

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2015

- I. Gary Smith, Town Council President called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Members in attendance were Chris Loop, Jim Tripure, Gary Smith, Patti Denison and Kathy Haller. Also in attendance, Kristi Fox, Richard Stiles, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, and Brenton Fender.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - A. December 15, 2014 minutes were not approved. There are questions concerning a missing vote and confusion about what was voted on. *There was a motion by Kathy Haller to approve minutes after corrections have been made. Seconded by Chris Loop. Approved by all.*
  - B. January 1, 2015 minutes were approved. *There was a motion by Chris Loop to approve and it was seconded by Jim Tripure. Approved by all.*
  - C. January 7, 2015 minutes were not approved. They were not prepared in time for members to review.
- V. Department and Committee Reports
  - A. Clerk-Treasurer Brent Fender reported that payroll from last week had been completed in a timely manner with one error that has since been corrected. Water bills were sent out later than usual but still in time for prompt payments to be received. The office is still waiting on CMI training to be scheduled.
    - B. Police Chief Dennis Kunkel reported that there are updates currently taking place on the town's website. Everyone was asked to go to Facebook. He is currently working on the operational plan for 2015. This will be used to develop community programs and build department upgrades and special projects. Chief Kunkel has a fund raising police calendar that will be available within two weeks. Electronic speed devices still remain in Brookstone. However, the batteries have been removed due to the colder temperatures. They will be active again when temperatures allow. A summary was given as to the criminal activity from December 14, 2014 to January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. Chief Kunkel is preparing for internal training as well as external training. The police department will begin training with the Floyd County Sherriff's Department and the New Albany Police Department.
    - C. Richard Stiles from the Public Works Department reported that there is now a tracking system in place for any calls that are received. Wolfe Cemetery Road has potholes that need to be addressed. There was a house fire on Nina Rd. There are many repairs needed. At a lift station a unit was replaced and the old part will be refurbished. Steve Tollier from Aqua Systems met with Richard Stiles and they are looking at ways to reduce odors and bring costs down. Richard Stiles has an open door policy and anyone at any time to contact him.
    - D. Town Attorney Krisiti Fox was introduced. There are several prior ordinances that she is reviewing.
    - E. Town Engineer Bob Woolsey provided extensive information. See Attachments A-F. Bob Woolsey did report that the construction project at Millers Lane has been completed and looks good. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is coming up. Bob Woolsey will be

-serving on the committee and asked if someone on the Town Council would be interested in joining him. Chris Loop volunteered to be on the committee.

F. Kathy Haller spoke about the Old Town Hall Committee. There should be a meeting sometime next week. They are currently working on a grant for the property. There were suggestions made of possibly turning it into a pocket library or an art gallery.

#### VI. Old Business

A. *Ordinance G-14-09, 2015 for employee raises was under question.* It appears that there were two ordinance's on the floor at the time of the original vote. Kristi Fox recommended the ordinance be repealed because it could be considered illegal. There was a reading of the ordinance by Gary Smith. *Kathy Haller made a motion to repeal it and Chris Loop seconded the motion. Approved by all except Patti Denison. The ordinance stands as it is now because it required a unanimous vote.*

#### VII. New Business

- A. One lift station pump in Rainelle Woods needs to be replaced. Rick Stiles stated that the pump could be rebuilt for \$5400 by River City. Rick suggested that we take bids to replace the pump. *Chris Loop made a motion that bids be taken to replace the pump. Jim Tirpure seconded the motion. Approved by all.*
- B. 9122 Nina Dr. *Gary Smith made a motion to fix the pump for \$1300. Chris Loop seconded the motion. Approved by all.*
- C. Board decided we would call a special meeting on January 26, 2015 to open bids and approve one for a new pump at Rainelle Woods.
- D. Kathy Haller read an ordinance from another municipality regarding garbage trucks. She stated that she would like to see something similar in Georgetown. The board agreed that they would like Kristi to look into developing an ordinance. Board agreed to discuss this further at the January 26 special meeting.

#### VIII. Miscellaneous Business

A. Brenton Fender suggested that we move the February meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Fender stated that this would give his office more time to operate after training with CMI and it would also allow him to avoid a conflict with his schedule on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Patti suggested that this makes the council look bad moving the meeting date and asked Gary Smith if thought this was acceptable. Gary commented that this was okay as a single occurrence. Chris Loop stated that he saw it admirable that Mr. Fender was making an effort to attend the meeting and allow his staff additional time to accomplish more before the next meeting. *Patti Denison made a motion to approve the request to move the regular town council meeting to February 23, 2015. Jim Tripure seconded the motion. Approved by all.*

#### IX. Individual Council Member Comments

- A. Patti stated that she did not fully understand the vote for G-15-01 and that is why she voted against it. She stated that she would like it to be a part of our special meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Kathy Haller no comments.
- C. Chris Loop thanked Aaron Minnich from Todd Young's off ice for attending our meeting.
- D. Jim Tripure stated that he had a meeting with Richard Stiles and it was great. He also stated that the Clerk-Treasurer and his employees had been working very hard.
- E. Gary Smith stated that he was glad that Clerk-Treasurer had an open door.

X. Adjournment

A. *Kathy Haller made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Patti Denison. Approved by all.*