

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on May 17, 2021. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Bid Opening – Lift Stations Monitoring System Installation Project

BBC Pump Equipment - \$89,915.00
TNT Technologies - \$113,781.99

These bids will be taken under advisement. They are different technologies. This is a slightly different bid than we normally do. They will need to be evaluated to make sure all requirements were met.

Chris Loop made a motion to take the lift station monitoring bids under advisement for evaluation of long-term costs. Seconded by Gary Smith, and approved 5-0.

Bid Opening – Roadside Paving Quotes

We received the Community Crossings Grant from the State. This is a matching grant. The Town will pay 25% and the State will pay 75%. We can only pave the roads included in the application for the grant.

C&R Construction - \$229,933.65
Temple & Temple - \$204,893.30
E&B Paving - \$183,461.55
Libs Paving - \$169,382.60

Bob Woosley recommends award to the apparent lowest bidder, Libs Paving, contingent upon review that all numbers add up and all documentation was submitted and to allow for Chris Loop to sign any documentation required for the grant outside of a meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion to the award the apparent lowest bidder, Libs Paving, contingent upon review that all numbers add up and all documentation was submitted and to allow for Chris Loop to sign any documentation required for the grant outside of a meeting. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0. This will be paid from MVH Restricted and LRS.

Bid Opening – Lakeland Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

This project had to be rebid due to the timeframe for completion had expired. Prices have increased since we bid this project out in January.

Harbison Excavating - \$288,499.00

Temple & Temple - \$256,652.00

Bob Woosley recommends approval to the apparent low bidder, Temple and Temple, contingent on his review of all documents submitted.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to award the apparent low bidder, Temple and Temple, contingent everything is in order. To be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvements. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Bid Opening – Floyd Farm & Feed Drainage Improvements Project

Excel Excavating - \$50,800.00

Merrel Bierman - \$35,267.00

Temple & Temple - \$37,300.00

Bob Woosley recommends award to the apparent low bidder contingent upon all documents being in order. These bids are good for 60 days.

Chris Loop made a motion to table this item, seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Julia Keibler said we have a \$75,000.00 CD for the sewer deposits that has come due. Julia Keibler talked to Chris Manship at First Financial Bank and he said the current rate for a two-year CD is .15%.

Ben Stocksdales recently talked to a bank that had approached us in the past and they offered us a better yield than our current bank is giving us. This bank is willing to give us a .4% yield on cash money, mainly the operating account. Ben Stocksdales would like to get the operating account bid out. Ben Stocksdales is going to shop this CD and bring it to the next meeting.

The yearly renewal for the insurance is due. There was a previous breakdown of five different funds and we wanted to make sure the Council was ok with the breakdown. Should the Police get a higher percentage of the split? They are currently only paying 3.5%.

The total breakdown for the insurance is: General – 35%, Police – 3.5%, Sanitation – 20%, MVH – 11.5%, and Sewer – 30%. Chris Loop would like to leave it the way it is.

Lakeland's new customers will be set up next week on our billing side, and we need clarification on the surcharge rate. Lakeland will be paying up to \$315,000.00 for the repairs to their system. Per the Resolution, it says the fee is up to \$16.50 per customer per month for up to 40 years. To leave the rate at \$16.50, per the Resolution and we will shorten the time frame to be paid back if we need to.

We received the bill for the replacement backboard at the new basketball court. Where would the Council like to pay for this from? Chris Loop said to take it out of the Park line item out of the General fund. Once we collect the reimbursement from the parents, we will put it back into the General fund.

The Budget is right around the corner. The DLGF has changed their processes this year. In years prior, we met with the DLGF, then had our budget workshops. They would like to have the budget completed when we meet with them so that process is much further along. The meeting with the DLGF is scheduled for August 3, 2021.

A budget workshop has been scheduled for July 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM and another one for July 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM. The Public Hearing date will be August 16, 2021 and the Adoption date will be September 20, 2021.

Julia Keibler has implemented a new accounts payable form that is required by the State Board of Accounts. The Council must sign it along with Julia Keibler.

Diane Lilly had questioned her lack of holiday pay on her final check. Billy Haller feels she should not be paid since her last day was on May 31st. She would have had to work the day before and the day after in order to get paid, unless it was approved by the Department Head, and it was not approved by Julia Keibler, because she resigned, so he feels she should not be paid. Gary Smith and Ben Stocksdale feel the same way.

Chief Travis Speece

The Tesla is in and we have it, but we have not paid for it yet. Some of the forms they sent include sales tax, and some of them don't. It is getting graphics on it right now and will go next week back to Indianapolis for the lights to be installed.

The Explorer is back in Indianapolis, it has a spotlight issue. It is under warranty still.

We are still waiting to hear back from Prosser and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and about the two donated police Crown Vic vehicles. The Town has done everything it needs to do, we are just waiting on both entities to except the donations.

Lots of recent trends on Facebook and social media. This was very useful for the damage done at the basketball courts. The Town will be reimbursed for this.

There have been recent auto thefts and thefts from autos. Make sure all vehicles and homes are locked at night.

Officer Harper started the Academy. Last week was his first week. In three weeks, the next full-time officer will start. His first day is July 14th.

Chief Speece stated that the traffic at the school works better without the Police Department directing traffic. This area is not designated as a school zone by the State, it is considered a State Highway.

Town Attorney

The property at 9000 St Rd 64 needs a survey to determine the sign easement, legal description and the road right of way. There is not a recorded right of way. The parcel appears to go into Kepley Rd.

Chris Loop made a motion accept the proceeds purchase of 9000 St Rd 64 to the General Fund and we approve up to \$1,000.00 to have the survey performed on 9000 St Rd 64 by Hart's Surveying and for that to be paid from General. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales, and approved 5-0.

Town Engineer

There are a few items left to be finished at the Basketball Courts Project. Fence installation is waiting on the subcontractor to be installed. Some areas need reseeded, there is a trench settlement that needs filled in and some dead landscaping that needs replaced.

The Old Town Hall Parking Lot construction is underway. The contractor found a lot of old structures that were buried, old foundations, old cistern. Bob Woosley has been working with INDOT for flashing crosswalk modifications.

Brookstone Lift Stations No. 2 & 3 Modifications – These lift stations used to “daisy chain” pump to lift station 1. This project will take that away and pump them directly to the force main discharge at lift station 1. Temple and Temple is doing this project and they should have started last week.

The grinder at the West Lift Station was supposed to be installed last week. The need for this is because people continue to flush things that should not be flushed down the sewer system – wipes, adult diapers, etc.

There are lots of funding options out there for stimulus money. Bob Woosley and Julia Keibler have been working together to prepare lots of information for the State. The Town will be receiving over \$700,000.00 of funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). This money is guaranteed. There is another round of SWIFT funds that are competitive grant funds that we have to apply for through the State. Applications for the SWIFT funds are due by July 15, 2021. Stormwater might possibly be a possible project for SWIFT.

Bob Woosley recommends to allow Chris Loop sign any documents that might have to be signed for an application outside of a meeting. We do not know if this is going to be a matching grant program, but they did release that you can use the ARPA funds for matching State grants. There is not a plan in place for the ARPA funds. A plan is required to be in place before the funds can be spent.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign any grant applications outside of a regular meeting. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Bob Woosley is to get with the owners of Lock Jaws and Odyssey Machine about the sign easement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant sign.

Ball Park Committee

Billy Haller said at one time, you couldn't skateboard on any public property. In 2004, the Town made an ordinance that said the only place you can skateboard is on the basketball courts. Billy Haller would like to get a sign that says no skateboarding on the basketball courts. Kristi Fox is to change ordinance G-04-19.

Ben Stocksdales received a quote to repair the seats for the seesaws. The seats are damaged and made of wood. Miller Reclaimed Construction's quote was for \$505.58 for treated cedartone lumber, mounting, and delivery. This was tabled. Brent Schroeder is going to look at the seesaw first thing in the morning to fix those seats.

Redevelopment Commission

Chris Loop stated at the last Redevelopment Commission they approved a new façade improvement application to provide more clarity. The amount is still the same, they will still award up to \$5,000.00.

Agenda Items

Old Business

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

Chris Loop would like to table this agenda item. Chris Loop would like the Stormwater Board to meet in July to put credit for mitigation factors into place. We need to provide more clarity for the mitigation factors for the businesses in Town. There is a lot of miscommunication and confusion about what we are trying to put into place.

Gary Smith proposes putting the proposed rate increase on the next election ballot and to keep the user fee on the sewer bill. This would be considered a referendum. Is it legal to do this? Kristi Fox is to look into getting this onto the ballots for next year's election.

New Business

SRF Report

Bob Woosley talked to Doug Baldessari this morning. This is the report that Doug with Baker Tilly prepares every year for the SRF. This is the first true year since the expansion of the WWTP that we have a good look at the expenses. We are in much better financial position with the operational expenses and revenues. There will be some new costs incurred with the Telemetry that we just bid out. Things are much improved compared to a year ago. The current rates are doing good.

Interlocal Agreement – Knable Road Sewer Project

The Floyd County Redevelopment Commission and the Town of Georgetown decided to do a joint project at the Church on E Knable Rd to replace the sewer lines and pump station. This will help with the development in this quadrant. This pump station is at the Edwardsville United Methodist Church and it is currently only able to service the church itself. The church is willing to let us move this and upgrade the pump station. The benefit of this interlocal is it is a cost saving measure between the County and the Town.

The Town will pay all costs upfront and then the RDC will reimburse up to \$150,000.00 over a 5-year span.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Sewer Line, Pump Station and Force Main Relocation at Knable Road. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

This project will be submitted for the SWIFT grant application.

Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property from Floyd County

The Floyd County Road Department had some steel I-Beams that they considered scrap. They will be perfect to be able to develop our salt hopper hangers. The Floyd County Commissioners and the Floyd County Road Department agreed to donate them to us for that project. We have to have a resolution between both parties to accept them.

First reading of Resolution R-21-05, A Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property from Floyd County.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve Resolution R-21-05, A Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property from Floyd County. Seconded by Kathy Haller, and approved 5-0.

Surveillance System Quote for the Ball Park

There is already an existing surveillance system at the Ball Park. This quote is to extend it to the basketball courts. This will add a pan-tilt-zoom camera at the basketball court that we can change direction and be controlled remotely. We will be able to see the entire basketball court

and the parking lot. This will also add two additional cameras at the shelter house that will point towards the playground equipment. This quote also includes updating the switch and adding wireless capability.

The quote from Smartwire is \$3,289.00 but there is a part that was left off that was \$220.00. The total will be \$3,509.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote for Smartwire, INC for \$3,509.00 and for that to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller, and approved 5-0.

Video and Audio Presentation Equipment for Town Hall Quote

This quote is for a 75" TV to be able to connect laptops or tablets to it for presentations during meetings. We haven't had good recording equipment and this quote will install speakers in the ceiling, microphones on the tables, and remove the existing TV in the corner of the meeting room. The total price is \$3,419.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the presentation equipment for \$3,419.00 and for that to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Sherman Minton Historical Marker Approval

Chris Loop told the Council last month that we did get approved for a historical marker for Sherman Minton from the Indiana Historic Bureau division of DNR. There is cost on the steel marker itself for them to manufacture this. The cost is \$2,950.00. Chris Loop and a few volunteers will install it for free. This marker will be placed at the entrance of the school. This won't be delivered until sometime in September.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Sherman Minton Historical Marker for \$2,950.00 and for that to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Destination Georgetown Update

John Beams, Executive Director and Stan Walk, President of Destination Georgetown were in attendance. Destination Georgetown held one general meeting to give everyone an update on what the Town is doing and what Destination Georgetown's plans are. They are working with the Optimist Club, Lion's Club, Indiana Tourism, the Redevelopment Commission. We are trying to build a community spirit in our programs.

The Southern Indiana Bureau is very interested in our historic preservation. Ron Stiller is the Historic Architect for Indiana Landmarks. Destination Georgetown has contracted with him to help with the Wolfe Hotel Project. Ron has given them a proposal on that property.

They are looking into setting up wedding venues, Air BNBs in Georgetown. There is a Labor Day Community Celebration scheduled for September 3-6, 2021 to be held at the Optimist Club.

Destination Georgetown is looking to install a Georgetown sign that will go over State Road 64 as a welcome sign.

Brent Schroeder asked if there were any TIF funds available at the end of the year, if the Redevelopment Commission would be willing to replace the 87 mailboxes on State Road 64. Chris Loop said to bring it before the Redevelopment Commission. This will not apply to the Façade Grant program the Redevelopment Commission currently has in place.

Claims Docket

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

Adjournment

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

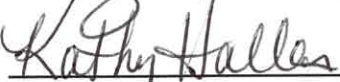
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Christopher Loop, President



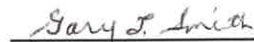
Ben Stocksdale, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer