris Loop, Kathy Haller and Billy Haller. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander and Chief Kunkel.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on May 20, 2019. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

**Opening of the Second Public Hearing for CDBG Grant**

Jill Seguesser with Riverhills Development spoke in place of Nick Creevy. This is the second of two required hearings for the Grant that the Town has been working towards applying for. We did apply for it during the last round at the end of 2018 but it was not funded. We did receive feedback from the granting agency and have been working towards addressing that feedback. We had one prior hearing before the submission of the proposal in April and now the application is due this month on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

A sign in sheet was passed around.

This money is actually federal money from the Department of Housing and Development and flows through the Department of Community and Rural Affairs for none entitlement areas. One of their programs is for the Main Street Community Redevelopment and this is what we are applying for. The Town has worked very hard to get to this point and it is very competitive.

The Town has applied for a total of \$483,056.00 with the Grant portion being \$373,200.00 and \$109,856.00 match from the Town. This does include soft costs and construction costs.

A Main Street Organization has been formed and the Town also received a grant for a Revitalization Plan. We should meet the national objective to apply.

Bob Woosley stated that new sidewalks will be installed from the west side of town at Georgetown Lanesville Road to the east side of Canal Lane. You will be able to walk from one

side of town to the other. Where new walls are needed, they will be installed. A small part of the project has been started by the Town and will be completed by the Town.

The grants do take time and site control is needed. Easements have been secured. All required environmental reviews have been completed and cleared. We are ready to move forward. The application is due by June 28, 2019 and will be electronically submitted. Award announcements will take place in August of 2019. If for some reason the Town does not get funded then the next round would be an October proposal and November application.

If it is awarded in August, the Town would have six months to receive construction bids and then an additional two months to have financing in place. Then the Town would have 10 months to construct it. There would be a total of 18 months to complete the project.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Resolution-19-01, A Resolution Authorizing Application Submissions and Local Match Commitment, and to allow Everett Pullen to sign. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Clerk Treasurers Report**

Julia Keibler found a company that caters to cities and towns that creates apps for cellphones. She did not get any quotes wanting to wait to see if there was any interest by the Town Council. Chris Loop liked the option of push notification where updates can be sent to residents who have signed up. Reminders can be sent, trash routes can be listed, as well as, holiday changes. There are many applications that would be useful. Chris Loop asked for a quote.

Cleaning quotes were presented. Billy Haller said that the utility shop does not want cleaning service. Southern Indiana Cleaning Crew quoted \$360.00 for every other week of cleaning. Portia Nixe quoted \$500.00 a month for every other week of cleaning.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Portia Nixe up to \$6,000.00 for cleaning contract for a year to be paid out of the General Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Chief Denny Kunkel**

Inventory is detailed. There are some areas that are highlighted but those are just for Denny Kunkel.

They have been working a 10-hour work day schedule. This would provide more coverage and overlap.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Police Department to go to 4 10-hour days. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Over the last couple of years, the mobile laptops have become outdated. A grant was applied for and the department received three scanners, three printers and two laptops. Three more laptops are still needed. A quote was given, which was the same as what the state pays, for \$3,641.00. They have solid state hard drives, existing software, are the same as the other laptops and are made by Dell. Tax was listed on the quote but it would be removed.

Chris Loop asked for additional quotes for the laptops.

On May 30, 2019 Jordan Jackson and Travis Speece received special recognition from Prosser Career Center. They assisted with teaching and are big supporters of the program. Jordan Jackson came from the starting class.

On June 5, 2019 the department participated in active shooter school at Highland Hills Middle School. It was sponsored by Floyd County Emergency Management and the Floyd County Police Department. All emergency services were involved and it was to see how prepared each department was. There were mistakes found, as well as, good things. Communication was an issue but everyone worked very well together. There are plans for more training.

School is still out and 64 is torn up. Try not to be distracted when driving. Be careful with all of the rain. Even a small current can carry a car away.

There was a break in at the utility shop. A truck window was broken and some tools were stolen from the front seat.

The new surveillance system at the park seems to be a deterrent.

### **Public Works**

Nothing to report.

### **Town Attorney**

Kristie Fox presented an agreement with Lakeland Lagoon. The final approval has not been received by their attorney. Bob Woosley will be attending their meeting on June 26, 2019 to discuss in general the purpose of televising their system.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve and allow Everett Pullen to sign the agreement between the Town of Georgetown and Lakeland Lagoon Sewer Corporation. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

The sidewalk project has eight options that need to be exercised. Kristi Fox will be sending out a notice to the homeowners. This is for the Town funded project.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Kristi Fox to send a letter to the homeowners of the parcels that we need for the Town's portion of the project and to approve up to \$9,945.00 to purchase the easements and to allow Everett Pullen to sign the notice to execute or to purchase as well as a permanent easement to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Dearth is the estate property, Thornton does not want to sign the easement and Kellam has now been added. We will be asking all of them to sign a waiver so that the sidewalk/wall project can be completed.

The owner of 9055 Walnut Street would still like to donate the property to the Town. There were some discrepancies in the legal description. We have a drainage culvert that runs through the property and that is a reason why we would want to own it. We do not currently have an easement.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept the donated property at 9055 Walnut Street. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 3-1. (Billy Haller voted against.)

## **New Business**

### **Stormwater Problem**

Denny Merritt would like to know if a grant is needed to get his property fixed at 1801 Payne Street? The garage is built lower than the road and the curb that was put in was not effective. The next step would be to put in a slotted drain in the driveway across the street. The town crew can probably do the work. Bob Woosley estimated that the project would probably cost \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00. A schematic is to be sent to Jamie Schillmiller. A concrete apron would be needed as well. If the Town can not do the work then bids will be requested.

### **Website**

Allen Howie from Ideology, which is a website company, works with a platform called Wordpress. They build all of their websites on this platform so that employees can easily change the content of the site. What they do is to sit down with the people and teach them how to make the changes. They would be able to put usable content onto the website. Event pages and calendars can be on the website. Other sites can be linked in as well. If someone were to opt in, push notifications would be available. Mr. Howie will be putting together a proposal.

### **Town Engineer**

Community Crossing Matching Grant funds have finally been received on June 7, 2019. There is another round of applications coming up. We will be resubmitting again. The grant will pay 75% for paving and we will pay the other 25%. This is a reimbursement grant.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is rapidly being completed. The new plant is running, the sludge press is operating and the bar screen is functional. The bar screen still has a structure that is being built over it to keep it from freezing. There was a noise problem because we went from 50 horsepower blowers to 75 horsepower blowers. A modification needs to take place to keep the noise levels down and belts will also need to be changed.

Change Order #3 has several components. We need to extent grating at the UV system, add new lights, raise the grade at sludge building, relocate alternate squeegee discharge point and make blower improvements.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Change Order #3 not to exceed \$23,722.00. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

There may be some additional changes added to the cost of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The new UV bulbs that we are using now need a safer way to be stored so that they are not broken and are easier to handle. Once everything is finished, they would like to empty the current tanks that have been used for maintenance. There have been some issues at the digester and the pipes need to be changed out.

The final punch list is going to be started and will be brought to the next Town Council meeting.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Pay Application #15 and allow Everett Pullen to sign. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

The sidewalk improvement project that is town funded will have bids sent out.

Rainelle Woods lift station is having periodic issues with it not performing as efficiently as it should. The downstream force main is a long run going down Corydon Ridge Rd. that gets clogged and needs to be flushed. Jamie Schillmiller is looking at the project to see if flushing ports can be installed. If not installed by the town then Bob Woosley will ask for bids.

Paving requests are currently being taken. Bob Woosley sent out a list and additional streets may be added. He would like to target about \$200,000.00 for paving this year. We will be seeking another grant which would pay for 75% of the project.

There is a homeowner at the end of Ferber Lane that has asked if the road could be turned into a private lane. There are 2 or 3 owners of property back there. The town would have to abandon it. The Town Council is going to leave it as is.

The Town has agreed to abandon the Catalpa Ridge right of way. The Town needs to do the paperwork to transfer this back to the original grantee.

Westfield Springs subdivision final plans have been submitted and approved for sewer service by Bob Woosley. There is work that has begun and they now have IDEM approval. There will be 79 homes with green space.

### **Plan Commission**

Don Lopp is working with the Plan Commission concerning the zoning ordinance. They would like to hold a series of open house meetings at Town Hall for three days. There would be a food offering. He would like to hold the meetings the last week of June or the middle to the end of July.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for the catering of food and refreshments for the three days of Don Lopp meeting with the public. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 3-1. (Billy Haller voted against.)

### **Storm Water Board**

To set up a meeting.

### **Old Town Hall Committee**

A historic preservation group out of Greenville brought to their attention that they recently got a new historic marker installed in front of the First Harrison Bank in Greenville for John B. Ford. We have Sherman Minton who is from Georgetown that would be a great candidate for a historical marker. Destination Georgetown can put together an application but funding is needed. The total cost of the marker would be \$2,950.00. If we receive approval it would need to be decided where the marker would be placed. There is currently a marker already on the house. The new marker might be placed in front of the school or in front of Town Hall. Destination Georgetown is willing to split the cost with the Town.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve \$1,475.00 for a state historical marker. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

Destination Georgetown would like to lease the Old Town Hall building. They would lease the building from the Town and rent it out. The lease would probably be for five years and might include performance markers. They would like to see a business in there that would promote the town. Kristi Fox will be developing a lease agreement to be reviewed by everyone.

### **Ball Park Committee**

Julia Keibler resigned from the Committee.

There has been some concern about the solicitation of signs at the ballpark. Any money received has to be receipted through Town Hall. There are only 3 or 4 signs currently hanging and going forward Joel Kintner knows and understands the policy.

**Redevelopment Commission**

No funds have been received.

Jason Parrish is a new member to the commission.

No meeting will be held in July.

**New Business**

Tractor Rental has been requested by the utility shop. They would like to trim back trees and bushes that are blocking the roads.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for one week of tractor rental with a boom to be paid out of LRS. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

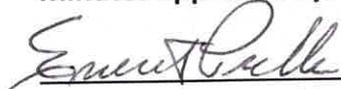
**Claims Docket**

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

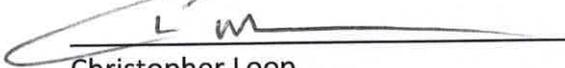
**Adjournment**

Kathy Haller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

**Minutes approved by:**

  
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Everett Pullen, President

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Joshua Cavanaugh, Vice President

  
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Christopher Loop

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Kathy Haller

*Absent*

*Absent.*

Billy Haller

Billy Haller

**Attest:**

Julia Keibler

Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer

