

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
March 29, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on February 17, 2021. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on March 10, 2021. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

**Clerk Treasurers Report**

Gary Smith made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Thank You Letter for receiving Harrison County Riverboat Revenue. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Personal Vehicle Mileage Report for Jessica Alexander. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Road Bond for the project at 9110 State Road 64. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

**Chief Travis Speece**

There are two vehicles that are broken down. A quote was received from a couple of different dealers. One was a trade in for both 2014 Chargers for one 2021 Durango for \$27,397.00 base model only, without lights.

Prosser was contacted about the vehicle we are interested in donating to them. They have it and are looking it over. They will then get back with us to see if we should work on the donation.

There is one more Crown Victoria that is not serviceable. It is a 2004 and will not be used for any training or put back in service. If there is going to be a sealed bid sale sometime soon it should be put into the sale. It is blue with no lights.

The police academy might be interested in it as well. If it was donated to the police academy, they would provide in-service credits and we could go for free. Chris Loop would like to pursue that avenue. We will find out what is needed in order to make a donation.

A quote was secured with Tesla for a Model Y. The base model is \$50,990.00. With a trade-in of one of the Chargers they would give us \$8,900.00 and bring the total down to \$46,266.00. This does not include the updating. There was a quote from last year for the lighting around \$9,000.00. They will only allow one vehicle to be traded in, not two.

There have been several police departments in Indiana and other states that have started to purchase electric vehicles due to the extreme low maintenance that is required, as well as, the low fuel costs. In any given year for a full-time patrolman, we are spending on average \$8,000.00 on fuel and with an electric vehicle with the same amount of mileage we would probably spend somewhere around \$650.00 in electricity. No oil changes or transmission fluids are needed. The only thing we would have to do is rotate tires and buy new tires. Very few maintenance costs are involved. The quote expires in 14 days or we can lock in a price for \$100.00. The pricing has changed three times in 2021. The delivery time is from one to eleven weeks and would need to be picked up in Indianapolis.

There was a CPR class on March 23, 2021 at Town Hall. The ladies at the Clerks went through it and are now certified. All of the AED's have also been serviced.

Continuing education is ongoing for the reserves in the department.

We are working on scheduling National Night Out for this year and it will be in the fall.

Over the past two weeks interviews were finalized. Chris Loop, Chief Speece and Billy Haller conducted six interviews at the police station with candidates. The candidates were ranked in the order that they would like to be hired. The top two candidates we feel very comfortable with. One has law enforcement experience and the other is a full-time fire fighter. They would like to extend an offer to both for a full-time patrolman position. One would be brought in to train with Chief Speece and then the second officer will be brought in. They will both be brought in as Class B Patrolman according to the 2021 Salary Ordinance at \$41,298.63.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chief Speece to extend offers to hire two Class B Police Officers, where one will have a delayed start date. Both positions are to be paid out of EDIT. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Both new officers will need to go to the Police Academy. The first Officer will train with Chief Speece until attending the academy. After things are comfortable with the first Officer then the second Officer will begin the same process.

## **Public Works**

The lift station at Legacy Springs has had some problems and we are working with Harrison REMC to resolve them. Their engineer has communicated with us that they need to upsize the transformer that serves that location. The cost is around \$1,600.00 for the upgrade.

There are some soft start switches that Aspire will be removing after the transformer has been upgraded.

Chris Loop made a motion to pay up to \$2,000.00 to Harrison REMC to upgrade the transformer at Legacy Springs and for it to be paid out of the Waste Water Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

There was a tree hanging over Georgetown-Greenville Road over a utility line. There were three quotes ranging from \$450.00 to \$15,00.00. We went with the \$450.00 quote from Treez to remove it.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the invoice from Treez for \$450.00 to remove the tree hanging over Georgetown-Greenville Road and for it to be paid out of LRS. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

There was an employee who tested positive for Covid and had to quarantine for a certain number of days. The Cares Act had asked for employers to reimburse employees who have had to take time off related to a positive Covid test so that their personal PTO bank would not have to be tapped. Chris Loop would like to have a policy in place through the end of year that if an employee has to be out for 14 days that we will reimburse the employees time bank. This is to apply to the Clerk's office as well.

## **Town Attorney**

### **G-21-02 An Ordinance Regarding a COVID-19 Policy and Related Time Off**

First Reading of Ordinance G-21-02 An Ordinance Regarding a COVID-19 Policy and Related Time Off.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-02 An Ordinance Regarding a COVID-19 Policy and Related Time Off. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Second Reading of Ordinance G-21-02 An Ordinance Regarding a COVID-19 Policy and Related Time Off.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-02 An Ordinance Regarding a COVID-19 Policy and Related Time Off. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

There was a Resolution passed for 9000 State Road 64. There was one bid that was received and by statute we can move forward negotiating that sale with the homeowner. The Resolution



was for \$1,800.00. The bid that came in was for \$1,500.00 so we will need to negotiate with them.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Kristi Fox to negotiate with the homeowner on 9000 State Road 64 and to allow Chris Loop to sign outside of a meeting. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

We are required to pass a resolution outlining the rates that we are going to charge Lakeland Lagoon customers. A resolution needs to be passed to continue onto the next steps. This is an estimate and the rates may change.

#### **R-21-03 A Resolution Related to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Lakeland Lagoon Sewer Corporation**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Resolution R-21-03 A Resolution Related to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Lakeland Lagoon Sewer Corporation. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

#### **Town Engineer**

Nothing to report.

#### **Plan Commission**

Nothing to report.

#### **Storm Water Board**

The Board is looking to hold a meeting on May 6, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Optimist Club. Kristi Fox will be working with Jessica Alexander and will supply the notice that needs to be published.

#### **Old Town Hall Committee**

We will be working on the lease agreement with the Georgetown Butcher. We should be able to have a public hearing by the next town board meeting on April 19, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

#### **Ball Park Committee**

The score board is not working. When the electric was cut off for the basketball court, they think that is when the line was cut for the score board. Bob Woosley is checking on it.

We are also waiting on 2 quotes for the field.

## **Redevelopment Commission**

A meeting is scheduled next Tuesday (April 6, 2021) at 6:30 P.M. There are several grant applications that they will be discussing.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Ball Park Parking Lot Change Order**

Our contractor has made some changes. There was poor soil at the site and so it had to be dug out and stone trucked in to reinforce the structure. There is a change order that needs to be approved not to exceed \$14,712.00 with Bierman Excavating.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Change Order #1 on the Town Ballpark Parking Lot Project for \$14,712.00. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0. This should come out of the same line that the project is being paid for.

### **Harrison County Interlocal Agreement re Gaming**

Contracts have been signed by the Harrison County Commissioners and they just forgot to get them to us. There is an interlocal agreement to share Riverboat Revenue with them.

Gary Smith made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Riverboat Revenue with Harrison County. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

### **John Beams of Destination Georgetown**

A new guideline by the State of Indiana was passed out. There are now four different types of Mainstreet Organizations. They have decided to be a Downtown Affiliate Network and a plan has been presented.

They would like \$10,000.00 with a payment coming April 1, 2021 and then another one in August, based on their performance. \$7,500.00 is what is left over with the restructuring. They want the plan to be reviewed by the Town Council so that they can finalize their budget. John Beams would like the Town to make a commitment tonight.

Chris Loop asked if the 2021 estimated expenditure allocations are startup funds that would be required every year? John Beams said that the goal is to move up to the next level with the participation under the Main Street. They will be working on grants and use that as additional income.

They plan to let team captains develop and work with each team and then try to finalize everything with the action list. They would like the Town Council to help them make adjustments as they go along. That is why there is a 10% contingency. Might use matching

funds, if needed. There may be changes to categories with expenditures in the next two or three months depending on what can actually happen with their investment groups.

Greg Sekula has provided an avenue where they can get a loan. They would assess properties with Indiana Landmark.

They are extending memberships because there was nothing provided in 2020. They have been comped for the rest of this year for services.

Kathy Haller said that they plan on having a sign that says Welcome to Georgetown on a railroad track. She has talked with Ed Clere and INDOT. The plan for this year is to do an assessment. There are setbacks and sewer lines and issues that will have to be reviewed. They will also need an engineer report on it. The budget for that will probably be around \$1,500.00 but this will be down the road. The total cost of the project will probably be around \$25,000.00 and grants would be available.

Feel free to make any comments or suggestions and email John Beams.

With Destination Georgetown, they are trying become a vehicle to assist the Town Council, Redevelopment Commission and be the hub. They want to develop tourism and the historic district.

Chris Loop asked that if we commit to this funding would Destination Georgetown commit to giving us an update at least quarterly on where they are at? John Beams said part of the hub system is being one on one like here. An update prior to the next distribution that they would like to have but it is important for them to have the funding in order to qualify the first hub group. The \$10,000.00 budgeting process is the first thing for the affiliate category.

Chris Loop made a motion to give a Grant to Destination Georgetown of \$10,000.00 with the first distribution to be paid in April 2021 and the second distribution to be paid in August 2021, two \$5,000.00 increments, to be paid out of Gaming. John Beams has agreed to update us at least quarterly on where they are at with the plan. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

John Beams has been working with the SBA in New Albany regarding support of restaurants. There are two new programs out that are grant programs. He would like a list of all of the restaurants in the area to let them know about the grants. There are also venue grants available. They would like to help all of them recover from the events of last year. They are trying to help the Brick Wall right now.

FEMA has also come out with funeral costs for up to \$10,000.00. It has just come out and could help some of the families.



## **Family Dollar**

Billy Haller said at the Family Dollar someone has scrapped across the top of the road again. It is still functional but it does not look good. The light poles need to be checked on to see if they need to be reinforced.

## **New Vehicle**

Chris Loop would like to wait on the vehicle until next month to see if there is funding. Chief Speece will get a new quote before the next meeting.


## **Claims Docket**

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale 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:**

  
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Christopher Loop, President

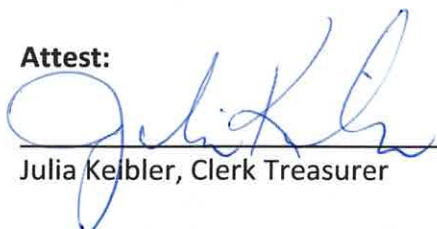
  
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Ben Stocksdale, Vice President

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Kathy Haller

  
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## **Attest:**

  
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Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer