

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
June 21, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

Members not present: Bob Woosley, Town Engineer

**Approval of Minutes**

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2023. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

**Clerk Treasurers Report**

The Town received the \$200,000.00 grant money from Floyd County on June 13, 2023. This was for the East Knable lift station project.

The Town has received three sewer taps for three apartment units at Knob Hill. Each unit cost \$110,830.00, bringing the total to \$332,490.00.

The Towns yearly insurance invoice has been received. It will be \$93,445.00. It has decreased since last year and does not include cyber security insurance.

Julia Keibler has made an appointment with the DLGF to go over budget items. Julia Keibler would like to arrange a meeting with the Council to go over changes. The first meeting will be on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. The second meeting will be on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. As of right now the public hearing regarding the new budget will be held on September 18, 2023 at the regular Town Council Meeting and the adoption meeting would be October 16, 2023. The budget has to be submitted to Gateway by October 31, 2023.

**Chief Travis Speece**

Officer Zelivetz has started his field training and will remain with Chief Travis Speece until he is picked up for his academy date. His academy date is scheduled for August 28, 2023 and should

graduate December 15, 2023. The academy is 16 weeks. He will be a resident up there during the week and come back home on the weekends.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department invited Georgetown PD down to complete their firearms training. It was completed as of yesterday, June 20, 2023.

The GTPD participated and provided lunch for the Criminal Justice summer camp at Prosser on June 5, 2023. This is a weeklong camp for students to meet and interact with local police officers.

Travis Speece would like to fill the newest vacant police officer position with reserve officer Terry Lawson. Terry Lawson has been a reserve officer for the Town since 2017 and is in good standing. His starting salary would be \$49,500.00 for his one-year probation period. His start date will be July 5, 2023, if approved.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve hiring Terry Lawson. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

The police station is having gutter problems and they need to be replaced. Travis Speece has provided a quote from Gutter Solutions for \$1,368.00 and this is expected to be completed within two weeks.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote for \$1,368.00 from Gutter Solutions to repair and replace the gutters at the police station. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0. This will be paid for by the Gaming fund.

Travis Speece went to the Auditors office and submitted a claim for unclaimed ticket money. This was last done in 2018. We generated around \$1,000.00 from this. Travis Speece got this setup for us to receive these payments monthly vs yearly like we have been. Travis Speece dropped off the check for this to Julia Keibler.

The patrol rifles we currently have belong to the Federal Government and are not owned by the Town. These rifles are outdated and would need to be significantly modified. Travis Speece secured a quote to build a basic rifle to replace these outdated ones. The quote is around \$1,200.00 each and he would like to phase these out two at a time. He plans to add lights and optics. Travis Speece will eventually send all the outdated guns back to the Federal Government.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase of two rifles with optics and lights for \$2,400.00 and to be paid for by the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

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

### **READI 2.0 Grant**

This regional grant will be available through our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA). This grant focuses on infrastructure and capital improvements with the goal of population growth. The RDA will have a soft call for projects in July and hopefully awarding funds in January. The Town will be submitting all phases of the Georgetown Park Improvement Plan estimated at \$8 Million.

### **The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana Grant**

This grant will be available in July. Reny Keener will apply for this but will only be submitting all accessory playground equipment. We will be requesting the full amount of \$250,000.00.

Most of the Town improvement projects have been completed. New bushes and trees have been planted around the Town Hall and Park. New mulch has been installed too. Reny Keener plans to wait until fall and cooler weather to seed and straw the parks.

### **Town Attorney - Kristi Fox**

Nothing to report.

### **Town Engineer**

Nothing to report. Bob Woolsey is not in attendance.

### **Plan Commission**

Nothing to report.

### **Redevelopment Commission**

Nothing to report.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Public Hearing for Trash Rates**

Public Hearing for Trash Rates is officially opened.

Kim Courtney at 1694 Henriott Rd expresses concerns over administrative fees. Chris Loop explained it is factored in because the clerk's office offers support and deals with trash related business every day.



People outside of the Town are able to choose any provider they would like.

With Sweetland services are extended to include daily pickup, recycling, junk and yard waste day. Individuals outside of the town limits are charged additionally for those services. For the price we are getting you can not necessarily compare them apples to apples.

The main concern is not the price that Sweetland charges but rather the additional administrative fees. This is why BakerTilly was hired to complete the rate study.

Billy Haller feels that we should go to those customers who are out of town limits and tell them to get their own service. We provide more services than those other companies regularly provide.

The public hearing is officially closed.

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

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-05, An Ordinance Amending G-07-29 Concerning Rates For Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste by the Town Of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 3-2. Billy Haller and Gary Smith are opposed.

This will be placed back on the agenda for July.

**1009 Brookstone Court – Removing Sewer Penalty Fee**

This resident has asked to have their late fee waived. There was a family emergency that made them miss the due date. The late fee is \$10.75.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve waiving the \$10.75 late fee for service address 1009 Brookstone Court. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

**Addendum to Interlocal Agreement for Brine and Snow Removal**

This agreement has been in place since 2015 and expired in 2019. This is just an addendum to extend this agreement for 4 years.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Brine and Snow Removal with Floyd County. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

### **Interlocal Agreement for Salt Storage**

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Salt Storage with Floyd County. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

### **Ziptility Service Contract**

This company is a GIS based asset management software. The Town could use this to map all our sewer lines, manholes, and lift stations. We can use this software for recordkeeping and work orders. This can also be used to help track weed complaints and unfit materials. This software will be used for our storm water lines and maintenance tasks. It costs \$4,000.00 per year with a first year of \$4,500.00. We own our data, if we ever decide to go with another company, we will be allowed to export the information they have put together for us.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ziptility Service Contract for \$4,500.00 and to be paid out of the Waste Water Operating Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

### **Ashely Mariah Park Playground**

This playground needs to be updated. Reny Keener suggested creating an RFP (Request for Proposal) for an all-inclusive playground. The estimated cost of the project is \$350,000.00. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority has a grant available before the end of the year which is a matching grant. We do qualify but because of the cost, the RFP would be the smartest decision for the Town. Reny Keener suggested offering a donor wall. If we wanted to accept donations from the public, we would need to set up a special fund that is non-reverting and has two separate people monitoring it.

Billy Haller made a motion to allow Reny Keener to develop and send a Request for Proposal for an all-inclusive playground at Ashley Mariah Park. Second by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

### **Claims Docket**

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

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Destination Georgetown will be hosting a farmers' market at Copperfield.

### **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 Stocksdale, Vice President



Billy Haller



Gary Smith



Brandon Hopf

**Attest:**



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer