

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
July 17, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Council members present: Chris Loop, Billy Haller, Gary Smith, and Brandon Hopf. Also attending: Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Haley James, Chief Travis Speece, and Reny Keener.

Members not present: Ben Stocksdales and Kristi Fox.

**Approval of Minutes**

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the regular Town Council meeting minutes from June 21, 2023. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

**Clerk Treasurers Report**

We have two funds that are negative as of today on our Statement of Cash. Our Stormwater and Trash Fund are negative. The Trash Fund is a little over -\$19,000.00. Some of this is due to the large bill we received from insurance and also because we paid two Sweetland invoices. We received one invoice late. Julia Keibler wanted to make everyone aware that the SBOA will not allow any accounts to stay negative. If we do not come to a resolution, they will come in and set their own rates. The fund has to at least pay for itself.

We had a CD for the sewer at the Town's old bank, First Financial. Julia Keibler did not let it renew this year. It was for \$75,000.00. Chris Loop is interested in what rate First Savings Bank would give us.

**Chief Travis Speece**

Officer Lawson has started his field training. Officer Zelivetz is still improving and completing his field training with Chief Speece. He is still scheduled for the academy in August.

National Night out will be August 1, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. This will be hosted at the Georgetown Ball Park and is free to the public. This is a National organization community building event. There will be EMS, Fire Departments, and Police. Chief Speece would like approval to purchase a new grill for this event.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase of a new grill for the Police Department not to exceed \$450.00 and to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

### **New Business- Bid Openings**

#### **Bid Opening- Copperfield Drainage Improvements**

This is to correct the flooding issue.

Four quotes have been received:

EZ Construction	\$613,335.00
Dirt Works	\$461,400.00
Temple and Temple	\$399,872.00
Dan Cristiani Excavating	\$598,555.00

Bob Woosley recommends Temple and Temple be awarded the project for \$399,872.00 contingent upon all documents being in order and to allow it to be awarded outside the meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept Temple and Temples bid for \$399,872.00 contingent upon Bob Woosley's review and to be awarded outside a public meeting. \$300,000.00 to be paid from the ARP Funds and the remainder to be paid from the Town's interest earnings on the investment account (German American). Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 3-1. Billy Haller is opposed.

#### **Georgetown Roadway Paving Bid**

A portion of these funds will come from the Community Crossings Matching Grant. Two of the items listed are not included in the matching grant. The Town will be responsible for these. Those two items are the Town shop's access road and in front of the shop. The pavement needs to be fixed.

Three bids have been received:

E&B Paving	\$345,075.69
Libs Paving	\$184,765.06
Temple and Temple	\$177,767.00

Bob Woosley recommends Temple and Temple be awarded the project for \$177,767.00 contingent upon all documents being in order. We will receive around 75% of this back.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept Temple and Temple's bid for \$177,767.00 for the Roadway Paving project contingent to Bob Woosley's review and approval. \$100,000.00 to be paid from the MVH Fund 2203 and the remainder to be paid from Fund 2201 and for the council to allow Chris Loop to sign any required documents for the Community Crossing Matching Grant outside of a public meeting. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

### **Crimson Creek Drainage Improvements Project**

Five bids have been received:

Merrel Bierman	\$51,889.00
EZ Construction	\$119,300.00
Dirt Works	\$105,600.00
Temple and Temple	\$72,378.00
Dan Cristiani Excavating	\$106,565.00

Bob Woosley recommends Merrel Bierman be awarded the project for \$51,889.00 contingent upon Bob Woosley's review and approval of all documents submitted and to allow Chris Loop to sign outside the public meeting.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept the apparent low bid from Merrell Bierman for \$51,889.00 upon the engineer's review and approval and to be able to sign any necessary documents outside of the public meeting and for \$20,000.00 to be paid from ARP fund and the remainder to be paid from Interest accrued from the Town's Investment account (German American). Seconded by Brandon Hopf and a tie of 2-2. Billy Haller and Gary Smith oppose. Julia Keibler to vote in case of a tie, votes yes, making the motion pass 3-2.

### **Town Engineer**

#### **WWTP- Air Compressors**

We are making modifications to the pads that are still there from the old compressors. We are taking these out to make room for the new compressors. This should be finished by the end of this month.

#### **Dual Force Main Modifications at Legacy Springs**

We approved the shop drawings today and the force mains have been located.

#### **East Knable Road Lift Station**

We had an issue during start up due to rocks and debris getting in the wet well. Once this issue is fixed, TNT will return to install a monitoring unit. The church is currently still using the old lift



station. They should be hooked up to the new one any day. After that, we will demolish the old lift station.

### **Brookstone Lift Station #1.**

We have had issues with this lift station many times. Bob Woosley has requested a quote from TNT to remove the blower piping and conduit for \$1,005.00 and to replace the disconnect and relocate the transfer switch for \$5,054.69.00. Bob Woosley would like approval of both quotes from TNT.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve both quotes from TNT for repairs on Brookstone lift station No. 1 and to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

### **Brookstone Lift Station No.3**

We received the same quote from TNT for \$1,005.00 to remove the blower piping and conduit for this lift station. We also discovered pump No. 1 is dislodged from its base and we cannot get a good seal. We are currently only using one pump. The bushing needs to be replaced and the bolts have broken off. Bob Woosley would like approval to proceed with TNT and for it not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve TNT to work on Brookstone lift station No. 3 and for it not to exceed \$5,000.00 and to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

### **WWTP- Air Line Leak**

We discovered an air line leak at the elbow aeration tank. Bob Woosley would like approval to try the repair method of wrapping the pipe with a Sika product. If this wrap does not work, we will have to look into replacing the fitting with a stainless-steel fitting.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve purchasing the wrap kit with a budget not to exceed \$5,000.00 and for it to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

### **Public Works - Town Manager Reny Keener**

#### **READI 2.0**

The RDA is still awaiting the state's order on when to start receiving the soft call for projects. They hope to start meeting with applicants sometime this fall and then award money around January. Projects would begin in Spring 2024. The Town did submit all phases of the Ballpark Project.

## **Community Foundation Grant**

Bob Woosley and Reny Kenner are working on this grant to help pay for the all-inclusive playground at Georgetown Park. The maximum amount to request from this grant is \$250,000.00. We have asked for the full amount. This grant is due by August 1, 2023.

Reny Keener also applied for the Floyd Memorial Foundation Grant for \$60,000.00 to go towards the Ashley Mariah playground.

## **Georgetown Park Improvements**

Reny Keener received three quotes for this project. The lowest was Riley's Excavating for \$23,928.00. This work will include prepping and pouring concrete for approximately 110 feet of sidewalk, raising all 3 catch basins, installing 4 benches, and installing a waterline for a new drinking fountain by the basketball courts. The benches will be delivered in late September.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from Riley's Excavating for \$23,928.00 for the additional sidewalks, bench work, and installing a water line for a new water fountain and for this to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Reny Keener has submitted three different styles of drinking fountains from Park Warehouse. All three styles are handicapped accessible, the color green, and frost proof. The quotes do not include shipping costs.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve purchasing the M Series Drinking Fountain from Park Warehouse with a budget not to exceed \$6,100.00 and to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

## **Ashley Mariah Park Playground RFP**

An RFP has been sent out and the due date will be Friday, July 21, 2023. We will hold a special meeting after our budget meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. to open the bids.

Patronicity would start in September and last for 60 days. We have a couple of companies interested in donating right now.

## **Hiring Temporary Employee**

Reny Keener would like approval to hire a temporary employee through a temp agency. The Town currently has 2 employees out due to health issues. The temp hire would not receive benefits. Southern Indiana Works helps match employers with employees at no cost. Reny Keener would like the new hire to work 40 hours a week.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Reny Keener to proceed with hiring a temporary utility worker with a hourly rate not to exceed \$18.00. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

**Town Attorney - Kristi Fox**

Nothing to report.

**Plan Commission**

Nothing to Report.

**Redevelopment Commission**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 7:30 to discuss 2 façade grant applications.

**Agenda Items**

**Ordinance G-23-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance G-07-29 Concerning Rates for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste by the Town of Georgetown, Indiana**

This Ordinance was presented last month and did not pass by unanimous consent. Last month 3 council members voted in favor and 2 members voted against.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance G-07-29 Concerning Rates for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste by the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and a tie of 2-2. Billy Haller and Gary Smith oppose. Julia Keibler to vote in case of a tie, votes yes, making the motion pass 3-2.

**8279 Crimson Creek- Insurance Deductible**

The homeowners at 8279 Crimson Creek have submitted an insurance claim for \$1,755.00 because their sewage had backed up into their basement because the holding tank was not pumped as it should have been.

Chris Loop made a motion to reimburse \$1755.00 to Adam and Emily Stark and for this to be paid from Wastewater Operating Fund. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

**9150 St. Rd. 64- Old Wolfe Hotel**

This item will be discussed at the special meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.



## **Next Level Trails Grant**

Bob Woolsey and Reny Keener have been working on a Next Level Trails Grant that would connect Georgetown Park to the County's Regional Park and eventually Novaparke. The Trail would follow Church Alley to Georgetown Southern Baptist Church before crossing and then following the southside railroad tracks. This would affect 7 property owners (including the Town) and 11 land parcels. We will need to add a safety buffer between the alley and the trail on Church Alley.

The maximum amount of award for this grant would be \$2,000,000.00. There is a 20% match requirement from the Town. Any Town owned land and any work the Town employees accomplish can count towards the match. Grant money can be used for land acquisition, trail development, trail amenities, and design or engineering fees. The Town will have four years to complete this project if selected for the award.

This will be the first public trail in all of Georgetown Township. The Town will need to decide on a name for the trail and have Chris Loop sign a letter stating we are moving forward with this.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve allowing Chris Loop to sign the Next Level Trails Grant application and the jurisdiction letter. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

## **Ordinance G-23-06 An Ordinance Establishing the "Capital Improvement Fund"**

This fund will be used for sponsoring donations and grants from companies or Town fundraising events that support the Town of Georgetown, IN. Some of these projects include playgrounds, park and trail development, athletic facilities, and sidewalk infrastructure.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-06 An Ordinance Establishing the "Capital Improvement Fund". Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

## **Ordinance G-23-07 An Ordinance Establishing the "Community Investor Fund"**

This is a non-reverting fund. This fund will be used for sponsorships, donations and grants from companies that support the Town of Georgetown, IN for community/neighborhood events or activities that are open to the public. This will help with the National Night Out event.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-07 An Ordinance Establishing the "Community Investor Fund". Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

## **Stormwater Drainage Issues at Copperfield.**

Dan & Robin Gillespie and Andrew Goodwin are in attendance tonight to speak on flooding concerns. There was considerable rain on August 6, 2022. The town did some improvement

work but it was unknown if it was successful. There was a rain event two weeks ago, on June 25, 2023.

There is a 60-inch pipe that eventually leads to Georgetown creek. Last August when the rain came, connected to the front of the pipe was a control structure that was causing blockages. It was removed by the Town. When the most recent rain event took place, video was sent by Mr. Gillespie showing that it almost came into his home again.

Bob Woosley went to look at Westfield Springs. There are two detention basins. The smaller basin does not have any flow going to it yet. The big basin has all of the flow from Westfield Springs going to it. It has a 24-inch pipe which should have a control on it taking it to a 10-inch pipe. That control had not been installed.

The developer was contacted immediately and he went out and made a temporary repair to block off all of the flow. He has ordered the plastic cap that will go on there.

Fortunately, no one was flooded. This is a county project and Chris Moore was contacted and everyone met at the site. Both basins will be modified immediately.

We have been listed as first in the country for extreme rain events.

### **John Beams- Destination Georgetown**

Destination Georgetown will be hosting a farmers' market at Copperfield on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Destination Georgetown would like to invite the public to attend.

Whistle Shop will be hosting a flea market, car show and tractor show for Labor Day Weekend. There will be a cookout for this event too and hopefully some bouncy houses for children. This will be September 1-4, 2023.

Brandon Hopf left the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Destination Georgetown would like to be included in a meeting with the Town Council and Reny Keener to stay updated with events and news involving the Town.

### **Claims Docket**

Billy Haller made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 3-0.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Gary Smith announced his resignation tonight effective July 17, 2023.



## Adjournment

Gary Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

## Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President

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Ben Stocksdale, Vice President



Billy Haller



Brandon Hopf

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Unfilled Position

## Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer