

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Ben Stocksdale, Kathy Haller, Billy Haller and Gary Smith. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Haley James and Chief Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on November 21, 2022. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from November 21, 2022. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0. Gary Smith abstained.

Agenda Items

BakerTilly Trash Rate Study Contract

BakerTilly would like to conduct a trash rate study. This will help us make sure everyone is charged accurately for their monthly fee. Our current rates were put in place 10 years ago. The total contract amount will be for \$6,750.00. It would be finished within 8 weeks and will help determine how much rates need to increase. This will protect the town from all concerned citizens and will show we are accurately charging everyone fairly.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve BakerTilly to conduct the trash rate study and for the contract not to exceed \$6,750.00. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 4-0. Billy Haller opposed.

Resolution R-22-12, A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Collection of Solid Waste within the Town of Georgetown, Indiana.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Resolution R-22-12, A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Collection of Solid Waste within the Town of Georgetown, Indiana. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Public Hearing for Sweetland Trash Contract

The public hearing portion of the meeting for the Sweetland Trash Contract has been opened.

There is a base bid per property of \$15.00 per address. This includes a large trash can with a lid and a 48 gallon can with a lid for recycling. We will still have a monthly junk day and a monthly yard waste day.

We will have weekly recycling instead of bi-weekly. The Ecotech bid came in higher with increases on years 3-5, Sweetland will be the best choice.

Public comments

There will be a public hearing before we establish a new rate after Bakertilly.

Nancy Brown asks if cans will be mandatory. She lives on a hill and currently just sits bags at the end of the road. She worries she will not be able to move the new cans up and down her driveway. She may prefer a smaller can.

Rob Stocksdales asked if old bins may be used. Sweetland will allow customers to use new bins or old bins if they are in good condition. A bag may also be put out the day of pickup.

Sweetland will start service on January 1, 2023. The new trash cans will be delivered within the first few weeks of January.

Rob Stocksdales asked if service days will change. Only one pickup day will change. Friday customers will be moved to a Tuesday pickup. Recycling will be every Thursday.

Kathy Haller made a motion to close the public hearing for Sweetland. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Report

We have two new funds from the Opioid lawsuit settlement. The SBOA has defined both funds. Restrictions and more information about these two funds will be available at the January meeting. More than likely both funds will go to the police department. This will be a yearly settlement not monthly.

Chief Travis Speece

Chris Loop made a motion to approve starting the hiring process for a new patrolman. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Gov deals will be awarded by who is the highest bidder. We will remove any reserves on items. Travis Speece will have the winners at the January meeting.

The Flock camera is still down. We are now waiting on the department of transportation. They had to move it because of the new overpass. We are hoping to have it back up and running by the January meeting.

Travis Speece requested for two new squad room computers for the police department. The ones we are currently using are out of date and crash.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve two new computers for the Police Department for \$1,599.96 and for this to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

The Tesla police car averaged around \$900.00 to operate for a year. The current mileage is 20,280.00.

There were around 125 criminal cases and 48 accidents, with 9 of those resulting in injury, for the entire year. All training for the year has been completed.

Town Attorney

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

East Knable Lift Station is still planned to start on the first week of January 2023 and hopefully be finished by the first week of April. They are coordinating with the church.

The Town Hall parking lot improvements will be tabled until the January meeting. Bob Woosley had to make a few revisions and send to INDOT for the cross walks. It will impact the cost slightly.

We need a Joint Use Maintenance Agreement signed outside the meeting contingent upon Kristi Fox's review. We will need every council member to sign the agreement. They will accept electronic signatures. This will help Koetter Construction remove the stop work order.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve signing the Joint Use Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

The 8791 State Road 64 sidewalk repair was not included in the original contract. Bob Woosley asked to approve Change Order #3 for \$2100.00 to fix this section of sidewalk with Koetter construction.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for \$2100.00. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

We have sent the cancelled check to Community Crossings Matching Grant. We are just waiting for confirmation and the official close out letter. This is a 75% grant where the town only has to come up with 25%. The next round will be open in January.

Concerning the Town Ballpark, there is a Land and Water Conservation grant through the DNR. This will help with land acquisition costs and improvements related to conservation. We will not qualify until 2024. You have to have a Parks board appointed and a plan in place by November 15th of the year before you want to apply. The Town Parks Board has to be adopted by State statute. You have to have ordinances, 4 members, represented by no more than 2 members of the same political party. The Town Board can not be designated to run the Parks Board. We will hope to establish this board in 2023.

We currently have agreements with the Harrison County Sewer District and New Albany Floyd County School District for sludge disposal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have to give a 30-day notice of any cost increase. We just learned of a dumpster increase that we will now have to pay. Bob Woosley requests approval of notifying both parties we will be increasing their rate from 5 cents per gallon to 6 cents per gallon. We will raise it a penny. This will cover our increased costs from the dumpster fees.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve notifying both entities that we are increasing our Sludge Disposal Agreement rate to 6 cents a gallon. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report.

Redevelopment Commission

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items

A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property. R-22-13

We are going to be selling a 2006 Ford F-250, a 2004 Ford F-250, a 1998 International Dump truck, and a 1997 Belshe Heavy equipment truck. These will be listed on www.Govdeals.com and will be awarded to the highest bidder.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve R-22-13 A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

New Employee

Brenda Gray would like to start on December 29th 2022. She currently works at the Floyd County Building Department. Julia Keibler would like to offer her \$18.00 an hour.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve hiring Brenda Gray for \$18.00 an hour. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

2023 Calendar and Monthly Meeting Schedule

We have updated our yearly holiday calendar and meeting schedule for all of the boards. The BZA will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. The Plan Commission will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. We plan to do our organizational meeting on January 17, 2023.

Check Returned and Refund Requested

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve a refund of \$35.00 for a return check fee to Cindy Farnsley. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Unpaid Ticket

Miranda Thompson has not paid her ticket for permitting animals to run at large from October 25, 2022. The ticket is for \$100.00. She has two white Pyrenees dogs that frequently run loose.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Krisi Fox to send her a letter allowing her 30 days to pay this ticket or we will move forward with a lawsuit. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Kristi Fox will mail this notice to Miranda Thompson and have Travis Speece deliver it.

Electronic Reporting for Aqua Utilities

Steve Toliver runs Aqua Utilities and would like to start sending his monthly reports electronically. He currently drops off hard copies monthly to the Town Hall. He has requested to keep one copy at the plant and email the rest to the Town Council. Julia Keibler keeps his report with the monthly financials for the SBOA and is okay with him electronically reporting.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve Aqua Utility changing to monthly electronic reporting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Nepotism Forms

All council members need to sign and return both nepotism forms to Julia Keibler.

MS4

Virginia Vernon has questions concerning MS4. She has been in touch with the county, state and the United States Senate Library. Her concern is the Town does not qualify to be in this program. The Town Council and Bob Woosley will look into the updated terms and follow up.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve creating a budget for no more than \$1,500.00 for development and a mailing notification for Sweetland starting trash pickup and their schedule and for this to come from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Claims Docket

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

Miscellaneous Business

Julia Keibler will email all the requirements to establish a Parks Board.

Bob Woosley will get with Jamie Schillmiller about the Crabapple project and cleaning the ditch by Stan Walk.

John Beams- Destination Georgetown

The Montgomery property is converting into an Airbnb. This will be known as McCormick Manor and will be a four-bedroom home. It is currently listed online. They have a project on the other side of the old firehouse that is for traveling nurses. John Beams would like to thank everyone for all the support and hard work. Kristi Fox still needs the tax document for the lease of the old Fire House.

Crimson Creek-Streetlight

There was a streetlight put up in Crimson Creek last week. A resident wants to make sure all procedures were followed. An individual that lives in Crimson Creek, privately contracted Duke energy and had a light installed on their private property. They are responsible for all of the costs. The Town is not responsible for anything relating to this. Last month, we approved to convert all streetlights to LED with a color temperature of 3000K through Duke Energy. This should help with light pollution but does not relate to the Crimson Creek streetlight.


Adjournment

Kathy Haller resigned her position this evening.

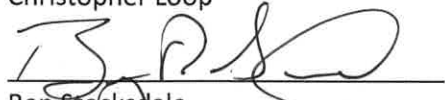
The baby box at the Fire Station #1 was dedicated today. It is officially ready for use.

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

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop



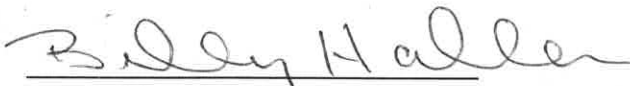
Ben Stockdale

Billy Haller


Gary Smith


Brandon Hopf

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer

