

**Regular Session of Council  
Village of Georgetown  
May 23, 2024**

The Georgetown Village Council convened in regular session on Thursday, May 23, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:26 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers. Mayor Kelly Bolington called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bolington asked for an attendance roll call with the following Councilmembers present: Brooklyn Barnhart, Andy Baughey, Kelley Campbell, Amber Fletcher, Mike Mays, and Bink Garbutt. Employees present: Assistant Chief Shaun Inlow, Chief Joey Rockey, Solicitor Joe Braun, Clerk of Council Terra Rockey.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

American Structurepoint presented Council with a presentation of a visual of how Georgetown square would possibly look after using the grants the village had received. American Structurepoint discussed various points of the Village that will be under construction to help bring in more business for the community as well as a possible Welcome center after they review funds. They will be having frequent meetings that will be open to the public as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jay Keefe:** Asked Council how do you know to file taxes within the village if you just moved here other than getting a letter in the mail.

**Jeff Gelter:** Discussed there is a sewer issue where he lives, and it has caused a large sink hole. He stated our street department has been out numerous times and has temporarily fixed it, but it just keeps reappearing. He believes this started after they put in the newer sewer system back in the early 2000's.

**Mark Anderson:** Discussed how he was on previous council and Art discussed possibly making Cherry Street a One-Way Street. Mark also stated the Village should look into possibly passing a levy for the police as well as the cemetery looking into a Crematory.

**Amy Berkenmeier:** Asked Council if anything has been done regarding her issue of dogs not being on leash, informed Council it has been going on for years.

**Stan Purdy:** Discussed an incident that has happened at his Bed & Breakfast and complimented Chief Freeland and the other responding officers for a job well done. Stan stated there isn't a festival for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, however next year there will be since it is the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Declaration of Independence. Stan informed the Council that there will be fireworks at the Fairgrounds this year and asked if the Village could possibly donate towards the expense of the fireworks.

**Delbert Aicholtz:** Delbert stated he had an issue like the sinkhole issue above and stated it was a sewer issue as well. He asked how much the village could decide in using the grant money and was informed it is strictly used for what the Village stated on their application.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the Regular Session of Council meeting held on April 25, 2024, were reviewed. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Garbutt. Mayor Bolington called for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Barnhart, Baughey, Campbell, Fletcher, Mays, and Garbutt voting yes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Work Session of Council meeting held on May 9, 2024, were reviewed and revised. Councilmember Baughey made a motion to approve revisions with a second by Councilmember Fletcher. Mayor Bolington called for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Barnhart, Baughey, Campbell, Fletcher, Mays, and Garbutt voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Mays brought two bids to the meeting regarding the basketball courts. The first bid was \$32,000.00 with a pump truck and could possibly lower it by \$1500.00 if we dropped the mesh part of the concrete. The second bid came in roughly around \$19000-\$20,000. The second bid does not include a pump truck, so it would need to be figured in. Mike spoke with Dave Taylor, and he said he would give the Village just cost on concrete. Mike will need to get a written bid for the Council before they can approve. Councilmembers discussed basketball hoops possibly being donated, however they are not sure how the hoops would work after being inside and then being transferred to the sun. Councilmembers Mays, Campbell and Garbutt will get together to work on bids together.

Councilmember Campbell made a Motion to authorize Mike Mays to get a bid for amount to exceed \$20,000.00.

Councilmember Campbell withdrew the above motion.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to authorize Mike Mays to enter into an agreement to not exceed \$20,000.00 for the construction for the basketball concrete pad subject to the dimensions and specifications that Councilmember Campbell will provide with a second by Councilmember Mays. Mayor Bolington called for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Barnhart, Baughey, Campbell, Fletcher, Mays, and Garbutt voting yes. Motion carried.

## **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH KATHRYNN MCELROY TO SERVE AS THE TAX COMMISSIONER FOR THE THE VILLAGE OF**

**GEORGETOWN, OHIO (1379)** was brought to the table. Councilmember Mays made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Barnhart. Mayor Bolington called for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Barnhart, Baughey, Campbell, Fletcher, Mays, and Garbutt voting yes. Motion carried.

## **ROUND TABLE:**

**Councilmember Baughey:** Congratulated the seniors of 2024 and good luck to all of them.

**Councilmember Fletcher:** Nothing for Council.

**Councilmember Garbutt:** Discussion of possibly starting Coffee with Council every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Coffee loft. Councilmembers could do a possible rotation of members. Discussion of the 5-year park plan committee.

**Councilmember Campbell:** Nothing for Council.

**Councilmember Barnhart:** Nothing for Council.

**Councilmember Mays:** Exciting things coming to town. Farmers Market coming to town possibly June 8<sup>th</sup>. Asked about Garbutt's Coffee with Council and just cannot exceed 3 members.

**Solicitor Joe Braun:** A few annexations coming to the Village which means more revenue for the Village.

**Assistant Chief Inlow:** Police department has completed the agreement with Georgetown Elementary schools to have a resource officer there full-time. Officer Luther is doing a JR police academy; 10 students have signed up. The department has a newer reporting system that is almost finished and is free to the department. There have been multiple scam alerts and would like the community to be cautious with scammers. Discussed Ricky Horn and that the department has done everything they can. He has rights just like everyone else. Informed

**Chief Rockey:** Nothing for Council.

**Mayor Kelly Bolington:** Informed Councilmembers of a liquor license change, and asked Council had any objection. No objection.

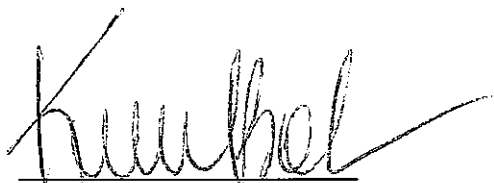
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting will be Work Session on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Garbutt. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Adjourned at 9:26 PM

  
Georgetown Mayor

  
Clerk of Council

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