

Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on May 18, 2020. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Agenda Items

Updating of Animal Ordinance

Harold Reynolds reported that there is a local rottweiler that now has conditions that have improved. It has brought to light some additional issues that should be addressed by the Town Council. One of them is the response with the New Albany Animal Shelter. Chris Reynolds called the animal shelter about this particular dog and it was stated that the Georgetown Ordinance is too vague, there is nothing that can be done about and to quit calling. Georgetown's Code of Ordinances 90.21 states that stricter regulations shall prevail. The Floyd County Ordinances and Indiana Board of Animal Health definitely address the issues with this situation.

The other thing is the Ordinance itself in Georgetown. It is vague but it could be easily remedied. Other cities like Jeffersonville have guidelines that could be used as an example.

Harold Reynolds would like for the Town Council to check into the appropriateness of how this particular situation was handled with animal control and also to revisit the current ordinance and to specifically reference the Jeffersonville ordinance. It has some very good language to cover these things.

It is unknown which employee was spoken with concerning the call at the New Albany Animal Shelter.

The Town Attorney Kristi Fox called the attorney for the animal shelter to determine what it was about our ordinance that they thought was too vague. David Hall, who is the Executive Director of New Albany Animal Shelter, phoned Chris Loop. During the call Chris Loop discussed the Interlocal Agreement and they do not enforce the Ordinance from Georgetown but do enforce the Ordinance from Floyd County. Georgetown could pass an Ordinance that is stricter than Floyd County but they would not enforce it. The agreement has been in place since January 1, 2004 and they are paid yearly for their services.

While we could adopt an Ordinance that is more stringent, we would have to decide are we going to have our own Animal Control, would it fall under the police? To remedy this throughout the Town, the Township and the County would it be better to bring this information to the Commissioners to update everything to be like the Jeffersonville Ordinance?

Harold Reynolds feels that the New Albany Animal Shelter did not enforce the Floyd County Ordinance. He would like for the Town Council to do their due diligence to see if we are getting our monies worth.

Officer Speece went to the reported location a couple of times and the New Albany Animal Shelter has been out to the property 7 times since June 12, 2020 to visit the animal and to speak with the owner.

This will be an ongoing issue that will be monitored.

Late Penalties

Michael Meier was not present.

Bill Savings Presentation

Robert Wager from Granite was not present.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Thank You Letter for Harrison County for gaming money was presented.

Gary Smith made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Thank You Letter to Harrison County for gaming revenue. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Budget season is coming up and at the next meeting dates will be suggested. The DLGF is not doing in-person meetings this year and we have not heard back from them for a scheduled time.

Diane Lilly has put together a spreadsheet to send to SRF of additional costs that can be submitted for reimbursement. We received permission at the last meeting to send these additional items. Engineering and legal fees are all eligible for the reimbursement.

There was a committee meeting yesterday to hire a Town Marshall. Ben Stocksdale and I were both on the zoom meeting. We are working on getting the advertising for the position and changes to the application completed.

Sergeant Travis Speece

Smartwire is the company that did their video cameras. It has been installed and everything is working.

The deck that was approved earlier this year has been completed but there is one more hand rail outside of the ramp that needs to be finished. There was an inspection on it.

The evidence room door was installed on March 3, 2020.

Three local contractors have been contacted to replace the large painted window in the front of the building.

Painting has been going on at the department.

Jamie Schillmiller is still gathering a material list to extend the driveway. It has been put on hold because of Covid-19.

Resolution R-20-05 has been fulfilled. It was concerning the private sale of used and dated radios.

There was a collapse in the equipment room. New shelving has been installed.

The evidence processing room has been updated.

A records room has been developed in the basement.

Vehicle radar certifications took place in May 2020. All of the vehicles have passed and are calibrated.

The old antennas have been removed from the side of the building.

The application process usually takes four to six months for a patrolman. Would the Town Council be interested in starting that process now so that it will be ready to go when the Town Marshall position is filled? Travis Speece would like to go ahead and start that process. Applicants would be pooled and ready and the new Town Marshall would be involved in that process.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Sergeant Speece to begin the process for a new patrolman. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

All of the reserve officers have been recertified in CPR/AED Training.

Sergeant Speece assisted Prosser in setting up their Virtual Reality Simulator which can be used by Georgetown Police Department.

Two officers attended an active shooter class in March. The department has been signed up again for the National Night Out. The date has been moved several times but it will now be October 6, 2020. A committee will be formed to make this a great event this year.

The vehicle break-ins are being investigated. Everyone is encouraged to make sure that vehicles are secured and residences are locked up. 90% of the vehicles were unlocked.

Public Works

There are two clusters of dead ash trees that are along Wolfe Cemetery Rd. This was previously discussed last fall. These trees are in the Town's right-of-way. This situation has been discussed with Jamie Schillmiller. A tree fell on Sunday and there are two others that we need to get ahead of and have them removed and hauled off. Eager Beaver quoted \$2,000.00 and Avery Landscaping quoted \$1,350.00. Both quotes are to remove two trees and to remove all of the wood and debris.

The item has been tabled to make sure that Avery Landscaping is not on the unapproved vendor list.

Town Engineer

The Wastewater Treatment Plant project has officially been completed. Everything is going very well at the plant. We will finish making our request for reimbursement to the State to officially close out the loan process. We now can process sludge and at some point, we may want to consider if we want to process sludge for others. It would be a revenue source that should be discussed concerning the liabilities and responsibilities.

The Estate Circle drainage project has been awarded to Temple & Temple. We are ready to start and need the easement documents from Floyd County. Bill Gibson is to supply the documents and he is aware that he is holding up construction. Until the easement is signed, we are unable to start. We are waiting on the exhibits from the survey.

The Mainstreet Sidewalk Project is basically completed now. A garbage truck has clipped the corner of the new wall. It happened on the corner of Kopley Road. This will need to be repaired. The area before the school drive will be included in the next phase. Phase II is the rest of the project and will be more sidewalk than wall.

The Payne Street drainage project is now complete. Fulkerson did a great job and exactly what we asked for. The gentleman that rents the property across the street indicated that the work

did help but that he is still getting some water in his garage. We will have to take a look at this since that property is well below the grade of the road.

The roadway paving project is totally complete except that they have to come back. Temple & Temple did the work and need to put the stripping on Autumn Cove, Autumn Drive and Canal Lane. It has been looked at and measured it just has not been done yet. They did make the repair where Family Dollar had a delivery truck damage the road. We will be getting reimbursed for that. We have reached out to their insurance company and should receive a payment for the repair cost. This work has been completed by Temple & Temple.

1815 Kepley Road has been looked at and we have met with Fulkerson Contracting about the gravel driveway. We have not sent out notices to homeowners when we start construction. We should probably make this a practice. We need doorhangers or something to make them aware that construction is going to begin. This project turned out extremely well. A berm is going to be built down the side of the drive by Jamie Schillmiller and the utility crew. It will be in-between the drives.

Novaparke construction has continued to proceed.

There is a BZA meeting on Thursday. Comments have been provided.

The County has been provided a comprehensive review of The Zoning Ordinance. Another review of the revisions is needed. Once Kristi Fox and Bob Woosley have reviewed everything for a final time then there will need to be a full meeting or have several Council Members join in a meeting with Floyd County.

Lakeland Estates has a plan that has been quickly prepared in the event that the Cares Act would make this project possible. There are still some revisions that Kristi Fox will be making. The IURC will still need to be notified and documents signed.

Poplar Woods is a new subdivision that has been proposed outside of Town. It is an 84-lot subdivision near Legacy Springs. Bob Woosley has completed a preliminary review of their proposed sanitary sewer.

Nothing to report on Henriott Meadows other than a review has been submitted for those plans. They have met all of our requirements for sanitary sewer. We did ask for additional stormwater retention and they have granted this.

On Corydon Ridge Road there is a gentleman that has a wet spot in his yard that has continued to get worse. In that area is our force main and there is also an Edwardsville Water line. Edwardsville Water went out to the property and checked it and they do not feel that they have a leak. The water was tested and it tested positive for E. coli and fluoride. Bob Woosley would like to ask permission to have Jamie Schillmiller do some exploratory digging to confirm that we do not have a leak in our force main. It is a shallow dig and we need to make sure that we do not have a leak.

At the end of Catalpa Ridge there is supposed to be a retention basin located in the lower corner. It is right next to the lift station. The original developer walked away and the bonding company stood by most of it. A new developer has come in and finished the project out. The basin is holding water but it probably was not done to the specifications laid out. Bob Woosley would like permission to work with Jamie Schillmiller and the utility crew to clean it up and get it functioning. It is supposed to hold water during a rain event but then it should drain. This would be of minimal cost.

A survey of the park has been finished and received by Bob Woosley. He will try to have some bid documents out on this project and it will be combined with the Town Hall parking lot improvements. It may be broken up so that the contractors will not have to bid on both but could bid on Part 1 or Part 2.

Richland Drive has all of the old tank system for sewers. We would like to go in and replace that with a pipe that would be pulled through it. Bob Woosley would like to get bids on this project.

An architect did complete a space needs assessment at the existing Town Hall. We originally were going to see if we could combine the Police Department operations with Town Hall. In the needs assessment it was determined that that was not possible. We are going to leave the Police Department in its current location. The architect is now finalizing plans and specs for what a proposed renovation would look like at Town Hall. With Covid and some of the space requirements needed we would get a larger meeting room. Something should be sent out this week.

Agenda Items

Public Works

Billy Haller made a motion to approve the estimate from Avery Tree Landscaping up to \$1,350.00 to be paid out of LRS. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Request for Investment Proposal

Before Covid-19 we decided to look at the Town's investment funds to see what was out there. Ben Stocksdales felt that we were paying too much in fees. He has drafted a letter asking firms, advisors, brokers to send us proposals. The guidelines were included that need to be adhered to. With the federal government cutting rates no one is getting interest on their savings accounts. It is more pertinent now than ever that the fees we are paying for the Town be invested in things where we are not getting a negative yield. We are not committed to changing to anyone else we are just interested in exploring our options.

Ben Stocksdale has a conflict of interest form since he works for the financial institution Edward Jones Investments. If Edward Jones Investments decided to put in a proposal Ben Stocksdale will not be involved in that and abstain from all dealings with the investment fund in any voting. He would not be compensated in any way.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to put the investment account out for bid. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Form for Ben Stocksdale. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

The Conflict of Interest Form for Ben Stocksdale will need to be sent to the SBOA and be recorded at the County Clerk's Office.

Old Town Hall Committee

Kathy Haller would like to sell Old Town Hall. It has been sitting there all these years. Chris Loop has talked with Indiana Landmarks to put together a request for proposal. So that we can put Old Town Hall out for sale or get proposals for a new use. Bob Woosley has been working on plans to fix the parking lot and putting in new landscaping to make it more attractive.

Agenda Items

Sealed Bid Opening

Back in February we put out for sealed bids for a 1984 Chevy Blazer that the Police Department had. There was also an old backhoe that has hydraulics which are broken and does not run, but was out for sealed bid. Both items were advertised per the code.

1984 Chevy Blazer

One sealed bid was received. The advertised reserve was \$500.00.

\$555.55 bid from Gary Graves on Knob Hill.

Kathy Haller made a motion to proceed with the sale to Mr. Gary Graves and transfer the title to him. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

1995 New Holland Backhoe

Three sealed bids have been received. The advertised reserve was \$250.00.

\$302.55 bid from Gary Graves on Knob Hill Blvd.

\$321.00 bid from Tim Cooper.

\$1,500.01 bid from Morgan Nye.

Billy Haller made a motion to approve the sealed bid from Morgan Nye for \$1,500.01 for the 1995 New Holland. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

HR Quotes

There are two different companies that provided quotes. One is HR Affiliates which was recommended by the County. The other company is Integrity HR. They both sent some information about the services they provide and that was forwarded to the Council. They were told that they may need to come and give a presentation to the Council.

The Town Council would like to look at the human resources in general and the personal manual. It is long overdue for an update and we need to consult with professionals.

It was decided that the Council would like to have a presentation at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Tow Fee Ordinance

G-20-02 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-07-01, An Ordinance Establishing a Vehicle Tow-In Fee

First reading of G-20-02, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-07-01, An Ordinance Establishing a Vehicle Tow-In Fee.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve G-20-02, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-07-01, An Ordinance Establishing a Vehicle Tow-In Fee. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Second reading of G-20-02, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-07-01, An Ordinance Establishing a Vehicle Tow-In Fee.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve G-20-02, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-07-01, An Ordinance Establishing a vehicle Tow-In Fee. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Approval of Items Approved Outside of Meetings During Covid-19

L & D Mail Masters provided a mailing to trash customers that junk day was being cancelled because of Covid-19. The invoice was for \$887.20.

Shelving was purchased at Lowe's for the Police Department for \$887.18.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve and ratify the decision for the purchases at L & D Mail Masters and Lowes. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Claims Docket

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

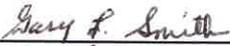
Adjournment

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

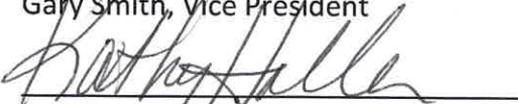
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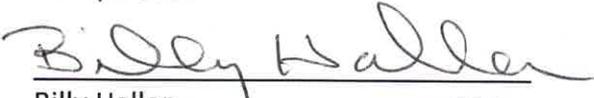
Christopher Loop, President



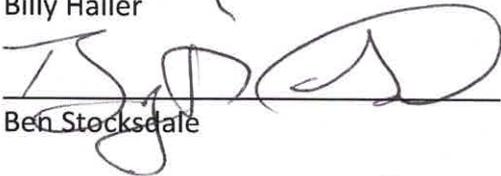
Gary Smith, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Ben Stocksdate

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer



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STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

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Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4

A public servant who knowingly or intentionally has a pecuniary interest in or derives a profit from a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Class D Felony. A public servant has a pecuniary interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of the public servant or a dependent of the public servant. "Dependent" means any of the following: the spouse of a public servant; a child, stepchild, or adoptee (as defined in IC 31-9-2-2) of a public servant who is unemancipated and less than eighteen (18) years of age; and any individual more than one-half (1/2) of whose support is provided during a year by the public servant.

The foregoing consists only of excerpts from IC 35-44.1-1-4. Care should be taken to review IC 35-44.1-1-4 in its entirety.

1. **Name and Address of Public Servant Submitting Statement:** Ben Stocksdale
6903 High Point Way Georgetown, IN 47122

2. **Title or Position With Governmental Entity:** Council Member

3. a. **Governmental Entity:** Georgetown Town Council

b. **County:** Floyd

4. **This statement is submitted (check one):**
- a. as a "single transaction" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest in a specific contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity which I serve, proposed to be made by the governmental entity with or from a particular contractor or vendor; or
 - b. as an "annual" disclosure statement, as to my financial interest connected with any contracts or purchases of the governmental entity which I serve, which are made on an ongoing basis with or from particular contractors or vendors.

5. **Name(s) of Contractor(s) or Vendor(s):** Edward Jones Investments

6. **Description(s) of Contract(s) or Purchase(s)** *(Describe the kind of contract involved, and the effective date and term of the contract or purchase if reasonably determinable. Dates required if 4(a) is selected above. If "dependent" is involved, provide dependent's name and relationship.):*

Investment contract for town funds.

7. **Description of My Financial Interest** (Describe in what manner the public servant or "dependent" expects to derive a profit or financial benefit from, or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in, the above contract(s) or purchase(s); if reasonably determinable, state the approximate dollar value of such profit or benefit.):

I do not expect to derive any profit or financial incentive from the Town's investment contract. I will recuse myself from any voting or handling of the funds should another Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments submit a proposal.

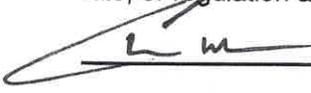
(Attach extra pages if additional space is needed.)

8. **Approval of Appointing Officer or Body** (To be completed if the public servant was appointed by an elected public servant or the board of trustees of a state-supported college or university.):

I (We) being the PRESIDENT of _____
(Title of Officer or Name of Governing Body)

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL and having the power to appoint _____
(Name of Governmental Entity)

the above named public servant to the public position to which he or she holds, hereby approve the participation to the appointed disclosing public servant in the above described contract(s) or purchase(s) in which said public servant has a conflict of interest as defined in Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4; however, this approval does not waive any objection to any conflict prohibited by statute, rule, or regulation and is not to be construed as a consent to any illegal act.

 CHRIS LOOP

PRESIDENT, TOWN COUNCIL

Elected Official

Office

9. **Effective Dates** (Conflict of interest statements must be submitted to the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase.):

Date Submitted (month, day, year)

Date of Action on Contract or Purchase (month, day, year)

10. **Affirmation of Public Servant:** This disclosure was submitted to the governmental entity and accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, the truth and completeness of the statements made above, and that I am the above named public servant.

Signed: 
(Signature of Public Servant)

Date: July 7, 2020
(month/day, year)

Printed Name: Benjamin R Stocksdale
(Please print legibly.)

Email Address: ben.stocksdale@georgetown.in.gov

Within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase, copies of this statement must be filed with the State Board of Accounts by uploading it here https://gateway.ifionline.org/sboa_coi/ which is the preferred method of filing, or by mailing it to the State Board of Accounts, Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Room E418, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2765 and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where the governmental entity took final action on the contract or purchase.