

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Kathy Haller, Billy Haller and Ben Stocksedale. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler and Sergeant Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on February 18, 2020. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0 (Kathy Haller abstained).

Ben Stocksedale made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on February 27, 2020. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0 (Kathy Haller abstained).

Town Engineer

WWTP expansion retainage is being requested. The contractor has completed everything except for two items. One of which has been corrected but we are waiting to see if it reappears. Both are minor item that will be fixed any day now. Bob Woosley requested a motion be made approving the pay application request to be signed outside of the meeting releasing all retainage contingent upon those last two items being satisfactorily completed. The request has not been made yet but it will be coming any day. The total retainage is \$81,608.23.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the release of the retainage once the Town Engineer has verified the two remaining items have been completed, outside of a public meeting. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Town Attorney

R-20-05 A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property

Last month we had two different resolutions. One for the sale of personal items and one for disposal of personal property. It came to our attention that some of the police department items were worth a small value of \$200.00. There is a new resolution to pull that out of the disposal resolution and actually sell it to a private citizen.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve R-20-05, A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property to direct us to sell a number of outdated radios for \$200.00. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Façade Improvement Program Application & Program Guidelines

Last month the Town approved one but we went back to the commission with a few changes to clarify that priority was being given to the Georgetown downtown area. It was clarified on the front page and under #9 to made very clear to the applicant we are going to focus on the historic downtown area.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the updated Façade Improvement Program document. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

R-20-06 A Resolution Approving and Amending the Town of Georgetown Indiana Comprehensive Plan

This document was presented at a public hearing, as well as, cause to serve notice to meet the Indiana Code. When we met on March 3, 2020, they did give a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to approve the Plan. The Town Council will now need to make a decision to accept, reject or make amendments to that Plan.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve R-20-06 A Resolution Approving and Amending the Town of Georgetown Indiana Comprehensive Plan. However, Chris Loop would like the minutes to show there are questions in the plan as to the ownership history of the drive-in. It does not actually affect the comprehensive plan but I would like to state that a previous owner has come forward questioning why their name was not mentioned.

There were a few minor changes that have been made that do not affect the zoning or the plan but are historical in nature.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve R-20-06 A Resolution Approving and Amending the Town of Georgetown Indiana Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

R-20-07 A Resolution Waiving Certain Procedures and Formalities During Disaster Emergency Pursuant to I.C. 10-14-3-17

On March 6, 2020 the Governor of Indiana declared a public health emergency for the Covid-19 Virus. This gives the Town the authority to waive certain procedures and formalities otherwise required. One of them is the ability of a Town, when dealing with the appropriation and expenditure of funds, to waive the formalities of the claims docket. If we are not able to meet again for several weeks the bills still need to be paid. In an effort to allow that to happen a resolution has been drafted. This allows that if the President of the Town Council feels a meeting can not be held, the Clerks Office is then authorized to pay claims.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve R-20-07 A Resolution Waiving Certain Procedures and Formalities During Disaster Emergency Pursuant to I.C. 10-14-3-17. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

The Resolution does expire when the emergency has been terminated.

Ball Park Committee

Joel Kintner had planned to discuss the ballpark tonight. The tournament has been cancelled that was going to occur this weekend, as well as, most likely delay the start of the spring season by a few weeks. The park is not closed but would ask residents to follow the CDC Social Distancing Guidelines.

There has been guidance placed on the drop box outside of Town Hall. We encourage residents to use the drop box or try to communicate with the office via phone or email. It is not closed to the public but we are asking the public that if there is an emergency or critical business, to communicate with us that way. The website will be updated.

Another member of the public would like for us to promote the 211 phone number for anyone that needs assistance during this time. If they are having trouble getting out of their house or paying a utility bill then they should contact the 211 assistance phone number or the Georgetown Township Trustee. The website will be updated.

Claims Docket

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Koetter is going to postpone starting until next week because of the rain moving in. We have all of the easements except for two, Warren and Thornton. Warren was going to sign last week but the wife came down ill and we are waiting on a call to reschedule. Chris Loop will be following up with the Thornton's.

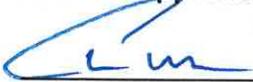
Tom Millea sent a draft of the space needs assessment. It is not final but just something to look at. He is the architect looking at this building and the police station to see if they can be combined or modified. The draft will be emailed and copies are available.

If the land is purchased where the trailers (by the ballpark) are located the Town will not be purchasing the trailers. It would be a purchase of the land only. Chris Loop has been in contact with the owner and we are waiting on the approval of the Redevelopment Plan.

Adjournment

Gary Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Minutes approved by:



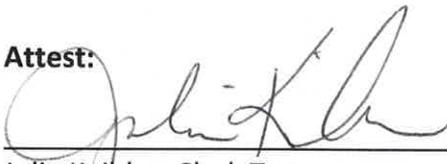
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Attest:


Julia Kejoler, Clerk Treasurer

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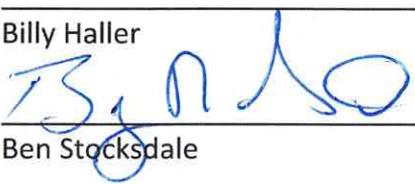
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