

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2022
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, Matt Robinson for Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander and Chief Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on May 26, 2022. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Agenda Items

2021 Sewer Financial Report

Scott Hadler with Baker Tilly presented the 2021 Sewer Financial Report required yearly for the SRF loan. We receipted more money in 2021 than was anticipated in the budget. The current debt service calculation coverage is at 125% without tap fees which is within SRF guidelines. Scott is going to look into what will happen with the SRF loan if this falls below the 125% and let the Council know. Chris Loop would like to see Clarksville and New Albany added to the rate chart for current sewer rates. Our current user rates are not a concern right now but might need to be looked at in the next two to three years. (A copy of the report is on file at Georgetown Town Hall.)

Clerk Treasurers Report

We have our budget meeting with the DLGF at the end of August. The public hearing for the budget will be held on September 19, 2022 and the adoption meeting will take place at the October 17, 2022 Town Council meeting.

Budget workshops will be held on July 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm and August 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Additional workshops may take place if needed.

We received our insurance renewal for the year and the total was \$95,966.00. There was about a \$5,000.00 increase from last year which included the addition of cars and a 3.75% automatic increase on property limits.

We were turned down for the cyber security insurance. The insurance company said unless we answered every question on the application with a "Yes", we would be turned down. The insurance companies are pushing back insuring for cyber security because there have been so many attacks. A meeting is scheduled with our IT company, Appsalute, to see how we can answer "Yes" to all of their questions and obtain coverage for the cyber security. A meeting is also scheduled with the Indiana Dept of Technology to discuss cyber security training. Recommendations will be brought back to the Town Council for the necessary changes that will need to be made.

At the last meeting, there was an approval for up to \$7,500.00 for the repair of pump number one at Brookstone Lift Station #1 but we did not have the right dollar amount for the quote. The correct price was \$8,065.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the additional \$565.00 for Brookstone Lift Station #1 to be paid for from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the mileage expenditures for the Clerk Treasurer's office totaling \$228.02. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Chief Travis Speece

The Police Department received approval by email to sponsor a lunch at Prosser. It was held during summer camp for their Criminal Justice department.

GovDeals – The 2014 Charger sold for \$3,050.00. The reserve price was \$3,000.00. The Crown Victoria is still listed and has a few more weeks left in the posting.

The Tesla operations for the last 31 days totaled \$78.00 and about 2,000 miles were driven in the 31 days.

The Flock cameras are installed and are now operational. Administrative training has taken place. The cameras are reading about 20,000 license plates a day. There are about 25,000 "hot plates" which means stolen plates and stolen registrations. The system is cycling through all that information. This system has been used in conjunction with the County to solve a few reckless driving and suspicious activity cases. The officer training will be scheduled in the next few weeks. The program also has a tracking option that monitors how many cases are assisted with this equipment.

Chief Speece attended field day, fourth grade graduation and kindergarten graduation at the Elementary School. They took place during the last two weeks of school. They were happy to have us there.

We will be doing joint training this week with Floyd County Sheriff's Department for defensive tactics.

The radios have been ordered and have now shipped.

In 2018 we purchased four tasers from Axon per our contract. One taser needs to be serviced, one needs a battery replaced and more taser cartridges need to be ordered for training and to replace expired cartridges. We currently have two different types of tasers. The goal is to have all of our officers using the same model.

A quote was received from Axon for \$14,345.00 for five tasers and a total of 20 cartridges. The cartridges cost \$38.00 each. The nice feature with the new tasers is that they have a charging dock and the batteries are rechargeable. The current ones we have are not rechargeable. When they need to be replaced, if you can find them, they cost about \$100.00 each.

The quoted price includes a buyout option of the current contract. The quote allows us to purchase them and not have a five-year contract. Axon will also split the total quote into two payments. The first payment can be made in July/August of 2022 for \$8,718.71 and the next payment can be made in January 2023 for \$5,626.29. The first payment is a little more because it includes the buyout of the current contract.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to \$15,140.00 for five new tasers and 20 extra cartridges with Axon, with the first payment in July and the second payment paid in January 2023, to be paid from Gaming Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Officer Harper is already trained and certified specifically for this new taser.

Public Works

Chris Loop presented Ordinance G-22-02 – A Seasonal Waiver Regarding Alcohol Sales/Use at Town Parks. The concession stand at the ballpark is currently operated by Wade Simon and Nick Hiner. Together they own and operate the Georgetown Bakery and the soon to be Grill. The current ordinance does not allow for alcohol sales or use at Town Parks. This ordinance is very specific where it will only allow whoever Joel Kintner's using to run the concession stand to get the alcohol permit and sell it with their concessions. This is only during the softball/baseball season with no specific subcontractor listed. They are required to get their own permitting and insurance coverage and must provide that information to the Town.

There is already use of alcohol down at the park. This is a way to make it legal. This ordinance only includes beer, no hard liquor or glass containers would be permitted. The ordinance would allow the concession stand to monitor the use of alcohol by checking IDs and issuing wrist bands.

First Reading of Ordinance G-22-02 – A Seasonal Waiver Regarding Alcohol Sales/Use at Town Parks.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-22-02 – A Seasonal Waiver Regarding Alcohol Sales/Use at Town Parks. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and not approved 3-1-1. (Gary Smith was opposed and Billy Haller abstained).

The motion did not pass and will be brought to the July meeting.

Town Engineer

Matt Robinson was present and spoke for Bob Woosley. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is run by an Aeromod system and the blower units are a critical component of that system. In 2019, Blower #3 was brand new and the other two were rehabbed from the original plant. The actual motors for Blowers #1 and #2 were new but the housing and framework were original. The plant is experiencing vibration and noise problems as a result.

There were two options quoted to fix or replace the two bad blowers. Option one is to utilize the existing blowers and motors and place them on new frames and sound enclosures for a total of \$54,438.00. Option two is to completely replace both blowers and motors for a total of \$72,984.00. Both options come with a one-year warranty.

Both options will likely require the rental of a blower unit to keep the plant running while the repairs are made. The third good motor will have to be taken out to be able to get access to the other blowers. Heritage Engineering recommends completely replacing both units.

It is not possible to put a secondary door in the back of the building because the main electric feed runs right where the door would need to go. The manufacturer said the lead time is 12-20 weeks.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$100,000.00 to order and replace two blowers at the WWTP and to include temporary blower rentals, piping, etc. and for this to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

The flow meter at the WWTP is not reading properly. It is only reading about half of the flow at the plant. The existing one was purchased in 2018 and has been recalibrated but it needs more work. The flow meter must be accurate within one percent. Steve Toliver received a quote from Greyline for \$3,200.00 and that includes a full two-year warranty from the date of purchase.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the purchase of a new flow meter for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$3,200.00 including installation and for this to be paid from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Pump number two at the West Lift Station died. We had a backup in storage that needed to be repaired. A new pump has been ordered and the total cost for the new one was \$13,205.00 with a lead time of 8-10 weeks.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump for the West Lift Station for \$13,205.00 and for this to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Agenda Items

Lois Lane – Redevelopment

Resolution R-22-06 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, Approving the Purchase of Real Property by the Redevelopment Commission Above the Appraised Value.

A purchase contract is ready for the four mobile home properties on Lois Lane. The negotiated price for the four properties is \$100,000.00. This resolution allows for the Town Council to approve the Redevelopment Commissions purchase of these properties.

The purchase contract states the closing will not take place if any of the properties are occupied. The closing should be scheduled for some time in August 2022.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Resolution R-22-06 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, Approving the Purchase of Real Property by the Redevelopment Commission Above the Appraised Value. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Sanitation Contract

Chris Loop had a meeting with Ecotech. Our 10-year contract expires on June 30, 2022. We can continue with them but have to put this contract out for a Request for Proposal (RFP). The rates will be going up since prices have changed drastically in the market. Until we have a new accepted proposal from a provider, Ecotech will maintain services. We have been notified that the rates will be increasing during this time. There will be an additional \$2.00 charge on each residential service and an additional 18% fuel surcharge on commercial services starting July 1, 2022. The Town will have to absorb the increase until a new contract is accepted.

The RFP will be sent to all of the local providers including Ecotech. Two options will be on the RFP, one with containers and one without containers. Ecotech would like to see the Town have specialized, standardized trash containers. The total just for the trash containers came in around \$180,000.00. A public hearing will need to be held.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Chris Loop and Julia Keibler to work together outside of a meeting to put together the RFP for our sanitation contract to go out by July 1, 2022. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

SWAC Contract

Chris Loop made a motion to table the SWAC contract. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Investment Account Update

First Savings Bank's interest rates will be increased. The rates were originally locked in for a year.

German American is sitting on \$913,000.00 in cash or cash equivalents and the big project still to be paid out of that is the Town Hall Parking Lot. With rates going up, we should look at holding some in cash and also reinvesting some. Previously we had instructed them to keep all matured securities in cash and not reinvest those until we got through COVID and projects. Ben Stocksdale thinks we should instruct them to reinvest those funds.

Chris Loop made a motion to instruct Ben Stocksdale to leave \$500,000.00 liquid and invest the excess into a three-month CD and then we will reconvene in three months and decide what to do. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Destination Georgetown

Cleaning was done along State Road 64 over the weekend with the Lion's Club.

The Ball State professors have been reaching out to board members and people in the community. They are doing research for Georgetown for the future of the Town.

We are waiting for the appraisals before the lease can be executed for the Old Fire House.

They are going to be doing the Labor Day event again for 2022. The event will last for four days.

The price of the mailboxes has gone up. The single mailboxes went from \$350.00 per box to \$450.00 per single box and that does not include the installation. The installation costs \$85.00. We are looking at 33 boxes and that is only where the new sidewalks are being installed. The project needs to include the whole stretch of State Road 64.

Destination Georgetown was going to approach the homeowners after they found out what the town would be able to do. Destination Georgetown cannot afford to do this.

The Redevelopment Commission Façade grant application could be used as a template for the mailbox project. The homeowner could pay the installation and RDC or Town could pay for the actual box. John Beams will get with Odyssey to see how long the quotes are good for. Easements or contracts might be required.

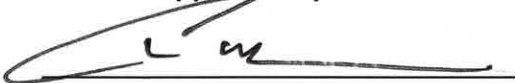
Claims Docket

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

Adjournment

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

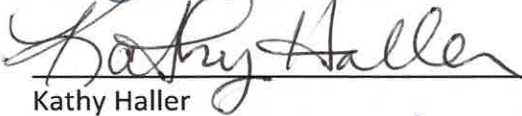
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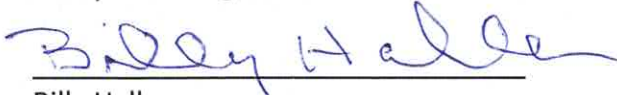
Christopher Loop, President



Ben Stocksdale, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer