

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2017

The Thorntown Town Council met on January 16, 2017, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Don Johnson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Council members Don Johnson, Larry Acton, Koren Gray, John Shives, and Mark Garing.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Utility Superintendent Gary Moody, Development Director Angie Moody, Planning Board President Frank Small, Fire Chief Mike Martin, Marshal Russ Voils, Building Inspector Jack Pedigo, Utility Board member George Gideon, Deputy Marshals Frank Clark and Dereck Babcock, representative Deborah Luzier of GRW, and Town Attorney Dennis Williams.

One (1) citizen of the Town was also present.

Larry moved to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2017 meeting. His motion was seconded by Koren. and passed 5-0.

GRW

Deborah Luzier spoke about her companies services. They have worked with Jamestown, Cumberland, McCordsville, and Whitestown. They assist with building permits, planning, building inspection, and drainage. They have worked with unsafe buildings. Will discuss at next meeting.

REPORTS

Utilities: Nothing to Report

Stalcop: OK

Park Board: Have not met.

Planning: No report

Fire Department: Presented yearly report. OCRA grant has expired. Deed for fire department land need to be transferred from town to town/township.

Koren moved to start procedure to transfer fire department land from Town of Thorntown to Thorntown/Sugar Creek Township. Seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

Mike presented a list of equipment the fire department owns.

Need a new rescue vehicle in 2017--\$50,000 plus

New turn out gear in 2018--\$50,000?

POLICE

Want list for LIT—Radar signs \$17,000

No reply yet on cross-walk flashing signs.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The office is almost done. Started looking into OCRA grants. We need a 501C3 for a Main Street Group. Possibility of being umbrellaed under some other group.

WEB SITE: Spring cleanup and beautification on web site.

OLD BUSINESS

Franklin Street Flooding: Frank has talked to Habitat about this problem.

Take Home Cars: When will there be decals for cars?

NEW BUSINESS

Marshal Contract: Larry moved to amend the Marshal's Contract to include language permitting personal use of police car. Seconded by John S. Passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2017-3. Amend 2017 Salary Ordinance: Koren made a motion that the salary ordinance be amended to include section g allowing take home police cars as a benefit for the full time police officers. Motion seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

LIT: Discussion on how to divide LIT money. Larry moved that 40% be spent on police, 40% on fire protection, and 20% be retained for unexpected needs. Mark seconded this motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2017-2. Fund 249. Koren moved to pass Ordinance 2017-2 to establish Fund 249 for the purpose of receiving the LIT monies. This motion was seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

CONCERNS

Front door? On Order

Mowing

Gravel Pit

Meeting on odd months—2 or 3 fall on holiday—Move to even months?

Koren moved to adjourn. Mark seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Koren Gray, Vice-President