

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Kathy Haller, Billy Haller and Ben Stocksedale. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Tammy Anderson and Sergeant Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on September 28, 2020. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Wolfe Cemetery

Larry Robinson is there on behalf of Wolfe Cemetery. He has approached Dee Roney the Township Trustee about doing some repair work on the roads within the cemetery. Dee Roney is going to be working with Larry Robinson to get some funds. He would like to get some paving done and has provided two estimates to Dee Roney. One includes resurfacing the whole road and the other is for partially paving the road. Larry Robinson is asking for additional help.

Larry Robinson is the only employee that is paid and it costs between \$10,000.00 and \$11,000.00 yearly to cut the grass. The only money they make is by selling graves.

Chris Loop has spoken with Dee Roney and Bob Woosley about the situation. Chris Loop would like to propose an idea to the Town Council. Wolfe Cemetery is a private cemetery within town limits. Chris Loop would like for Bob Woosley to inspect the condition of the roads and the walkways within the cemetery. Once an assessment has been made the project would be put out to bid with our contacts, as well as, complete the needed work at the same time as the Town's project.

The Town is unable to pay for any paving work because it is a privately held road but we can offer technical assistance and help them to get a cheaper price because of the scale of work.

Trustee Roney has some other ideas as well. The Boy Scouts have been helping around Memorial Day and at other times. Kathy Haller mentioned that Celebration Church might help. Billy Haller is willing to help as well.

Paving will begin in the spring and will be sometime around April.

New Business

G-20-05 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve G-20-05 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Second Reading of G-20-05 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates

Gary Smith made a motion to approve G-20-05 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Monthly Utility Savings

Mike O'Neil with Granite would like to save the Town approximately 25% of what we are spending today on our telecommunication services. Granite is the largest company that no one has heard of. They work with government agencies to wholesale larger telecommunication services. The sole purpose is to save money and provide excellent customer service.

If we decide to change our services it would be through Granite. It is month to month and not a long-term commitment. Our phone numbers would not be held hostage if we decided to change services.

Granite is the single largest customer to Verizon, AT&T etc. Since they are so large, they are able to provide a discounted rate to other companies. They currently have over 65,000 customers. The only difference would be that Granite is going to bill us now rather than AT&T.

Our Broadband service is currently billed with Frontier. The proposal Granite provided does not include Broadband but that could be included and would offer a similar savings. The Granite proposal only includes 9 telephone lines.

Frontier currently services all of our phones. Anytime there is an issue with our lines or phones there is a technician that is available. This is a service that is also provided by Granite.

Julia Keibler stated that the companies we are currently working with have been in place for a long time. If we make any changes and then do not see a savings, we would not be able to obtain our old rates again.

Granite stated that there is not any need to change equipment. There is no cost for the transfer of services.

Granite will provide a more detailed proposal of what the charges will be.

Property at 1980 Kepley Road

Curtis Kelly lives at 2006 Kepley Road. 1980 Kepley Road is located on the south side of his property. There are two campers that have been moved onto the property at 1980 Kepley Road and they are not hooked up to any plumbing or sewer service. It appears that something has been thrown over the fence onto Curtis Kelly's property which he believes to be from a slop bucket. The police have been called several times.

Curtis Kelly provided pictures of the two campers on the property and reported that there are people living in them. There is one camper that is hidden behind the house and cannot be seen from the road.

The health department has been contacted and a letter of violation has been sent. The campers were to be removed by August 21, 2020. The campers are still there on the property. The campers are considered to be a public nuisance and unfit for human habitation. The Town has sent out a notice that they are in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

The next step is that the Town Council can authorize Kristi Fox to file suit. The Health Department can also file a lawsuit.

Bob Woosley thinks that this appears to be more of a zoning issue. A nonpermitted structure is on a single-family residential lot. He will need to look into the code further. In terms of sanitary sewer, the water provided would be through the water meter and we would be charging the same for the sanitary sewer.

Melinda Thurman lives at 1980 Kepley Road. She stated that a water hose is run to the camper to provide water. The camper is taken to a truck stop to empty the sewer contents. She said the Health Department will be inspecting the connection and it should be completed by the first week in November.

The Town will need something in writing from the Health Department on their letterhead. There still may be an issue from a zoning perspective regardless of the campers being hooked up to sanitary sewer. There may still be a request for the campers to be removed or put into storage.

Based on the zoning no one can be living in the structures. They will need to be parked in storage. Based on current photos they can be accessed at any time.

Upon a review from the town attorney and town engineer if there is a violation Melinda Thurman will be served a notice. If she continues to be in violation then we will have to file suit against her to have the structures removed.

New Street Light on Mary Collins

The Town did contact Duke Energy on the cost to install a new street light on Mary Collins. It will cost \$4.90 a month for the electric. Two poles will need to be installed for a cost of \$3,236.00.

Billy Haller made a motion to approve \$3,236.00 and a monthly payment of \$4.90 for a new street light to be installed on Mary Collins and to be paid for out of LRS. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

It is time to be thinking about the pay ordinance. Julia Keibler to email out last year's ordinance to the Town Council.

The paperwork has been filled out for reimbursement of police expenses from the Cares Act. A signature is needed from the President of the Town Council so that it may be submitted. We are asking for a reimbursement amount of \$49,176.51.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Coronavirus Relief Act Request Form. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Public Works

The Town crew has asked permission to purchase side mirrors for the John Deere tractor. This is a new tractor that was purchased earlier in the year. It will cost \$389.40 for two side mirrors.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the purchase of two John Deere side mirrors for \$389.40. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Town Attorney

There was a proposal letter filed concerning Lakeland with the IURC. Once it is finalized, we will be able to move forward and bid out the work.

Chris Loop would like to address the tap fees specifically multifamily fees. We may need to engage a financial consultant. There are going to be opportunities both in and out of town next year.

Town Engineer

The Estate Circle drainage project is still waiting to be finished. We are working with the property owner that is just outside of the project area to finalize some paperwork. This should be done this week and then Temple & Temple will be able to complete the project.

We are still working with the homeowner at 8924 State Road 64 regarding the basement floor drain. We still need to look at the best solution to resolve this. We are waiting on him to confirm that he can meet this week on Friday.

The Estate Circle project property owner that is not in the town limits had some trees disturbed. We did not remove any trees but there were some that were damaged. Instead of compensating the homeowner for the trees, Chris Loop would like to place a warranty on the trees for 36 months. A letter will be provided to the homeowner that if one of the trees were to die within 36 months the Town will take care of it. The trees were hit with equipment.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign a letter stating the mitigation work that we will do for him and the warranty of 36 months on those trees. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.

Fulkerson Contracting has the contract for the Catalpa Ridge Road Detention Basin. They plan to start working anytime now. It should be this month.

The Georgetown Basketball Court work was scheduled to begin today. The weather has probably held them off but if everything goes according to their schedule it should be finished Thanksgiving week. They will not have the color coating on the courts because of the temperature. There will be a ceremony when the basketball court has been completed.

Temple & Temple are working on the Catalpa Ridge Road Detention Basin. We are waiting on their final contractor schedule. Chris Loop has received a generic letter to let the property owners in the area know that we are going to start some work and if they have questions to please call us. We will start sending letters in the future as well. The letters will be handed out door to door.

Bob Woosley would like to ask permission for Chris Loop to sign the letter.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the generic letter to property owners. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

The parking lot next to the basketball courts will have a bid request sent out in the morning. Everyone will receive a copy of the plans in an email. We will go ahead and bid this now and open them at the next meeting.

The Community Crossing Matching Grant changed their requirements last year. We were not aware of the changes. The asset management plan for the roads had to be approved by December 1, 2019 to be eligible for this year. We have received an approval letter for the asset management plan saying that we met this year's requirement to apply for 2021. There should be a January call in 2021.

Bob Woosley has asked the Town Council to allow Chris Loop to sign the matching commitment letter for this submittal. The letter that they gave us has already been uploaded. Worse thing would be that they say we are not eligible until the next call. We will be estimating \$237,650.00 in paving work. The grant would cover 75% of the cost, so we will be submitting for a grant up to \$178,237.50. The portion that we would be responsible for is \$59,412.00.

Gary Smith made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the Community Crossings Matching Grant letter. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

When we do bid this out, we will also include as alternate bid items the police station modifications, the Waste Water Treatment Plant access road and Wolfe Cemetery.

Kristi Fox and Bob Woosley will follow up with the annexation of the west side of town. It was annexed years ago but it is still showing not in town. It will be resolved.

Town Ballpark drainage on the 1st base dugout side and the 3rd base has standing water. The town crew is going to fix the problem.

The Town will not be widening the bridge on Henriott Road.

8924 State Road 64 has basement floor drain plumbing work that needs to be done. It is related to the wall. A plumber is going to be asked to resolve that for the property owner.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 working with a plumber to fix the basement drain at 8924 State Road 64 and to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 5-0.

Plan Commission

We have not heard anything back from Justin Tackett.

Old Town Hall Committee

There has been some interest in the RFP. Chris Loop showed the space on Friday and was there for a couple of hours with a well-known development company. They will probably put together a proposal. Kathy Haller has shown the property as well. There is still time and we will be accepting proposals until October 30, 2020.

Bob Woosley has a proposed layout for the parking lot at the Old Bank Building. There have been some modifications made to show parking away from the building. For example, if someone wanted a café with an outdoor seating area there is plenty of room for that. This is a perfect area for a restaurant.

The plan for the crossing of State Road 64 from the Old Bank Building parking lot will be sent out soon. If you have been to Clarksville at Discovery Trail there is a push button activated crossing and hopefully, we can get INDOT to allow for that to occur.

Sergeant Travis Speece

The Explorer should be in this week.

Trick-or-Treat for Halloween will be held at Georgetown Elementary School on October 30, 2020 from 5:45 – 8:00 P.M.

Trick-or-Treat for the County and the Town of Georgetown will be October 31, 2020 from 5:45 – 8:00 P.M.

Storm Water Board

Nothing to report.

Ball Park Committee

Nothing to report.

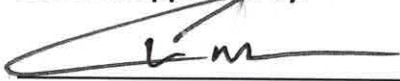
Claims Docket

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

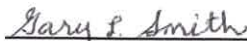
Adjournment

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

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President



Gary Smith, Vice President



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller



Ben Stocksdale

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer