

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
May 17, 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, 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 April 19, 2021. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0 (Kathy Haller abstained).

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on May 4, 2021. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Bid Opening - Town Hall Parking Lot

This bid is for redoing the entire town hall parking lot, including going on the other side of the donut shop. Total redo of all parking, the grass area and parking lot on the other side of the donut shop, start of sidewalks leading back to the park, new lighting, burying propane tanks, tearing down the shed, landscaping, defines downtown space for the Revitalization Plan for Main Street.

EZ Construction - \$269,882.00
Excel Excavating - \$226,747.00
Merrell Bierman - \$219,271.00
Cornell Harbison - \$299,663.00

Bob Woosley recommends to allow for the lowest responsive bidder assuming all documents are in order and for the Council to determine where the funding will come from.

Chris Loop made a motion to award to the lowest responsive bidder, which appears to be Merrell Bierman, assuming all documentation is in order and reviewed and awarded outside of a meeting and the funds to be paid from line 485 - the interest off the investment account. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales, and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Julia Keibler stated that Diane Lilly gave her resignation. She sent an email letting everyone know and asked to fill that position, but she has decided to hold off on that for a little bit. We will be making some changes in the office.

Lakeland closed, and all the packets were delivered today and we've already had two people bring in their deposits. She is very pleased that we've already had some activity with that.

The Cloud backup was installed and is in place and it's working. It's a daily backup.

American Rescue Plan - Thinking we will receive those funds before the next meeting. Can you please go ahead and pick a fund number so when the funds arrive, we can receipt it into the correct fund so we don't have to do any transfers. The State recommends a number between 176-199. Chris Loop said to use fund number 199.

Chief Travis Speece

Buddy Harper is doing exceptionally well. He will start the Academy June 14th in Jeffersonville. He will attend a 15-week academy there, it will be close to home. It's the same training that Plainfield offers, but it's a new remote satellite class they are offering. Buddy spent 130 hours training with Chief Speece. Graduation is tentatively scheduled for September 24th. Invitations will be sent out.

The Tesla has been ordered. Expected delivery is the end of June or first of July. We are still waiting on the VIN number to be sent to us. They received all the required information they needed, the insurance and trade in information. The wall connectors came in and will be meeting with an electrician in the next couple weeks to get that installed. Waymire Fleet has been contacted and they have the parts on order to outfit the vehicle when it comes in.

Sewer Capacity Fees Public Hearing, Ordinance G-21-03

The public hearing portion of the meeting was opened.

There were no public comments.

Chris Loop stated this ordinance fixes a problem with the current sewer capacity fee ordinance. The current ordinance was written in a way that every apartment would have to pay the current residential capacity fee price of \$7,140.00 and this ordinance will adjust that. We had an analysis of what apartments typically use and that was done by Baker Tilly. The new rates will be \$4,430.00 for a one- or two-bedroom apartment, and anything bigger than that will be \$6,650.00.

Southern Indiana Builder's Association submitted a letter of support for this proposed ordinance.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

Town Engineer

Bob Woosley had two additional items for the Town Hall Parking Lot Project that were outside of the scope of the general contractor's contract. We received a quote from Pearce Bottle Gas to replace the two above ground tanks with two buried tanks. The price for this is \$12,788.03.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Pearce Bottle Gas to bury the tanks and to be paid from line 485. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

We also need to order solar lights for Town Hall Parking Lot. These will be the same lights we are using at the Old Town Hall Parking Lot. The total price from Fonroche Lighting America is \$17,580.00 for 4 solar lights only. The bases, the installation, is all included in the general contractor's quote.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve purchasing the lights for \$17,580.00 from Fonroche Lighting America and for that to be paid from line 485. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Merrell Bierman is starting on the Old Town Hall Parking Lot. Once they finish that, they will be starting on the current Town Hall Parking Lot.

Bids will be opened at the June meeting for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations Monitoring Equipment (Telemetry).

The Town was awarded the Community Crossings Matching Grant. This is only to be used for paving work. The grant amount was \$178,238.00 from the State. The total budget is \$237,650.00, \$59,412.00 will be Town funds.

The roads we submitted Allen Way, Blossom Ln, Church Alley, Georgetown-Lanesville Rd, Miller Ln, Richland Dr, Cristiani Way, Sister Barbara Way, Unruh Dr, and Frederick Way. If we were to deviate from this list at all, we will have to get petition the State.

Bob Woosley is asking for a motion to allow for Chris Loop to sign any documents necessary for the Community Crossings Matching Grant outside of the meeting. This is just for the contract with the State. Bids will be opened at the June meeting.

Gary Smith made a motion to allow for Chris Loop to sign any documents necessary for the Community Crossings Matching Grant outside of the meeting. Seconded by Kathy Haller, and approved 5-0.

Catalpa Ridge Rear Detention Basin is complete. Project will be closed out.

Georgetown Ballpark Basketball Court Improvements construction is substantially complete, waiting on the fence to be installed; there is a wood shortage. There are a few areas to be finished. They need to reseed areas where the seed was washed out and the grass didn't take. There is some trench settlement next to the road that they are going to fix. The surface color coating, stenciling, and striping still needs to be done. They anticipate doing that in the next couple weeks.

We have discussed extending the fencing around the courts to prevent cars from vandalizing the courts like happened at Kevin Hammersmith Park. Originally the fence was supposed to start where the landscaping starts, but we would like to start it when you cross the railroad tracks, because a car can drive through there now to get to the parking lot. The extension will wrap all the way to the other side where the entrance is for the parking lot.

Temple and Temple gave us a price of \$5,800.00 to extend the fence.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the change order for \$5,800.00 to extend the fence and the funds to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 10th.

Georgetown Ballpark Basketball Court Parking Lot Improvements. All work is complete. The original plans were missing a 3' section of the sidewalk. This will be fixed by Merrel Bierman for roughly \$1,200.00.

We are now the owners of the Lakeland Sanitary Sewers. We are now past the 60-day hold for the bids that were opened in January. This project will most likely need to be rebid since the prices on materials have increased. Cornell Harbison was originally awarded the project, and Roger is checking to see if his price will go up. He is to let Bob Woosley know if it needs rebid, and if it does, we will open them at the June meeting.

The Old Town Hall Parking Lot light poles have arrived at the Town Shop. Work should begin this coming Monday. We are also trying to get EV charging stations at this location.

Temple and Temple have not started on the Brookstone Lift Stations No. 2 & 3 Modifications yet. We are waiting on a start date from Temple and Temple. We are now having new problems at these stations. Someone now is flushing needles, and Bob brought more flyers for the utility department to distribute in the neighborhood.

Bob Woosley has prepared and submitted the bi-annual Stormwater MS4 Annual Report last week that is due every two years.

The County did not address some comments that we had for our Zoning Ordinance Update. Justin Tackett with the County is now moving out of State and he is the person that was making the changes to our version of the Code. We will finish this up with Don Lopp with Floyd County.

The West Lift Station comminutor has not been installed yet, we are waiting on delivery of some materials.

We continue to meet with property owner for the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project Phase II to get the easements we need. Once those are received, we will bid this project out.

An Interlocal Agreement is needed between the Floyd County Redevelopment and the Georgetown Town Council for the Edwardsville United Methodist Church Lift Station Relocation Project. We are proceeding ahead with the work to get the plans ready. It will be the Fall before this project is bid out; we still need the approval from IDEM.

Agenda Items

Drainage Problem – Floyd Farm & Seed

Bob Woosley said there is a drainage problem at the rear of the property coming off of Georgetown-Greenville Rd. Years ago we did a project on the North side of the road and that helped the situation, we tried to do a simple asphalt curb. Water shoots off from Walnut St. We have made attempts over the years, the curbing has been somewhat effective, but over time snow plows tend to chip those away, and that is what has happened here.

Bob Woosley would like to do a more robust project to add a riprap stone channel that would allow water to sheet in both directions. This will take care of the erosion problem that Justin Juhasz is having at the rear of his property. Bob Woosley's recommendation would be to bid this out and to determine where the funds will come from. Bob Woosley's estimate is roughly \$20,000.00. This work is beyond what the Town Crew can do. Chris Loop stated we are getting more Gaming revenue than we have in previous months. No easements are necessary for this project, it's within our right-of-way. This project will be bid out at the June meeting.

Justin Juhasz said the water that comes off the back hill turns into a river and it's starting to creep into the building.

WWTP Directional Sign

The Town is having more and more deliveries to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Operator is having problems getting deliveries to the Plant. Bob Woosley has worked with Sign of the Times to create a directional sign for the Plant. There was a temporary sign in place during the expansion, but it was on the pavement, and we can't put a dedicated sign there. There is a grass spot where that sign was, but the property owners have already granted an easement for Odyssey Machine to use that space. Bob Woosley will reach out to Odyssey Machine to see if we could possibly do a joint sign or an option to share the space.

Old Town Hall Lease

Chris Loop said at the public hearing on the lease, the Council authorized Kristi Fox to take action to fix the title issues with the adjoining property owner. We are trying to fix a previous deed error and property line issue. We prefer not to sign the lease until the neighbor agrees to fix the property line issue.

Sewer Capacity Fees Ordinance G-21-03

First reading of Ordinance G-21-03, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Sanitary Sewer Service Capacity Fees for Apartments for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-03, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Sanitary Sewer Service Capacity Fees for Apartments for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Second reading of Ordinance G-21-03, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Sanitary Sewer Service Capacity Fees for Apartments for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-03, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Sanitary Sewer Service Capacity Fees for Apartments for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Ordinance G-21-04 – Establishing New Rate for Storm Water Fees

Chris Loop stated that the Town currently charges \$1.00 a month for a storm water fee. This current fee is basically a place holder fee because we are a community that the State requires to have a stormwater department plus the fee. This current fee only brings in roughly \$13,000.00-\$14,000.00 a year that goes towards the MS4 department. We spend at least \$2,500.00 on the annual reporting and some funds go to the utility department's salaries for MS4 work that they do. This does not leave money to do projects like Floyd Farm & Feed. We have quite a backlog of projects that we have identified. We have started to put a dent in them in the last two years and we did that by transferring money from one of the water operating accounts once we sold the water. It turns out we were not supposed to do that because we got slapped on the wrist by the State Board of Accounts. They said we shouldn't have transferred the money, should've just paid for the projects from the original fund. The State said the utility has to be self-sufficient.

We moved \$300,000.00 and as of today, we have \$37,000.00 left and still at least one invoice for over \$20,000.00 that hasn't been paid from this balance.

Chris Loop said the thought process behind this, is we know we have a funding issue with MS4, and there is a backlog of projects and we need to do something to address it.

There is a current problem we have from a past development when MS4 didn't exist. The Marci Lane Drainage Project basically has a drainage basin that extends from the east side of Canal Lane through Lisa Lane through Marci Lane and eventually ends at the Optimist Club. We are putting a plan together for this now.

Kim Courtney wants to know why we can't keep it on our utility bill instead of putting it on the property bills. Chris said we want to keep it consistent with how Floyd County does it. Chris Loop said people have always talked about how high the bills are. Chris Loop isn't trying to hide anything from anyone, but he doesn't want to "raise the sewer bill" even though there are three services on there, everyone always calls it the sewer service. From the collection side of it, just because you have it on the utility bill, doesn't mean you're going to collect it every month. If you put it on the property taxes, it's an easier way for collection to make sure we address those problems. We can put liens on for wastewater, but not for stormwater. Placing the fee on the tax bill, you will be billing all properties in Town. Currently, unimproved properties do not pay a stormwater fee, because they don't receive a utility bill.

There are funds you can use to fund the current MS4 projects, but it doesn't fix the long-term problem of the utility supporting itself.

First reading of Ordinance G-21-04, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Storm Water Fees for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-04, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Storm Water Fees for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and not approved 2-3. Gary Smith, Billy Haller, and Kathy Haller all voted no.

Ordinance G-21-04 died.

Chris Loop will be bringing Ordinance G-21-04 an Ordinance G-21-04, an Ordinance Establishing a New Rate for Storm Water Fees for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana back before the Council to the June meeting.

Repealing Ordinance G-17-06

Ordinance G-17-06 was to establish a Main Street fund and at the last meeting the Council decided to repeal this ordinance so Kristi Fox drafted G-21-05.

First reading of Ordinance G-21-05, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-17-06 an Ordinance Establishing a Main Street Fund.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-05, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-17-06 an Ordinance Establishing a Main Street Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Second reading of Ordinance G-21-05, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-17-06 an Ordinance Establishing a Main Street Fund.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-05, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-17-06 an Ordinance Establishing a Main Street Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Resolution to Donate Two Crown Vic Police Cars

One police car is being donated to Prosser, and the other is being donated in exchange for some credit hours to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, specifically the STOPS program. Both entities will also have to pass their own resolutions and Kristi Fox has their contact information and will reach out to them to get them the information they need. Both vehicles are valued at \$1,000.00 or less.

Reading of Resolution R-21-04, A Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Resolution R-21-04, A Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Updated Redevelopment Commission Application

Chris Loop said the Redevelopment Commission has a façade grant program and there have been a few minor changes to the application to make it clearer what the Commission is will reimburse for. They have also included a sample contractor estimate highlighting what they will pay for. The Redevelopment Commission has recommended this to the Town Council for approval.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the updated façade improvement program application for the Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Quote for Replacement Spinner Harnesses

Someone stole the harnesses on the inclusive spinner that is at the ball park. We received a quote of \$945.00 from Little Tikes. The quote includes four harnesses. Chris Loop said we could install two and keep the other two for backup.

Chris Loop said he talked with the Town's trash service, Ecotech, and they are going to donate \$5,200.00 to purchase more inclusive playground equipment for the ballpark.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to buy four harnesses for \$945.00 but to only install two, to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Chris Loop skipped the Tree Removal Quotes that were on the agenda because no one talked to him about them and he didn't know what they were for. Billy Haller asked who was responsible to get rid of a dead tree in the easement. Chris Loop said if the tree falls in the road, we clean it up and place the tree back in the property owner's road. Kristi Fox said that just because we

have a right-of-way or easement, it doesn't mean we own the tree. It depends on what the agreement says.

Quote for New Shop Lawn Mower

Chris Loop said the skagg mower we use for the ballpark is over 15 years old and has over 2200 hours on it. It continues to have electrical problems and we received a quote to get it fixed and it was over \$900.00. Chris Loop told Tim Cooper we are not going to get it fixed. Possibly put this mower out for public bid. Chris Loop asked him to get a quote for a new lawnmower and we will give the park one of our existing lawnmowers. Tim Cooper got three quotes.

Anderson's Sales & Servis – 61" 40 horsepower Ferris - \$12,924.45 with a \$1,000.00 rebate
Southern Indiana Equipment - 60" Hustler \$12,358.00
Wright Implement – John Deere ZTrak \$13,250.00

The preferred mower by the Utility Crew is the Ferris from Anderson's Sales & Service. It has an independent 4-point shock suspension and is a better ride than the other two mowers.

Kathy Haller made a motion to purchase the Ferris 61" mower from Anderson's Sales & Service for up to \$13,924.45 and for that to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Modifications to Lift Station #2 at Brookstone

There is some damage to the lift station #2 at Brookstone. This is one of the older stations and it predates Bob Woosley's reviews of Brookstone. We would like to rebuild part of the wet well, and replace the existing discharge 1 ¼ inch pipe that leads to a 2" force main. We would like to replace the 1 ¼ with a 2" pipe to help with the hydraulics of the pumps. The pumps are hard-piped in. This will also be changed to a slide rail system. Aspire Industries gave us a price of \$5,502.00 to make the modifications.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow those modifications and for those charges to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales, and approved 5-0.

Pay Applications from Ball Park Projects

We received an invoice from Merrell Bierman to finish their billing for the park parking lot and also received an invoice from Temple and Temple for the portion at the park.

Chris loop made a motion to approve both pay applications and for them to be paid from what we initially said we'd pay them from. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Mini Excavator Repairs

Chris Loop said the mini excavator needed some repairs and the warranty was out. The total repair cost was \$2,300.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the mini excavator repairs for \$2,300.00 and for that to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Weed Eaters

Chris Loop said the utility crew had a weed eater blow up and another is a 2013 with hundreds of hours on it. Chris Loop authorized them to go purchase two new commercial trimmers for \$800.00.

Gary Smith made a motion to purchase two new commercial gas trimmers not to exceed \$800.00 and for that to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business

Chris Loop thinks we are good to move our monthly meetings back to Town Hall since the mask mandates are gone. The Council had no objections. The June Town Council meeting will be the first meeting held back at Town Hall.

Claims Docket

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

Miscellaneous Business

Jessica Alexander said back in February the BZA approved a use variance for ammo manufacturing in a garage. The BZA requested that Chief Speece go check on them every so often, but failed to ask for approval from the Town Council to make sure they are following the rules put in place by the BZA. The resident's 120-day time period is almost up.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion for Chief Speece to check on the residents. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Adjournment

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

SIGN IN SHEET

MEETING DATE & TIME:

May 17, 2021 6:30pm

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:


Sewer Cap. Fees for Apartments:

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Minutes approved by:



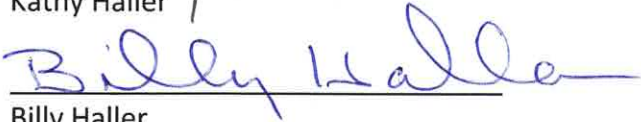
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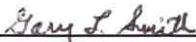
Ben Stockdale, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer