
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

MINUTES

Regular Session of Council Village of Georgetown August 8, 2019

The Georgetown Village Council convened in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 7:43 p.m. in the Georgetown Municipal Building, Council Chambers. Mayor Dale Cahall called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Councilmember Andy Clift, Councilmember Ginny Colwell, Councilmember Kelly Cornette, Councilmember Dave Guenther, Councilmember Wade Highlander and Councilmember Nancy Montgomery. Employees present: Administrator Tyler Thompson, Fiscal Officer Natalie Newberry, Police Chief Robert Freeland, Fire Chief Joey Rockey and Solicitor Joe Braun.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Council meeting held on July 11, 2019 were reviewed. Councilmember Colwell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Councilmember Clift. Mayor Cahall called for a voice vote with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther, Highlander and Montgomery voting yea. Motion carried. The minutes of the regularly scheduled Community Development meeting held on July 11, 2019 were reviewed.

Councilmember Clift made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Councilmember Guenther. Mayor Cahall called for a voice vote with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther, Highlander and Montgomery voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 12, 2019 were reviewed.

Councilmember Guenther made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Councilmember Clift. Mayor Cahall called for a voice vote with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther, Highlander and Montgomery voting yea. Motion carried. Council reviewed the bill list totaling \$662,091.57; monthly Fund Summary Report; Bank Reconciliation and Mayor's Court Report.

Solicitor Braun read the following statement to Village Council:

Village Council should be aware that there was a Petition for an Election on the Decrease of an Increased Rate of Levy Approved for a Continuing Period of Time submitted to the Brown County Board of Elections yesterday. The petition seeks to have the Village's fire levy reduced from 9.5 mills to 2.5 mills. The Petition was comprised of six (6) part petitions and contained a total of one hundred forty-four (144) signatures. I did not review the sufficiency of the signatures on the Petition. However, after reviewing the Petition, I have concluded that it is substantively flawed and contrary to Ohio law. As a result, the Village will be filing a formal protest with the Brown County Board of Elections tomorrow seeking to have the petition deemed invalid.

I will advise Village Council when I know more.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Cahall opened the floor to Carol Myers who presented Chief Freeland and Officer Green with a Certificate of Appreciation for National Night Out to the Georgetown Police Department. The event was held August 6, 2019 and was a huge success.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Cahall asked for a motion to suspend the rules according to Ohio Revised Code for declaring an emergency and adoption of an ordinance or resolution. Councilmember Guenther made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Councilmember Cornette. Roll call taken with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther, Highlander and Montgomery voting yea. Motion carried. Mayor Cahall asked for a motion in regards to ORDINANCE #1247: AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (read by title). Councilmember Guenther made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Councilmember Cornette. Discussion held. This allows for the remainder of donations from the Kegs for a Cause event and the EMS Seatbelt grant funds awarded to be appropriated for expenditures. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther, Highlander and Montgomery voting yea. Motion carried.

ROUND TABLE:

Police Chief Freeland gave an update of the Georgetown Police Department; and thanked local businesses and everyone who helped with the National Night Out event.

Councilmember Colwell welcomed Councilmember Highlander back and asked if something could be done with the dirt piles in front of the Grant Senior Living site. Administrator Thompson has already started working on this matter.

Councilmember Clift gave an update on the Kegs 4 A Cause event announcing that they raised approximately \$4000.00 after expenses. The next Kegs 4 A Cause will be held July 11, 2020. Councilmember Clift also gave an update on the Community Development Meeting. It was the majority consensus of the committee to recommend to council that the Village move forward with making some improvements to the restrooms at the Kathryn Hanlon Park. The bid received was from Hayslip Construction was at a cost in the amount of \$23,250. Discussion held on the different repairs in the bid and on the safety concerns of the sidewalk. It was the consensus of Village Council to move forward with the recommendations made of the Community Development Committee.

Councilmember Montgomery asked if the no truck parking signs had been placed on Apple Street yet. Administrator Thompson is working on getting the signs ordered. Councilmember Montgomery also announced that there were 17 petitions filed for the Charter Commission positions; and that Matt Cameron, a high school teacher is working on a project and will be emailing everyone to gather information for his college prep students.

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Councilmember Guenther brought the topic of stray cats around Lincoln and North Water Street to the table asking if there is anything that can be done to discourage feeding strays. Solicitor Braun said that the Village had a previous issue by Burger King and will look into this and do something similar as before to take care of this matter.

Councilmember Cornette made a motion to not pay Council for the special meeting held on Friday after the regular Thursday meeting since it only lasted ten minutes. Councilmember Guenther seconded the motion. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote with Clift, Colwell, Cornette, Guenther and Montgomery voting yea. Highlander abstained from voting since he was absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Thompson gave an update on Georgetown Public Utilities; and shared that Council will be seeing proactive measures to enforce the refuse rubbish ordinance. Discussion held.

Mayor Cahall announced that he and Administrator Thompson has put together a team to tour the Stanley Black and Decker Plant as well as other parcels in the Village to find new tenants for these locations; and will continue to work as a team to do this.

Solicitor Braun updated Council that the Income Tax Legislation allowing the State to collect local municipal income taxes and then charge a processing/collection fee to do this will be heard soon at the Ohio Supreme Court who accepted the case against the State attempting to repeal this legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Community Development Committee Meeting was set for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Georgetown Municipal Building, Council Chambers.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting was set for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Georgetown Municipal Building, Council Chambers. Councilmember Colwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Cornette. Meeting adjourned.



Georgetown Mayor



Georgetown Fiscal Officer