

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Billy Haller and Ben Stocksdales. Kathy Haller was not in attendance. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander and Chief Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on March 29, 2021. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

Agenda Items

Bid Opening – Brookstone Lift Stations 2 & 3

Temple & Temple	\$22,200.00
EZ Construction	\$39,500.00
Harbison Excavating	\$27,950.00

The apparent low bidder is Temple & Temple at \$22,200.00. Bob Woosley recommends that the Town Council award the low bidder contingent upon a review of the documents submitted and all requirements are met.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept the apparent low bid of \$22,200.00 from Temple & Temple per Bob Woosley's review and for the project to be paid from the Wastewater Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

Georgetown Lift Station Telemetry – Demonstration by TNT Technologies

Bob Woosley stated TNT Technologies is a local company that he and Jamie Schillmiller met with regarding improvements we want to make to our system. The Town currently does not have a way to monitor all of the lift stations. We currently have over 20 lift stations and we do not have a way to monitor them all. The only two that we have that we can monitor with telemetry (a way to monitor remotely) is our east and west lift stations. We are looking for a way to eliminate our call outs and overtime pay. What we are trying to bring to the table is a way to

monitor every station we have. This will tell us if the problem is that one pump is down and the other is working. It is a way to help us understand what the problem is and to prevent a catastrophic failure.

Tom Nelson and Andy White are here representing TNT Technologies. Tom Nelson developed this eight or nine years ago. They brought a sample of their technology and demonstrated how the system works. The box they brought connects to the existing lift station control panel and connects via a cellular network. You can see everything that the station is doing with a smartphone, tablet or laptop.

This system is currently installed in Mt. Washington, KY. They checked their stations every day. Three months after the final install they were checking it once a week or every two weeks and now they only check them once a month. You will receive a detailed report every night on how the stations are doing and how the pumps are doing. A text will be sent if there is a high wet well or a pump failure.

The system runs on a very secure VPN that has gone through Homeland Security tests. We have these systems installed at Fort Knox. If there is a storm and the power goes out, these units have a battery backup/charger. You can still log in and see the wet well levels so they do not have to go out during storms. You can change the alarm levels as needed.

There is a timer inside the system that you can set while you are working on the pumps. The system will alert you once the timer has expired and you can remotely turn it back on to automatic if you have already left the station. You will get alerts saying you left the pump off. Bob Woosley said this will really help with our reporting to IDEM because we can show them the history of the stations.

Bob Woosley said this is an expensive investment but we are hoping to use it to reduce man hours from going into the field every day and every week. We will be able to know when we can anticipate replacing pumps in the future, watch run times, see when it is getting near the end of its useful life and forecast expenditures and future costs.

You will get a monthly cellular bill for each site and on the bill it will have 24-hour response for Andy. This system comes with a lifetime warranty and that covers everything except the battery, charger and the sensor for the wet well.

Chris Loop asked about the sensors on the wet wells. Tom Nelson said the normal maintenance worker checks the sensors once a month then takes a small brush and cleans them off. They are a big weighted device that has a diaphragm on it and as the water gets deeper on it, it presses on the diaphragm. If something gets wedged in there, you will get a reading that is stuck. Rags like to hang on the sensor. If they put too much weight on the sensor they can damage it. A check will be needed after big rain events. Sensors should last for several years if they keep them clean.

Gary Smith asked the price. TNT is submitting a bid but it is roughly around \$5,000.00-\$6,000.00 per station. This will push 100k-120k. Plus the monthly subscription for the cellular, warranty, monitoring fee and their 24-hour service. Bob Woosley thinks this will be a 5-year return on this investment.

Clerk Treasurers Report

The Grant for Destination Georgetown has not been paid. Julia Keibler said that Jessica Alexander came across an old ordinance that created a non-reverting fund for Destination Georgetown. That fund was never created and there was supposed to be \$5000.00 deposited into this fund and that was not done either. The previous payments to Destination Georgetown were paid from Gaming and some were paid from EDIT. How would the Council like to proceed with this payment?

Chris Loop said the fund was set up to assist with getting the OCRA grant which we did not get.

A decision was made to repeal the ordinance. This will take place at the May meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 be paid to Destination Georgetown, \$5,000.00 immediately and \$5,000.00 on August 1, 2021 or later and for those funds to be paid from EDIT instead of Gaming. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

There is another training class coming up with the SBOA and AIM. This time they are supplying the option of post event recordings to be purchased for \$40.00. Chris asked if she would like to attend the live meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion for up to \$200.00 for the Clerk's office to attend and purchase the recording for the Virtual Clerk Treasurer's School and for that to be paid from General. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

There is a phone line at the Police Station that we have been paying for that we do not use. This line was Rick Stiles's old line. Initially it was decided to keep it thinking we would have a Town Manager.

Chris Loop made a motion to cancel the secondary phone line at the Police Station. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

The office participated in a SBOA training last week and they discussed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. A fund will need to be set up, we will need to name the grant and the Council will need to have a plan in place in order to be able to use the funds. The SBOA said you can use the funds for sewer infrastructure projects and do not have to compare revenue from 2020. The funds should come some time after May 11, 2021.

Bob Woosley stated there are three main infrastructure components in sewer, water and broadband. You can also compare your revenue and make up for the loss of revenue in other areas including road funds. You have to compare your end of year 2019 to the end of year 2020 and replace those revenues.

The plan has to be part of the ordinance. We will receive half of the \$700,000.00 this year and the rest in 2022. All of the money has to be expended by the end of 2024. Once the plan is in place, you can go back and make changes if needed. You cannot spend any money until the plan is in place.

Sergeant Travis Speece

Chris Loop introduced Officer Harper to the Council. He has previously served as a reserve officer for the Town for the past six years. He has a law enforcement background and he has worked at Floyd County Corrections since 2014.

Travis Speece said Officer Harper is training with him now and Officer Harper is on the wait list for the Academy. He should be going around June. The second hire did accept his position. He will start around July 2021.

The Tesla Model Y updated quote is \$44,660.00. The price went up \$500, however, the trade in price went up \$2,000.00. The quote from Waymire to outfit it with lights and sirens was for \$9,252.19. We can take one of the radios out a car we are decommissioning and put it into this new car. This will save us about \$6,200.00 to \$6,500.00. Chris Loop said the Tesla quote does include sales tax of \$2,900.00 so that amount will be coming off. The trade in on the Charger is \$10,900.00 for a car that has 96,000 miles on it.

If we move forward with this, we will save money on maintenance and fuel. We will make the initial investment back in two years. We are averaging roughly \$9,000.00 a year per vehicle for maintenance and gas. When we had four officers, we had roughly \$20,000.00 in vehicle repairs alone.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2020 Tesla Model Y and upfit of the vehicle through Waymire Fleet, as well as, the purchase of a charger and the installation of the charger with a budget not to exceed \$54,000.00 and for that to be paid from line 485, using the interest from that line. Seconded by Ben Stockdale and approved 4-0.

There is a \$100.00 retainer fee to lock in the quote and get the car ordered. Chief Speece will take care of this. Delivery time is anywhere from 1 to 11 weeks.

Prosser is interested in the 2003 Crown Victoria. Chief Speece would like to donate this car to the Criminal Justice Program. They have looked at this and are interested in it. They will use it

in house for training. Chris Loop said a Resolution will be needed to donate it. The Resolution will be brought to the May meeting.

The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy is accepting donations. Chief Speece would like to donate the 2004 Crown Victoria to the Academy in exchange for in-service credit hours. This vehicle has been valued at \$1,000.00 which we will trade for about 120 credit hours. Kristi Fox will prepare a Resolution for the May meeting.

Julia Keibler will remove these vehicles from the insurance as the vehicles go away. A second Charger needs sold and we are looking to sell that vehicle to another Police Department.

Public Works

Town Attorney

Hopefully this week we will get an approximate closing date on Lakeland Lagoon. It will be at least 30 days out once we get that date. There are some documents that Bob Woosley and Kristi Fox need to review.

The survey needs reviewed for the lease for 9110 St Rd 64. Bob Woosley and Kristi Fox will discuss the survey. The next step is going to be the public hearing.

Town Engineer

Catalpa Ridge Rear Detention Basin – Bob Woosley would like to request an additional budget of up to \$10,000.00. This will be used to do some additional work on the headwall of the basin. The neighbor behind where the basin empties is where we are trying to slow water down by installing some rip rap. This would also include clearing the old right of way that is currently holding water that connects to Alonzo Smith Rd.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 to add rip rap and extend the paved channel to be paid for from Gaming. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

Basketball Courts – Binder asphalt was placed today and the surface will likely go down tomorrow. At least three weeks will be needed before the topcoat and stenciling are completed. Bob Woosley is going to check and see if we can get two colors on the court. Right now we will have a green court, white striping and white lettering. If we can get two colors we will do a red outline border. Chris Loop suggested putting a G in the center of the court. Bob Woosley will let the Council know if there will be an upcharge for two colors.

Basketball Parking Lot – This is almost fully complete and was striped today. There is a little to clean up and then the contractor will install the parking blocks on the railroad side of the parking lot.

Old Town Hall Parking Lot – The contract will be starting once they are complete with the parking lot at the park.

Telemetry – working on getting bids and should be able to bring them to the May meeting for opening.

Current Town Hall Parking Lot – To open bids at the May meeting. There will be one way traffic when this is finished. The entrance will be on the right-hand side of the donut shop and circle around that building to park at Town Hall. This will be a gateway parking lot into the park in the future. This will also tie into the new crosswalk with the Old Town Hall parking lot.

We still have not heard anything about the Community Crossing Matching Grants.

There is a public hearing scheduled for May 6, 2021 for the stormwater rate increase.

For the West Lift Station, you approved installing a grinder to grind up the rags. We expect that to be coming in any day now. It should take two days to install and hopefully this will be installed by your next meeting.

Easement acquisition has started on the second phase of the sidewalks project.

Marci Lane Drainage Improvements Project – Bob Woosley will have several options to present. Improvements will start on Lisa Lane and they will make their way through rear yards, side yards, thru Marci Lane and eventually end up at the Optimist Club. This could potentially be an extremely expensive budget, possibly up to \$125,000.00. This is a large watershed. The last thing we want to do is release all of the water at the Optimist Club. This would cause a lot of problems with the channel behind the Optimist Club.

Jessica Alexander asked where Bob Woosley's bill for the design of this project needs to be paid from. Chris Loop asked to think about this for a minute.

There has been an increase in failed septic systems. We have had four new connections to our sewer system in the last 30 to 60 days

Old Town Hall Committee

The next step in the lease process is to get the public hearing scheduled. This is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday May 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm. We will cancel the Plan Commission scheduled for that night and move Redevelopment Commission to 6:00 P.M. on May 4, 2021. This meeting will be held at Town Hall.

Agenda Items

Introduction of Apartment Sewer Capacity Fee Ordinance

Kristi Fox introduced the new apartment sewer capacity fee. This is not going to be voted on tonight. The public hearing for this ordinance will take place at the next regular meeting. The last capacity fee ordinance from 2018 did not account for apartment tap fees. We are trying to account for this knowing there is a growing concern over the flexibility for apartment buildings. The proposed fee for one or two-bedroom apartments is \$4,430.00 instead of \$7,140.00 and three-bedrooms \$6,650.00. There is no automatic yearly increase. G-18-04 still covers the remainder of single family and other buildings capacity fees. Notice needs sent 10 days before the hearing to all outside users and all vacant or unimproved properties in the Town boundaries. The notice also needs posted in the newspaper.

Proclamation for Georgetown Optimist Club and The Georgetown Drive In

Chris Loop stated that this year is the Optimist Club's 60th Anniversary, as well as, the 70th Anniversary for the Georgetown Drive-In. He is requesting the Town Council's permission to develop a proclamation for each. May 7th will be Drive-In day and May 15th will be Optimist Club Day. A proclamation to honor both of those will be presented to each organization.

Chris Loop made a motion to create a proclamation to proclaim May 7, 2021 Georgetown Drive-In day and a proclamation to make May 15, 2021 Georgetown Optimist Club Day. Seconded by Biller Haller and approved 4-0.

John Beams stated there will be a ribbon cutting at both locations on those days. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chris Loop stated the Redevelopment Commission will be presenting a check to Village House Coffee this Friday, April 23, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. Destination Georgetown will also be doing a ribbon cutting.

Computer Quotes – Malwarebytes & Backups

Julia Keibler has had some conversations with our software company. There has been quite a lot of concern over hackers and keeping our information safe. The SBOA said it is not a matter of if you are going to get hacked, it is a matter of when.

Our computer technician stated that we currently have a nightly on-site backup. He has given us a quote for an additional cloud backup. That yearly fee is quoted at \$788.00.

We also discussed Malwarebytes, an endpoint protection. It is an additional line of defense if someone is trying to use ransomware and this program will help to protect us. The monthly charge is \$30.44 for four desktops plus the server.

The Town does have cyber security insurance.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from Absolute for annual back up of \$788.00 and monthly antivirus protection for the charge of \$30.44 per month and for that to be paid out of the General Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Miscellaneous Business

Chris Loop stated the Indiana Historic Bureau approved a Sherman Minton marker several months back. They are working on installation and it looks like it will be installed around September. They will be meeting with the School to decide where it needs to be placed. Chris Loop will bring back the cost to the Town Council.

Tim Cooper from the Utility Shop provided a quote for steel frames for the salt spreaders to be hung on when they are not in use. The County Road Department has them at their shop. We do have a quote from Nye Welding from Corydon for a price of \$9,985.00 to fabricate and install two of those. Chris Loop has a few more questions before we move forward. Chris Loop to bring this item back to the May meeting.

Claims Docket

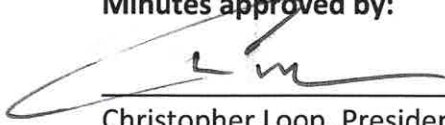
Gary Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

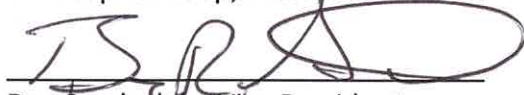
Chris Loop would like to pay the design for the Marci Lane Drainage Project on Bob Woosley's bill out of line 480 Waterworks Proceeds.

Adjournment

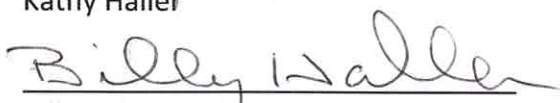
Chris Loop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President

Ben Stockdale, Vice President

Kathy Haller

Billy Haller

Gary E. Smith
Gary Smith

Attest:
Julia Keibler
Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer