

**Work Session of Council
Village of Georgetown
July 18, 2024**

The Georgetown Village Council convened in Special session on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 6:01 p.m. until 7:48 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, and Bink Garbutt, Employees present: Solicitor Joe Braun, Administrator Travis Dotson, Chief Joey Rockey, Assistant Chief Shaun Inlow. Fiscal Officer Greg Housh and Clerk of Council Terra Rockey.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Mays with a second by Councilmember Baughey. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bolington opened the 2025 Tax Budget Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Greg Housh: Discussed the 2025 Tax Budget and informed Council that it was not the 2025 Financial Budget. This budget is required every year by the State, so the Auditor distributes the funds at the same rates.

No public comment regarding the 2025 Tax Budget.

Mayor Bolington closed the 2025 Tax Budget Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremy Jones: Discussed his interest in the open seat on Council. Is ready to start whenever, if he is chosen to be on Council.

Sgt. Jesse Green: Informed the public National Night Out will be August 6th from 5-8 p.m. This event will be held at the Georgetown Eagles and is a free event to the Public. Georgetown Police Department will be handing out new shoes to all the students in the Village.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Acting Chief Inlow: Commended PTL Rammel and Deputy Hardy for their amazing work and teamwork in the use of force with Mary McElroy on June 28th.

Acting Chief Shaun Inlow was sworn in as Chief of Police by Mayor Bolington. Mayor Bolington congratulated him and thanked him for everything he has done since being back with Georgetown Police. Shaun talked about his last 17 years in Law Enforcement and is excited to see where this goes.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sgt. Jesse Green: discussed possibly updating a new curfew for the Village. Discussed with the Council that the Curfew Ordinance hasn't been updated since 1963 and stated Curfew is a crime prevention measure.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN (1383) was brought to the table. Councilmember Baughey made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Garbutt. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHAUN INLOW TO SERVE AS VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR HIM SERVING IN THAT ROLE (1384) was brought to the table. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Baughey. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TRAVIS DOTSON AS THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 15 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE (1385): was brought to the table. Councilmember Garbutt made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Barnhart. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO (1369) was brought to the table. Councilmember Baughey made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Garbutt. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to Add "AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO" to the agenda with a second by Councilmember Baughey. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO (1370) was brought to the table. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Baughey. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Amber Fletcher's Resignation from Council.

Councilmember Baughey made a motion to approve the resignation letter with a second by Councilmember Garbutt. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

Councilmembers discussed the process of how they would like to proceed with the empty seat. Council would like the parties interested in the empty council seat to bring a resume or letter of intent to the Village Office by Wednesday July 24th by 4 p.m. Council will go through the interview process at the July 25th meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Park Plan RFP: The park plan RFP will be ready at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Bolington briefly discussed the public interest regarding the park. Plans to have meetings regarding the park where the public can give input. Mayor will have more information after discussing more in depth with the Park Consultant.

Chief Rockey: Discussed the fire that happened at Sarah's Shop in the Courthouse square and that it was caused by a lithium battery being charged. Informed the public of the hazard of keeping lithium batteries plugged in for a long period of time. Commended some of his firemen on a job well done. Informed the public and Councilmembers that some of the men on the department have created a new logo for the apparel for the fire department. Informed Council that the Splash Party will possibly be the week after National Night Out.

Delbert Aicholtz: Informed Council that his attorney wrote up a letter informing the public that there will be a Deed Restriction on his new housing complex that will not allow Section 8 housing. Delbert passed the letter out to Councilmembers.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(2) to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes with a second by Councilmember Barnhart. Mayor Bolington asked for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Campbell, Garbutt, Barnhart and Baughey voting yes. Motion carried.

Entered Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. *Mike Mays entered executive session and remained for the remainder of meeting*

Returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

No action taken from the executive session

ITEMS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Councilmember Mays: Reminder of National Night, August 17th Skating on the square and apologized for being late for this meeting.

Councilmember Barnhart: Asked if we could put a post on the Village Facebook page regarding the lithium batteries since everyone has those now.

Councilmember Campbell: Green Acres residents are having a hard time seeing right at the stop sign that connects onto Freesoil.

Councilmember Garbutt: Informed the public that the basketball hoops are in and will schedule for them to be installed. Mentioned he will start Coffee with Council in August in between the scheduled meetings for that month.

Councilmember Baughey: The fence at the park on E. State Street by the houses is falling-down. Informed Council that the Eagles have been donating for multiple events as well as charities.

Solicitor Joe Braun: Nothing for Council

Administrator Travis Dotson: Is working on a survey for the residents regarding the water. They are hoping to have it on the bill next month. Travis is working on a new pole agreement as well and is hoping will be finished as well.

Mayor Bolington: Reminded the public this Saturday July 20th from 5-11 p.m Kegs and Sips for a Cause will be having the event on the Courthouse Square. Will be a lot of food trucks, bounce houses, dunk booth and raffles.

UPCOMING MEETING:

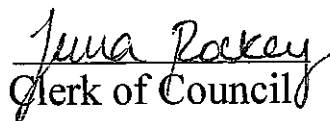
The next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday July 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adjourned 7:48 PM


Georgetown Mayor


Clerk of Council