

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on January 19, 2021. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

HR Affiliates completed the HR Assessment Report and they were sent in the mail. HR Affiliates does not hold in person meetings but has offered to come present the report in an executive session. A zoom meeting is another option. Julia Keibler is to work with HR Affiliates and schedule a special meeting.

Chris Loop will be out of town for the next scheduled Town Council meeting in March. The meeting will be rescheduled.

ILMCT (The Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers) is having a virtual training for four days in March. There is a fee of \$100.00 per day per person. We would like to send one person from the office each day and then come back together and share the information. It will be held March 15 -18.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve \$400.00 for the Clerk's office to attend the ILMCT Training from March 15 through March 18, 2021 to be held virtually and to be paid for from the General Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Sergeant Travis Speece

The 2014 Dodge Charger has broken down and there are a couple of estimates to fix it. There were issues with the other Charger a couple of years ago. Estimates were received from John

Jones for \$3,605.91 and Sprecher's Automotive for \$3,596.00. There are a couple of options in that we can repair it, try to trade it in or donate it to Prosser for training.

Prosser is also interested in the 2003 Crown Victoria. They would be interested in seeing the vehicle. It cannot be driven right now.

The 2004 Crown Victoria runs and drives but there is not really a need for it. Could be auctioned off or donated.

Sergeant Speece will work on getting numbers together for trade in values on the Charger and the Crown Victoria's.

The Patrolman process has been completed as far as Sergeant Speece can complete it. There is one more step which is the final interview. It will be held with Sergeant Speece and one or two Town Council members. Chris Loop is in favor of moving forward with the interviews. There are currently six applicants. Billy Haller would like to participate in the interviews as well.

We spoke last year about updating the fleet vehicles in 2021. Chris Loop would like for numbers to be provided for the updating and make that part of the plan with trading in other vehicles.

Police Academy training has been set up online and the Reserve Officers have been completing their monthly requirements.

CPR Training will take place March 23, 2021 for the Clerk's office.

Town Attorney

We will be closing on the Lakeland Asset Purchase. A closing agent has been found and the contract has been emailed out. At the closing, easement documents will be needed and because of the permitting of the sewer plant at least 30 days will be needed. We are probably at least 60 days out.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign an agreement with Applegate Fifer Pulliam for closing on Lakeland. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Town Engineer

The Estate Circle Drainage project is complete and is going to be closed out. They have done everything that we have asked and it looks great. It has been inspected during significant storm events and it functioned exactly as it was intended.

Regarding the Front Detention Basin on Catalpa, if calls are received, we are aware that on Frank Ott Road there was some trench settlement and they will be coming back in the Spring to make a proper repair.

The Basketball Court improvements at the Ballpark is on hold right now because of the weather. As soon as they have good weather, they will be back out there. It is the same thing with the parking lot improvements. Merrell Bierman was anxious to get started and may have but Duke Energy held them up because of a pole that needed to be removed. It has been done so we are now waiting on the weather.

Bob Woosley will follow up Cornell Harbison and let them know that it may be May 2021 until they can get started on Lakeland Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Granite is going to be a sub on the project.

The Old Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements will be started by Merrell Biermen probably very soon. The weather will not bother them. The light poles and fixtures have been ordered and will be coming in and we will be trying to coordinate everything.

In the paperwork the first thing is a summary to show the cost breakdown of the roads that went in with the application for the Community Crossings Matching Grant. It was submitted in the last week of January. We have not heard yet if we were awarded the grant or not. The total amount submitted was \$237,650.00 for paving. If we receive the Grant, 75% of the amount will be paid which is \$178,238.00.

Are we ready to move forward with scheduling a public meeting for the Stormwater Fee Increase? Additional Stormwater Board members were needed first. Bob Woosley will follow up with the Stormwater Board.

There was a workshop for the Zoning update. It was very well attended and greatly appreciated. On Friday a summary will be sent to Justin Tackett with Floyd County. He will compile it and we will go from there. We are still in the process of getting the data together.

We will be taking quotes and opening those at the March meeting for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations Monitoring Equipment (Telemetry). It will probably be around \$100,000.00. We currently have a total of 20 lift stations and will have 21 when Yenowine Subdivision gets started. Not all 20 will need telemetry (which is remote monitoring equipment) but the benefit is that it will save on manpower and prolong the life of the pump stations.

We have an electrical issue with the Rainelle Lift Station. We do not agree with Harrison REMC on what occurred. A meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2021 at Town Hall for 2:00 P.M. Chris Loop will be present. This is a discussion phase to try to figure out what happened and why.

The West Lift Station also has an electrical issue that occurred. Duke Electric is in the process now of trouble shooting to find out what happened. We do not have an answer back yet.

Both stations are back to normal operations.

At the West Lift Station, a Comminuter or grinder is needed. The Station continues to have issues with clogging, rags, adult diapers and other debris. Every month we are spending thousands of dollars to have the pumps pulled, cleaned and put back in service. This is shortening the life of the pumps. Several quotes were secured. One from Aspire Industries is for around \$20,000.00 and Henry P. Thompsons price was around \$38,000.00. Bob Woosley recommends that the Town Council allow us to move forward with Aspire and set a budget of not to exceed \$25,000.00. It should pay for itself within seven or eight months. Some have been in service for five years with no issues.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$25,000.00 for Aspire Industries to install the Purestream Comminutor at the West Lift Station and for it to be paid out of Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

A mixer was installed about six months ago at the West Lift Station to try to help with the clogging and it does help but we will no longer need that because of the new piece of equipment. We plan to move it to one of the smaller lift stations. It is the Grease Gremlin and it definitely helps with the grease solidifying at the station. This was part of Aspires quote to move this for us.

There are a lot of active private developments. The Poplar Woods Subdivision is located off of Old Salem Road. It is in the design stages. We have never had a hydraulic model of the force mains that run from Legacy Springs all the way to our connection point at the West Lift Station. A model has been developed and we know how it is going to function. Poplar Woods will not cause any issues and should help to improve efficiencies.

Brookstone Section Four was recently approved by the Plan Commission. The plans were submitted today and this is the third submittal. There are still some things that need to be addressed. This should be approved with their next submittal. Building will probably begin in the Spring.

Novaparke is ready for a final walkthrough this coming Monday. There are some issues at the pump station. The county has committed to fix those.

Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project Phase II is in the packet. There are some easement questions. On the north side, we are going to save some of the sidewalk that is there. Between the school and Frederick Way we will keep all of that sidewalk. Between Frederick and Bowman, we are going to put in a wall along with new sidewalks. That area is where we got options before but they have probably expired. From Bowman to the car lot, we will need a wall. Some walls will only be two blocks.

On the south side there are no sidewalks at all. Starting at the Hair and Harmony, a new sidewalk will go all the way down to Canal Lane. We will need a couple of easements. When we get to Canal Lane, we would like to look at putting in another flashing beacon crosswalk like we are doing at Old Town Hall. Chris Loop likes the idea.

The next item in the packet is for the current Town Hall. The overall plan for the town has some businesses that are starting to get established. There was a grassy strip purchased from Gerald Miller, as well as, a block building next to Town Hall. The bakery now has a drive-thru operation which we agreed to. If you look at the overall movement and spacing of the parking lot, we need to look at how to better utilize that space. We will be removing the block building, burying the propane tanks and slotting the parking on a diagonal. There is not a budget yet but will probably be around \$125,000.00. Bob Woosley would like to proceed in securing quotes for this work.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Bob Woosley to proceed in securing quotes for the current Town Hall parking lot improvements. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

There was a meeting with the new pastor of Edwardsville United Methodist Church about the lift station. The lift station is located to the right of the church and only serves the church. It is very shallow and not conducive to growth in the area. Bob Woosley and Chris Loop met with church pastor and have agreed with them to relocate the station and put it in a lower spot on the property next to Knable. It is about a \$300,000.00 effort to make this happen.

Someone has come to the county and asked them about an apartment development on land next to the church. It is zoned for apartments and they could put up to 32 units in the space. We have been talking with the county to see if there could be a joint effort so that the town can relocate the lift station and open up the whole area for development.

The matter was taken to the Redevelopment Commission in Floyd County and they are very interested in trying to make this happen. It is in their TIF area, so they would be able to help fund the project. They have asked if the Town would be able to provide funding.

The tap fees, if they change, would generate roughly \$141,000.00. Perhaps the town could commit those funds to the project and the county provide the rest. The developer would be paying for all tap fees and all of the other infrastructure costs to bring it to us. An eight-inch line will have to be extended on Knable by the developer. The county would like to split the costs 50/50.

Chris Loop made a motion to have Bob Woosley and Kristi Fox begin drafting an interlocal agreement between the Town of Georgetown and Floyd County Redevelopment Commission for the proposed lift station on Knable. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Baker Tilley did an analysis of tap fees that we charge to see if it would be justifiable to charge a different rate for apartments verses what we charge for all other users. We looked at last several years of data. A one-bedroom apartment typically uses 45 gallons a day and a two-bedroom apartment typically uses 90 gallons a day. We currently charge \$7,140.00 for capacity fees and thus could justifiably be modified for apartment usage. If there is a one- or two-bedroom apartment they would pay based on the 90 gallons a day of \$4,430.00 per apartment. A three-bedroom unit would pay \$6,650.00. It is less than what they would currently pay. How would the Town Council like to proceed?

Chris Loop would like to go ahead and proceed. A public hearing will be needed and notices will have to be sent out. A public hearing will be set for the April meeting.

On Marci Lane there is a large project that has been identified. There are some people between Marci Lane and the Optimist Club that have a large problem with Stormwater.

Agenda Items

Destination Georgetown

The pandemic has slowed down membership, promotions and meetings. They have now rebooted since the end of the year thanks to Stan, who has taken over as President. A list of the new board members has been provided. John Beams is now a coordinator with Destination Georgetown. They currently have \$7,500.00 in the bank.

A brochure has been developed by the board. They are working on grant programs with OCRA. Their organization is going to renew current members fee for the year at no additional cost because they really didn't provide any services last year. They are also working on some events that will bring in additional dollars.

The main focus will be for a community assessment and working with organizations. The Town Council has given them a direction with the revitalization. They want to work on business retention. They want to develop an investment group to purchase properties and flip them. They have become a member of One Southern Indiana. They want a return to tourism with buses and have a dump. They would like a character to represent the Town. They would like to have weddings and encourage Airbnb. They would like art programs for youth. They would like to increase lighting and develop an entrance to the parks. They want a coupon book to promote local businesses.

At the next meeting they plan to present a budget for this next year and would like to receive a grant from the Town.

Infield At The Ballpark

Pictures of the ballfield were sent out to show how stormwater is eroding the field. There are six-inch ruts that have made it almost unplayable. It is across the field of play and in many spots. Some materials were purchased last year to patch it up but now it is almost unplayable for this season.

We did look at the runoff from the baseline to the dugout. There is a plan for getting rid of that water and the ultimate solution is within the master park plan. Some perimeter drains would go along the 1st and 3rd baselines up by the fence and then grade everything to that and pipe it out. Bob Woosley can run a quick budget on that and it would be a permanent solution.

The season begins March 25, 2021. The issue is that the field was grated and it is a hard surface that has a topping on it. The water comes from 3rd to 1st and all of the topping is now over by the shelter house. It has all run off and needs to be graded and the topping is gone. The water flow needs to be stopped. Maybe some basins or a small cinderblock wall instead of the chain link fence might work.

Chris Loop made a motion that a budget be established, not to exceed \$15,000.00, to acquire new playing surface material and have it installed and for it to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

There are four sets of bleachers that Clarksville would like to give to the Town of Georgetown for free. A resolution has already been passed by them. Joel Kintner is to work with Jamie Schillmiller to get them unloaded and installed. Joel Kintner has a truck that can be used to transport them.

Town Marshall Appointment

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to make Travis Speece the permanent Town Marshall for the year 2021 and to keep the current salary of the Town Marshall the same as what is in the current salary ordinance. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Travis Speece has accepted the position as Town Marshall.

Claims Docket

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

Stan Walk has a problem with stormwater on his property. The address is 8265 and 8275 State Road 64. INDOT has not been contacted.

The next Town Council meeting has been moved to March 29 at 6:30 P.M. Bob Woosley will not be present for that meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion that we set a budget of \$1,500.00 to allow for postage, mailing and printing of the flyer for the public hearing notice for the sewer capacity fee for apartments and for that to be paid out of Waste Water Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

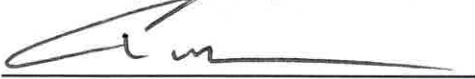
2021-R-02 A Resolution Accepting Surplus Property From Clarksville Parks Department

Billy Haller made a motion to approve 2021-R-02 A Resolution Accepting Surplus Property From Clarksville Parks Department. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Adjournment

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

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President



Ben Stocksdales, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer