

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Ben Stocksdale, Kathy Haller, Billy Haller and Gary Smith. Also attending: Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Haley James and Chief Travis Speece. Not in attendance: Kristi Fox.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on October 17, 2022. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Report

We received our 1782 Notice from the DLGF that our budget has been approved.

Tim Cooper will schedule the street sweeper for the cleaning of the leaves and town streets.

Chief Travis Speece

We are on track to complete all of the training required by the State. We will be finished by December 11, 2022.

We need to rework the resolution for the reserves on the vehicles because nothing sold. Travis Speece will relist cars on GovBids.com. We will set the reserve based on the previously listed highest bid. A Resolution will need to be completed and brought to the December 2022 meeting.

A new movable speed control radar sign averages around \$6,000.00-\$6,500.00. Travis Speece will check into adding a new one for the other side of town and will move the current sign located on the west side of town periodically.

Public Works

Nothing to report.

Town Attorney

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

Waste Water Treatment Plant Blowers: All of the work has been completed. The old fan for the blowers was rated large enough but was just not able to keep up. It is right on the borderline for size. Bob Woosley requested a quote and suggests we replace the motor with the next size larger for \$3,975.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve \$3,975.00 for a Change Order with Schardein Mechanical for a new fan and for the fund to come out of Waste Water Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Lakeland Lift Station: There is one final item with all of the needed repairs at the lift station. TNT gave us a quote of \$2,697.81 to repair and replace both brackets for both guide rails. We will need to get these replaced before bigger problems arise.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve \$2,697.81 from TNT for the repair and replacement of both brackets at the Lakeland Lift Station and for this to be paid from the Waste Water Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Lift Station cleaning needs to be done at four stations, especially the East and West Stations. Those two are our main stations and both have a very heavy buildup of grease and grit. Bob Woosley would also like to include the Westfield Station since it has never been cleaned and there has been an increase in homes and usage. The Legacy Springs lift station is another one that needs some work done and having it cleaned out will help that. Losson Excavating, Septic & Drain, Inc. gave us the cheapest quote. It will cost \$3,720.00 and they use a supervac which will give us a more thorough cleaning. Bob Woosley suggests we consider semiannual cleanings from Losson in the future and has asked for a quote.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve \$3,720.00 to be paid to Losson Excavating for cleaning on all four lift stations and for this to be paid from the Sewer Operating Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

8791 SR 64 has two sections of sidewalk that are causing tripping hazards. Bob Woosley went through INDOT and received a permit to do this repair work. Jamie Schillmiller recommended we get outside quotes for the work. Koetter who is already doing our sidewalks, gave us a quote for \$2,100.00. We will need a change order for their current contract. INDOT did allow us to lay some stones with the current sidewalk project and put in the stairs. Bob Woosley will bring the change order to the next meeting.

We have turned in all of our closeout paperwork for the Community Crossings Paving Grant. The last thing we need to do, is wait for Julia Keibler to receive the cancelled check back from paying the contractor. After we receive that, we will be eligible for the next round of grant applications.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report.

Redevelopment Commission

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items

Floyd County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan

They receive a grant every five years for the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan to help with flooding or other natural disasters. If an event occurs, the Town would be eligible to receive money to help prevent future recurrences.

Resolution R-22-11 Adoption of the Floyd County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign Resolution R-22-11 Adoption of the Floyd County Multi-Hazard Plan. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Robert Jackson Credit Request for Leak at 1917 Canal Lane

Robert Jackson, the owner at 1917 Canal Lane is requesting a credit for an old water leak from October 2021 and May 2022. The Town Council is willing to work with him since it is a non-sewer affected leak but are concerned with the lapse in time. Robert Jackson was unaware of a sewer bill being due, as was his renter. The balance right now is \$1,147.45 and additionally liens have been filed. The renter has not been making payments. We will have to calculate his credit by charging him the base minimum charge of \$37.30 for the entire previous year and eliminate the late fees and deduct that from what is currently owed. The Town Attorney will need to be consulted.

Contract for Trash Rate Analysis

The trash rate analysis was tabled and will be placed on next month's agenda.

Duke Energy LED Project

Duke Energy would like to change all of our streetlights to LED. We currently pay \$1800.00 a month for the lights. They have a new rider plan that would charge us \$861.61 a month. Included will be changing out all of the lights and maintenance on them. The project will be completed within 60 days.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Duke Energy contract changing 132 streetlights to LED and an estimated monthly bill of \$861.61 to be paid from the General Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Cyber Security

We had three bids submitted by Appsalute, Cybertek, and Sondhi Solutions. Appsalute is our current provider and they are local. We were quoted by them to pay \$1,392.00 monthly and \$3,500.00 for a one-time setup fee and licensing. We would pay \$20,204.00 yearly. This will allow us to have better cyber security and qualify for cyber security insurance.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from AppSalute for security manage service for a yearly fee of \$20,204.00 to be paid for from the General Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Salary Ordinance

Julia Keibler prepared three different ordinances with a 3%, 4% and 5% increase. The Town Council members and new hires are exempt from any increase. The ordinance showing a 5% increase was agreed upon.

First Reading - Town Ordinance G-22-04 An Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Wages of Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana for Calendar Year 2023.

Billy Haller made a motion to approve Town Ordinance G-22-04 An Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Wages of Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana for Calendar Year 2023. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Second Reading- Town Ordinance G-22-04 An Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Wages of Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana for Calendar Year 2023.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Town Ordinance G-22-04 An Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Wages of Officers and Employees of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana for Calendar Year 2023. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Date Change for December Town Council Meeting

Chris Loop approved moving the next Town Council meeting to Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 P.M. We will include the public hearing for the sanitation contract.

Destination Georgetown

At Cook's Marine, Jennifer Henderson is the owner's sister and Power of Attorney. She has been working with us to get the property cleaned up. They are considering applying for a Facade Grant in the future and are hoping to get an RFP around the first of the year. They do not want to sell but are wanting to move his home closer to the railroad and have sewer and water hooked up depending on zoning and railroad approval. They have asked the community for ideas on what kind of business to put in there. They do not plan to be the main operators but would like to lease out the building. Destination Georgetown is interested in making it a Railroad Museum depending on grants available. Ronald Cook has requested the town clean up the drainage ditch on the East Side of the building.

The Wolfe Hotel is still struggling. They have one contractor that is putting new beams in and is doing the foundation work but his availability is making it a challenge. Destination Georgetown would like a letter from the town stating the requirements needed from the contractor.

Stan Walk would like to start the mailbox project on the west side of town. It would include a forgivable loan for 33 homeowner's mailboxes. Safety is a concern, as well as, county and/or State restrictions. The mailboxes would like what the old bakery has now. There is an average cost of \$500.00 per mailbox and the total would be \$16,500.00. They would like the Town to put up \$10,000.00. The permission slip for homeowners is close to being proofread. Destination Georgetown would like a signed agreement with the Town by the December meeting. Chris Loop would like for all of the information to be gathered together and brought to the Town Council. Destination Georgetown will need to follow up with INDOT. Signed easements may be needed.

Destination Georgetown paid Ball State to do an assessment on tourism and the needs for downtown. The total was \$9,625.00 and we agreed to help reimburse them 50%.

Chris Loop made a motion to pay \$4,812.54 to reimburse Destination Georgetown for the Ball State Tourism study and for that to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Claims Docket

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

Public Comments


Kim Courtney speaking for Virginia Vernon would like the town to check the ditch by 8425 State Road 64. She thinks it needs to be cleared out to help the water pass through.

Stan Walk would like his drains cleaned out by his business Destiny Solutions. Bob Woosley will follow up with Jamie Schillmiller.

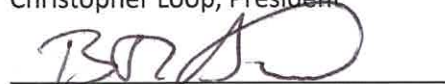
Adjournment

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

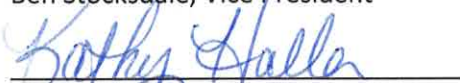
Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President




Ben Stocksdales, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer