

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Council members present: Chris Loop, Kathy Haller, Billy Haller and Ben Stocksdale. Also attending: Bob Woosley, Jessica Alexander, Diane Lilly and Sergeant Travis Speece.

**Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on July 20, 2020. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

**Bid Opening Basketball Courts Improvements Project**

Temple & Temple \$149,200.00  
EZ Construction \$189,640.00  
Harbison Excavating \$190,238.00

The bids opened tonight did not include the final surface for the courts, the line markings or the goals. This work includes lighting, landscape improvements, fencing and drainage storm system that will pick up the future parking lot as well.

Bob Woosley recommends awarding to the apparent low bidder of Temple & Temple, contingent upon all required documentation and paperwork being submitted after review. We will need additional funds for the color for the court and for the striping and the goal posts. The bids received are in line with the price Bob Woosley was estimating. We will need to budget approximately another \$20,000.00 for the remaining items not included in this bid. The courts will be an asphalt surface but we will want to do a color on top of that. If we want to dedicate the courts to anyone with stenciling that will be a specialty item. Chris Loop said with our current cash position in gaming, we are looking at about \$108,000.00 left. We are looking to make a transfer from EDIT to replace some police funds. The bids are good for a minimum of 60 days. The total budget for this project is roughly \$170,000.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to table the bids for this evening and not make a decision. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

## **Clerk Treasurers Report**

Jessica Alexander asked to attend a virtual training session through AIM for code enforcement covering animal control and unfit housing on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50.00.

Chris Loop stated these classes come out quite regularly and we don't always have the turn-around time to get the approval. He would like to approve a lump sum to be used for future trainings for the rest of the year.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for this class and to use for future classes to be paid from General. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0.

## **Sergeant Travis Speece**

The department received a VIN number for the new explorer, so we should have it in a month or so. The patrolman position was just posted today, so we should start getting those applications soon.

Chris Loop said there was a request from the public for the next placement of the speed sign to be on Canal Lane. Rob Stocksdale said you could put it in his front yard. Travis Speece said there was damage recently to the sign. Someone knocked it over and the solar panel was busted. It is operational now, but some repairs might need to be done in the future.

## **Public Works**

Nothing to report.

## **Town Engineer**

Bob Woosley discussed some upcoming projects. The Catalpa Ridge front detention basin at Frank Ott Road needs some modifications. This is the first step in addressing the issues at 6906 High Point Way. Bob Woosley is looking to open quotes for this at the September meeting.

The Town crew is looking to do three drainage projects at Fitch Drive, Henriott Road at Crabapple, and Autumn Cove. Jamie Schillmiller has to get with the homeowners at Autumn Cove for access with the equipment.

Estate Circle project has started and has been moving right along. On Dant Drive a vacant lot has been purchased and those owners have cleared out the trees to build a new house. When they cleared the brush, it exposed the creek that is back there. Bob is requesting permission to extend the channel lining work that we are doing to the back-property line on Estate Drive. This is a really flat channel and the water could potentially have a lot of velocity coming through there.



The new property owner is ok with extending the riprap across the channel to Dant Drive to basically stop it at the culvert to slow the water down. Bob received a price from the contractor doing the work (Temple & Temple) of \$12,400.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Temple & Temple to extend the channel for \$12,400.00 to be paid from MS4. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Sidewalk Project – Property owner says the floor drain is not draining as it used to drain. It is still draining, just not at the previous rate. We are trying to determine what is going on. Jamie is going to take the camera out there.

Catalpa Ridge rear detention basin. The basin itself was not built to the approved plans. Bob Woosley is requesting to spend up to \$10,000.00 of MS4 funds to make enhancements to that basin. The basin is supposed to hold water but not for a long period of time. Now it is constantly going to hold water because of deficiencies. The homeowner at the last house is doing a good job of keeping it clean and mowed but he can't do anything about the water. This quote would get it back to what the original design intent was. This will add a paved swale through the bottom of it and it would regrade the side slope so it will drain to that swale. During hard rains it will still hold water, but it will slowly release it. Billy Haller stated that any project has to have at least three quotes. Since Bob Woosley didn't receive three quotes, he is asking for a budget approval of up to \$10,000.00 and to allow for an award outside of the meeting. Bob Woosley will try to solicit three quotes and will use the lowest quote.

Chris Loop made a motion for a budget approved up to \$10,000.00 for the repairs to the rear detention basin at Catalpa Ridge and to allow for an award outside of a meeting, as long as, it falls within that budget. We will try to solicit three quotes and Bob Woosley will use the lowest quote. This is to be paid out of Stormwater. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Zoning Update – Planning and zoning met before tonight's meeting. We need to follow up with Floyd County to make some additional changes and then it will go back to the Plan Commission before we bring it to the Town Council.

Lakeland – Things are moving pretty quickly on this. Bob Woosley and Kristi Fox are scheduled to go to the IURC October 1, 2020. It is unknown if it will be virtual or in person.

Yenowine Conservation Subdivision was approved by the Floyd County Plan Commission but it still has to go before the Commissioners. We will only be providing sanitary sewers to this neighborhood.

7233 Corydon Ridge Road - possible sewer leak. Jamie Schillmiller does not feel there is a leak there but he has not performed the test yet. Bob Woosley will follow up with Jamie Schillmiller.

Ball Park – drainage issues. Bob Woosley met with Tim Cooper on site to take pictures and determine a fix.

The State is requiring our stormwater report to be updated and submitted before the end of the year.

Chris Loop stated that Floyd County did adopt our road resolution. The resolution needs signed by Chris Loop.

### **Plan Commission**

Chris Loop said we are looking to have a joint meeting with Floyd County at our October meeting. Chances are there will not be a September meeting.

### **Old Town Hall Committee**

Chris Loop met on site with Laura Renwick and Greg Sekula with Indiana Landmarks in the middle of July 2020. They toured Old Town Hall and looked at the proposed parking lot improvements and at the retaining wall improvements. We are now in the phase where we need to move on this. They have helped develop a request for proposals that will go out. They will send this out to the media and it will be listed on our website. We will be receiving proposals for use of the building through Friday, October 30, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

We will be evaluating those proposals on relevant background experience with evidence of successful completion of projects, professional qualifications, financial responsibility, the capacity to undertake the project, the overall appropriateness of their rehabilitation plan with a timetable, level of financial investment of the property and the overall benefit to the revitalization of Georgetown's Historic District. We will have probably 60 days to vet and select a proposal. Hopefully will have a decision by the first of the year.

Chris Loop is asking to formally accept their form for the requests of proposals. We will begin working with Indiana Landmarks to find either a tenant or a new owner for the building.

Kathy Haller made a motion to accept Indiana Landmark's request for proposal documentation and for us to work with them to find a new tenant or buyer for the building. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Redevelopment Commission**

Chris Loop stated the Commission did have the first applicant for the façade program and that was A&B's Donut Shack. They were awarded a grant to help with the cost of the new sign, new paint and planters on the outside of the building.



## **Agenda Items**

### **HR Service Agreement**

Kristi Fox has reviewed the agreement and it is good to go. We just need to formally approve the agreement. At the July meeting, the Town Council selected HR Affiliates to look at the Town's policies and procedures.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the agreement for HR Affiliates. Seconded by Kathy Haller and passed 4-0.

### **Investment Account Update**

Ben Stocksdales provided an update on Edward Jones. At the last meeting, we awarded our investment account to Edward Jones with our local investor Matt Milles. Upon regulatory changes, Matt was unable to open the account for the Town. Edward Jones did not want to take the municipality risk that is now involved for a broker dealer. There are new SEC regulations that went into effect that would require the firm to take on more risk than they were comfortable with. Matt had to withdraw from accepting the account. The funds are still with German American.

Ben Stocksdales has spoken to German American and they will continue to run the account as usual. With the budget items we have seen coming up and with what rates are doing, we should probably leave the accounts with German American for the time being. As items mature, we should hold those in cash until we are sure what our budget needs will be for the upcoming year. There is additional concern how COVID will affect revenues. If we have excess cash, we can then direct the Clerk to look for CD options either with German American or other local banks.

The benefit of Edward Jones taking our account was they would have kept everything we had with German American. Keeping the exact same instruments but lowering our cost and that would have kept our yields the same. Ben Stocksdales hesitates to move it to any firm that won't keep our instruments the same because our yields are still good. Right now, we are at 2.4% overall portfolio yields. If we moved it to another institution that will not keep those yields, we could essentially give up 2.4% for possibly .5% which doesn't make sense.

The decision was to hold just for now.

### **New Member for Redevelopment Commission**

We had two volunteers for the replacement member and this board is the appointing authority. Chris Loop made a motion to appoint Ben Stocksdales as the new member of the Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Billy Haller, and approved 4-0.

## Claims Docket


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

Billy Haller asked if there was any way to bring the cost down on the basketball court improvements. Bob Woosley stated that the bids were a line item budget and he will take a look at what we can deduct out. Chris Loop stated the project is a really good project and we should leave the whole project intact. It is the first phase of the overall park and downtown redevelopment project. Looking at the overall numbers, with only having \$100,000.00 in gaming and looking at some of the shortfalls we might have next year, one of the areas we could use to fund this project is the investment account interest. Bob Woosley is going to get a full budget for the basketball courts, parking lot improvements and Old Town Hall to get an overall idea of how this would improve downtown.

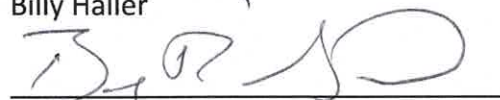
## Adjournment

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

## Minutes approved by:

  
Christopher Loop, President

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Gary Smith, Vice President

  
Kathy Haller  
Billy Haller  
Ben Stocksdales

## Attest:

  
Jessica Alexander, Deputy Building Commissioner