

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 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 Executive Session Memo on August 16, 2021. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on August 16, 2021. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on August 16, 2021. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

**Clerk Treasurers Report**

On the resolution that was passed at the last meeting for the transfer of the police car to Marengo, we do not know where to place the \$2,000.00 once we receive it. There was no fund specified on the resolution.

Chris Loop made a motion to place those funds in the Police Continuing Ed Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

The Treasurer for the Copperfield HOA has called and asked if they can hold their annual meeting at Town Hall on November 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM. The Town Council has agreed to this and Ben Stocksdales volunteered to let them in since he will be attending the meeting.

**Public Works**

Jeff Bays with the Utility Department was in attendance. He is requesting to purchase some heavy-duty trash cans for the parks. The ones we currently have fill up with rain, we can't bolt them to the ground and sometimes we have to pull them from the creek. Chris Loop has found some steel covered trash cans that can be bolted. They were about \$1,500.00 for two. We will need probably at least six. Bob Woosley is going to look into some good options to fit the future plan for the park.

## **Chief Travis Speece**

Officer Harper is set to graduate this Friday from the Academy in Jeffersonville at 9:00 AM. Officer Fulkerson has started the Academy. His graduation date is tentatively December 10<sup>th</sup> in Plainfield.

The new Tesla has arrived. We had it at the Whistle Stop Showcase and there was a lot of positive feedback. The last thing we need for the car is a new computer or laptop. Chief Speece has looked into the Surface Pros; they run about \$900.00 plus the mount. We also ran a little over the total approved amount for the Tesla. The graphics and lights came in higher than estimated.

Chris Loop made a motion of up to \$1,500.00 for the Surface Pro, the mount and the car graphics and for it to be paid from 485 (German American Investment Fund). Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

## **Town Engineer**

Libs Paving has an opening in their schedule and will be starting the Police Station parking lot this week. They are only doing the entrances right now. Paving and striping will be done in the spring. Libs Paving will also be starting the paving of the streets near the end of September or beginning of October. Bierman has not started the Town Hall Project yet. They should be starting any day. The request has been made to start on the flashing crosswalk first.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Ordinance G-21-09 – An Ordinance to Regulate Overnight Parking on Town Property**

This ordinance will now allow parking on any Town owned property between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM. Chris Loop and Jessica Alexander will get together and design the new parking signs.

### **First reading of Ordinance G-21-09 – An Ordinance to Regulate Overnight Parking on Town Property.**

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-09 – An Ordinance to Regulate Overnight Parking on Town Property. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

### **Second reading of Ordinance G-21-09 – An Ordinance to Regulate Overnight Parking on Town Property.**

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-09 – An Ordinance to Regulate Overnight Parking on Town Property. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve a tentative sign budget of \$1,500.00 and for that to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

**Ordinance G-21-10 – An Ordinance to Repeal G-21-07 and to Establish a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Community Crossing Funds for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.**

Per the State Board of Accounts, the fund number for the Community Crossing Matching Grant needs to be fund number 299 and G-21-07 has the fund number listed as 205. This ordinance will just be changing the fund numbers.

**First Reading of Ordinance G-21-10 – An Ordinance to Repeal G-21-07 and to Establish a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Community Crossing Funds for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.**

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-10 – An Ordinance to Repeal G-21-07 and to Establish a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Community Crossing Funds for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance G-21-10 – An Ordinance to Repeal G-21-07 and to Establish a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Community Crossing Funds for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-10 – An Ordinance to Repeal G-21-07 and to Establish a Non-Reverting Fund for the Receipt of Community Crossing Funds for the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

**Adoption of 2022 Budget**

**Ordinance G-21-11 – Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

**First Reading of Ordinance G-21-11 – Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates.**

Gary Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-11 – Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance G-21-11 – Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates.**

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Ordinance G-21-11 – Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

**Sealed Bid Opening – Skag Mower**

We have a 20-year-old Skag zero turn mower that needed a lot of work and we decided to put it out for bid. The reserve price on the mower is \$75.00.

Tim Cooper - \$1,251.00

Travis Speece - \$200.00



Tim Cooper won the bid. The funds are to be placed into the General Fund.

### **Appointment of New RDC Member**

Chris Loop would like to hold off on this. There might be several people interested. Do we want to require a cover letter or resume? The Council decided to request a cover letter with a brief introduction and a description of why they are interested.

### **Interlocal on Sludge Treatment**

This Interlocal Agreement is with the Harrison County Regional Sewer District. They are interested in having us treat their sludge. They will be bringing their sludge to our plant for processing. This is a four-year term but contains a yearly autorenewal for up to four years.

We will be charging them \$0.05 per gallon. It costs us \$0.025 cents per gallon to treat the sludge. We might possibly bring in \$5,000.00 annually with this agreement. The Clerk Treasurer's office will need to have this written on the calendar for 60 days prior to the expiration/renewal of the agreement and for it to be on the agenda for the July 2022 Town Council meeting.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve and allow Chris Loop to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Harrison County Regional Sewer District. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

### **Resolution of Support for GTFD**

#### **Resolution R-21-09 – A Resolution in Support of Georgetown Township Fire Protection District 2022 Budget**

Chris Loop attended the Floyd County Council's budget meeting last week in support of the Georgetown Fire Department. The Fire District gave an overview of their 2022 budget. We had previously told the Chief and the Chairman of the Fire District Board that we would prepare a Resolution to formally support their efforts to revamp Station 1 and put a full-time staff at this location.

#### **First Reading of Resolution R-21-09 – A Resolution in Support of Georgetown Township Fire Protection District 2022 Budget.**

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Resolution R-21-09 – A Resolution in Support of Georgetown Township Fire Protection District 2022 Budget. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

### **Clerk Staff Salaries**

Ben Stocksdales wanted to have an open discussion about the Clerk Treasurer's staff and everything they have had to do for the last year and with having to hire a new person. With the

pay range we have for the new hire, we are probably going to have to go to the higher end of that range to get someone good. Ben does not want to lose any of the current staff we have that supports us and a lot goes into the Town and these meetings. Ben Stocksdale would like to open up the floor to a possible market adjustment.

The posted range for the new position is \$14.00 - \$18.00 and Ben feels it should be above the high end of the new position. We have people that have seniority and knows what is going on. He'd like to see it above the \$18.00 range. Billy Haller said he would have a hard time voting for this.

The Public Works department deserves one. They have to actually come in and work in the cold and remove snow. He does not think it is fair to give the Clerk Treasurer's office one and not the Public Works too. It was not fair the Clerk Treasurer's office could work from home and Public Works still had to come into work. Billy wants to be fair to everyone. It is not fair to give a person a raise to \$20.00, if they have only been here a year or two.

The market adjustment does not have to be for just the Clerk Treasurer's office. This will be for the 2022 salary ordinance. Billy Haller and Ben Stocksdale are planning to discuss the salaries further at another time.

The handbook from HR Affiliates has been received. Jessica reviewed it and sent it back to the company with some changes. We have not received anything back from them yet with the changes and suggestions we sent them.

Kristi Fox said we should have a draft salary ordinance for the October meeting and be able to finalize it in November, so we do not have to meet the week after Christmas.

### **Claims Docket**

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Claims Docket. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

John Beams with Destination Georgetown was in attendance. He thanked everyone for the assistance during the Whistle Stop Showcase. He appreciated the Town Council's financial support and thanked Chief Speece for showing off the new car.

Destination Georgetown has met with the owners of the Wolfe Hotel. They are proceeding with the grant program. John Beams also met the new owners of the doctor's house that is two houses away from Town Hall on the corner. They are a young couple and are excited about the history of the doctor's house.

John Beams also met with the catering company up the street that used to be the old telephone office. They discussed a possible relocation, upgrade and cleaning of that location as part of the redevelopment program.

Destination Georgetown is a progressive group and are possessive sometimes with what they want to see happen in the area. Their Council discussed the opportunity in the Mitch Farm. The County is involved with it and Destination Georgetown would very much like to be involved with what happens there. John Beams met with Greg Sekula and he suggested meeting with Floyd County and possibly doing a co-op. It would include Floyd County, Destination Georgetown and the Town of Georgetown. Each would be asked to provide input. Destination Georgetown is putting up private dollars to do a lease option on the property to find a use for the community. Floyd County is in a progressive position right now with having appraisals done. They have good input to give and would like the Town of Georgetown's help and to consider working with Floyd County.

There will be a scarecrow decorating contest at Floyd Farm & Feed the last week of October. A hot air balloon will be brought in on that Friday night.

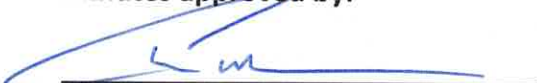
Light up Georgetown will start right after Thanksgiving. December 11, 2021 will be breakfast with Santa at the Optimist Club.

There are big plans for 2022 and Destination Georgetown would like to work with the Town Council.

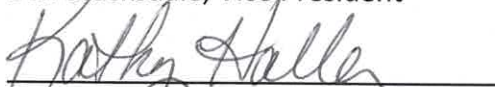
### **Adjournment**

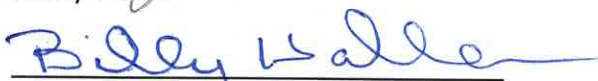
Gary Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.


### **Minutes approved by:**

  
Christopher Loop, President

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Ben Stocksdales, Vice President

  
Kathy Haller

  
Billy Haller

  
Gary Smith

**Attest:**



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Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer