

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2022
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 Sergeant Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on July 18, 2022. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes on July 25, 2022. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0. Chris Loop abstained.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes on August 1, 2022. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0. Ben Stocksdales abstained.

Clerk Treasurers Report

There was flooding damage that took place last week. We were able to save the carpet in the meeting room. They should be coming back at some point to clean it. The drying was finished on Friday and everything has been pieced back together. Town Hall is in pretty good shape.

Concerning the ball park, Julia Keibler spoke with Joel Kintner and he reported that there was some fencing that was damaged around the first base gate. There are now ruts in the field and Billy Haller was going to work with a company to see what the cost would be to fix the field. It has been difficult finding someone to come look at it.

Puroclean worked on the bathrooms and concession stand. There is still additional work that needs to be done and they will be out tomorrow. Billy Haller has been working hard in helping with the cleanup process.

Several calls came in from residents who asked if we had a location set up with a dumpster so they could dispose of their items. Jamie Schillmiller drove through town looking for flood damaged items sitting out but he did not see very much. Ecotech was contacted for dumpster prices and they provided two options. A 40-yard dumpster would be \$425.00 or a rear load truck on a Saturday for \$125.00 per hour plus tonnage. It could be located at the utility shop or someplace centrally located. A utility worker can come in on the weekends to take damaged items.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve up to two 40-yard dumpsters from Ecotech for a price not to exceed \$850.00 and for that to be paid out of the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

We will look into putting an ad in the paper and will put something on the website.

The equipment that is used to trim back trees and bushes from the streets is in working order. Sometime in the next two weeks the utility department will be trimming everything back.

Sergeant Travis Speece

The Flock camera needs new permitting for the location change from INDOT.

Public Works

It has been a while since Sweep All has come out with their street sweeper truck to clean all of the town streets. They quoted a price of \$3150.00.

Notice should be given to some of those residents who park on the streets.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the quote from Sweep All for \$3,150.00 to be paid out of Local Roads and Streets. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Town Attorney

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

East Knable Lift Station Project from the July meeting had a bid from Dirt Works for \$496,343.00. Floyd County agreed to put \$200,000.00 towards the project. This is so that the new apartment development can tie into the sewer and help others be able to do that as well. Bob Woosley recommends that we allow award to the contractor contingent upon the Town officially allocating those funds before it goes before the Floyd County Council. We will have to do an addendum to the interlocal agreement.

Chris Loop made a motion that we award the low bidder of Dirt Works LLC for the East Knable Lift Station Project for \$496,343.00 contingent upon Floyd County approval of funding for \$200,000.00 with the additional funds coming out of the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

The Town Council invested in a telemetry system for all of the lift stations. It allows us to monitor each station. Brookstone #1 is the main lift station for the Brookstone subdivision. There are a total of four lift stations in the development. There are two pumps in the lift station and they are very old. One completely quit working and we replaced it and then had an issue with the other pump and it needs to be replaced.

Bob Woosley would like to get approval for another pump. Straeffer Pump accidentally ordered an extra pump that they do not need. They have offered us a discounted price on the same pump we just recently bought for a total cost of \$5,220.00. It does not include what we would have paid for installation because they are waiving that. Before we paid \$7120.00 plus installation. This will give us two new pumps and a backup pump.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow for a new pump at Brookstone Lift Station #1 from Straeffer Pump for a cost of \$5,220.00 to be paid out of the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

The flash flood event that took place Saturday completely ripped out the landscaping that was just finished in the Town Hall parking lot. Bob Woosley has asked for a price from the contractor to put everything back together. They are still working on that and we have not received the quote yet. There was damage across the street but most of it stayed intact.

Billy Haller would like for Bob Woosley to get a quote from Lincoln Springs too.

The warranty is now void on the plantings.

The Main Street Sidewalk Project did have some damage from the flash flood. It was mainly rock and metal wiring that floated away. They hope to be finished this month. They plan to finish the north side this week and then finish the south side.

Community Crossings Matching Grant funds were received today. The dollar amount that we received is slightly less. We were awarded up to \$181,809.51 but received slightly less than that because our bids came in under budget. We actually received about \$1,400.00 less. The total amount of paving work is \$240,885.00. The Town is responsible for roughly \$60,000.00 of that. The rest is grant money that we were able to successfully obtain through the State. There are many streets in Copperfield that were included. The paving will take place sometime this fall.

If there are pot holes that need to be fixed contact Town Hall.

The Ball Field Lighting Project has come to a stop. The lights are up and we are just waiting on the electric. It should be quick but we are unsure when it will take place. A change order has been requested because of the rock that was hit. It was not included in the bid because we did not know if there would be any. The price they submitted was \$6,000.00. Ten percent was added because of the subcontractor. The total price on the change order will be \$6,600.00.

There are three blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two of the blowers are running at all times and sometimes the third one runs during high flow events. We still have a lot of infiltration when we have significant rain events. The first two blowers are original to the plant and are limping along. Blower three is brand new and is in great shape. Blowers one and two have replacements that have already been ordered and are still in production.

Air flow in the room where the three blowers are housed is not as sufficient as we need. When we had sustained temperatures in the 90's and higher they had problems. We have to keep the doors open which is not ideal.

The new blowers have been ordered and should arrive in mid-September. We are asking for quotes to install the new blowers. The plant will have to continue running during the installation and so this is specialized work. The plan is to go to the back of the building and move the blowers and install double doors so that the blowers can be moved in and out easier. We will also be able to get better air circulation.

Bob Woosley would like to schedule a special meeting at the end of August to select a contractor to do the installation work. When the blowers arrive, we want to be ready to do the work.

Billy Haller would like to know what will happen to the old lights at the ball park. In the original contract they were going to be disposed of. We could put the old lights out for bid or donate them. We would just need a resolution.

A special meeting needs to be scheduled for September 7, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

We are still waiting on the second pump for the Rainelle Lift Station. It has been ordered and the ship date is August 18, 2022.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report.

Storm Water Board

Nothing to report.

Old Town Hall Committee

Nothing to report.

Ball Park Committee

Nothing to report.

Redevelopment Commissions

We have received an executed copy of the contract for the property that the trailers sit on on Lois Lane. We will be able to continue with the park expansion project. We anticipate that we will be able to close within 30 days. Three of the trailers will be removed from the property. One is poor shape and can not be moved so that will be titled to us. We will demo that trailer. They have asked that when the trailers are moved that the stop sign be temporarily taken down and for traffic control.

Agenda Items

Interlocal Agreement with Floyd County Building Department

This agreement has been in place since 2018 and was renewed in 2020 for two more years. We would like to extend this again for another two years through 2024. All of the terms remain the same. The Floyd County Council already approved it last week. The County Commissioners will have it on their agenda in the next couple of weeks.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with the Floyd County Building Department. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Firehouse Lease for Board Approval

This is going to be pushed to next month. There are some documents to review with Destination Georgetown. We also need to see if we will publish for proposals or have a lease.

Sale of Property

R-22-07 A Resolution to Repeal a Portion of R-21-04, A Resolution for Transfer of Personal Property

Originally, we were going to donate the vehicle to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for CLE credit hours. We asked them to enter a resolution so that we can transfer title but they have not been able to do that. We are just going to move forward in selling the vehicle. R-22-07 is to repeal a portion of R-21-04.

R-22-08 is a Resolution to sell the Crown Victoria on Govdeals with a reserve of \$1,500.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve R-22-07 A Resolution to Repeal a portion of R-21-04. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

R-22-08 A resolution for a sale of personal property which will allow us to sell the 2004 Crown Victoria by entering a sale on Govdeals and placing a minimum reserve of \$1,500.00.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve R-22-08 A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

R-22-09 is for the sale of five items. They will be sold on Govdeals and the reserves are listed next to each item in Exhibit A. We do have a 2006 F250 reserve of \$3,500.00, 2004 F250 reserve of \$3,500.00, 1998 International Dump truck reserve of \$10,500.00, 1997 Heavy Equipment Tractor reserve of \$5,500.00 and 2011 F250 reserve of \$5,500.00. Two of the F250's had catalytic converters stolen off of them. The items will be sold as is.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve R-22-09 A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Copperfield Drainage

David Gillespie lives at 1102 Copperfield Drive. He has lived there almost four years now and his was one of the last homes built. There have been several rain events where the water has caused severe damage. During this last event there was door knob high water in the basement. Photos were sent showing how the culvert overflows.

He and his neighbors were out checking the drains to make sure that everything was flowing. As far as he could tell, it was. The flow comes down from the entire neighborhood. Is there some way to have someone come out and look to see if there is a way improve the water flow? It is a 48" pipe with a 1' opening on the side. Once the water goes through the side wall it flows over the top and flows into his yard. That is where the problem begins. Is there a way to open this up for more water flow into the 48" pipe?

6906 Highpoint Way, Ms. Calhoun sent video of the outside and inside of their fence line. Last time their pool and basement were flooded. This time when it started raining, is the second time the backyard flooded the pool. Her husband has worked with Bob Woosley but there has not been a resolution. There are dangerous drain situations in the back and it is a whirlpool. During the recent rain storm there was water coming from different directions. At an earlier date, a neighbor was asked if a drain could be installed and he refused.

Bob Woosley and Chris Loop have discussed the situation and there are two different issues. We were aware of the issues Ms. Calhoun has but we were unaware of the issue at 1102 Copperfield Drive.

The Stormwater Utility that we have is underfunded and everyone pays \$1.00 a month. The Council is receiving money from the American Rescue Plan Act and we are putting \$350,000.00 of those funds to the stormwater issues that we have. The Copperfield issues that we have are up there and so is Marci Lane.

The issues presented today are two separate issues coming from two separate water sheds. We did try to mitigate the issues with Catalpa by putting in improvements. Regardless of what has been done, with this rain event nothing was going to solve the problem.

The next improvement that needs to be made is the downstream channel that the water from Wildflower and those streets drain to. It is undersized and does not flow much at all. It actually comes out at Gehlbach and Royse Funeral home. It overwhelmed that system and did cause water to back up into the system. Quite a bit of design work will need to be done to figure out how to get a larger conveyance line from Frank Ott and weave it and make sure it is large enough to carry a typical storm event. It will not be large enough to handle the storm event that we had on Saturday.

Bob Woosley will find a way to design something that will prevent structures from flooding. The yard and sheds may flood with this type of event but it would keep it out of your house. This will be the goal. The event that we had brought an estimated 4 to 5 inches of rain in less than two hours. That is a 1000-year storm.

There are major safety concerns when water gets over 8'. Someone could get hurt. Some of the sites need better retention not just a larger drain size.

New subdivisions have stormwater reviews where old subdivisions did not. The storm water laws came into effect around 2004 or 2005, so there are now reviews that happen. A certain amount of retention is required.

For the residents that did get flooded Julia Keibler and Chris Loop discussed reaching out to IDEM to see if they have a disaster program. If we can pool enough people that have damage there is a possibility that we may be able to apply for disaster funding. New Salisbury was hit too so we may be able to tie in with them.

There is a master list of projects but we have not had any money. We will be addressing many of these issues with the American Rescue Plan Act money.

Chris Loop made a motion to have Bob Woosley, with Heritage Engineering, do a review and put together a cost estimate of the two drainage basins in Copperfield and give a preliminary budget on what those projects will cost. The projects will have to be bid out and then scheduled. It will probably be completed in the summer of 2023. Easements may have to be secured. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

The Stormwater Board did recommend a new rate for the Stormwater Utility. There was a hearing introducing G-21-04 in May of last year. There were two votes for and three were against. Chris Loop would like to see the Stormwater Utility be funded correctly. The utility currently has about \$13,500.00 on an annual basis available to deal with issues.

Melissa Adkins, 1460 Copperfield Drive, President of the HOA for Copperfield. She did not have any water damage. She is requesting a holistic look at the areas rather than just dealing with a few issues.

Claims Docket

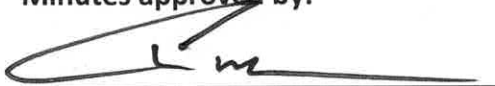
Gary Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

John Beams with Destination Georgetown. The Whistle Stop Showcase will be at the Georgetown Optimist Club Labor Day weekend. There are a lot of projects that need participation. From youth programs to Lyons Club to the Optimist Club they support many and need volunteers. We like keeping our Town old and progressive at the same time. Labor Day weekend there will be youth programs, tractors, car show and a donut stacking contest. As an organization they appreciate what the Town Council has done to support projects in the area.

Adjournment

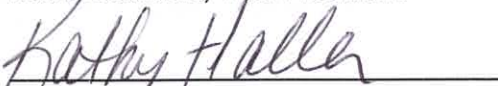
Chris Loop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President

Ben Stocksdale, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julia Keibler', written over a horizontal line.

Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer