

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
October 7, 2019
7:00 pm

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Mark Garing. The Council and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call followed with all 5 Council members present, Town Attorney Amy Nooning, the Clerk-Treasurer Koren Gray, Community Development Director Angie Moody. Also present were Gary Moody, Shawn McClintock Planning Commission President, and members of the community.

Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Carol Keith. Motion passed 5-0.

Carol Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, Special meeting regarding Waste Water and Storm Water. The motion was seconded by Sara Fairfield. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary Ladd, Ladd Engineering gave a report on the 2018 Community Crossings project. Gary provided a final cost adjustment to Calumet of \$16,192.92. He presented an additional amount of \$10,529.64 for Triangle Asphalt. A motion was made by Dave Williams to allow the additional amount for the project and to pay the Town share of the Community Crossings project. There was no second; therefore the motion failed. This matter will be tabled for October 21. Gary also had discussion regarding the curb at the elevator on Pearl St. It is being recommended to install bollards to prevent further destruction of the curb. We need to obtain quotes for the project. Angie and/or Gary Ladd will be meeting with Cyclone Grain owner to discuss the curb damage.

The Sugar Creek Township Trustee was scheduled to be here but needed to cancel. She will reschedule.

Frank Clark, Thorntown Police Department, presented three new Reserves to add to our department staff. Matthew Chabra, Samuel Dardini, and Dwayne Fuller accepted their Oath of Office. The Council welcomed each of them.

Angie Moody, Community Development Director, reported that the basketball courts have been completed with the surface coating. The park is still in need of swing repair. 2020 projects to consider will be tennis court repair, adding a drive to the small shelter, camera repair, doggy station, picnic table repair and paint, a rock garden and signage (with the help of an IMPA grant). Angie has submitted a grant application to the Boone County Solid Waste Management. No response to date. The final movie night for the park was Friday, September 27. USGS is interested in adding a data monitor on Sugar Creek on the Trail. There is no cost to the town.

-The second story of the Town Hall building lease agreement has been submitted to The Reporter for publishing October 5 and 12. The ladies restroom repair is in progress.

-There is no news yet on the 2019 Community Crossings grant.

- Nothing new is happening with the monitoring wells.
- Still working with Niki at IMPA on town logo
- Angie has attended IMPA/OCRA conference and received excellent information and ideas for the town.
- Angie expressed how appreciative she is with the help of the Boone EDC with Festival and their help with a Facebook page
- The Festival had a great turnout. Unfortunately rain on Sunday created very minor attendance.
- Halloween Parade/costume contest is quickly approaching. We also need judges for the costume contest.
- We have received an updated quote from MS Consultants. They could help us with many issues in our future. They have knowledge regarding infrastructure and could be very helpful in reviewing our ordinances and our comprehensive plan for the future of Thorntown.
- Mark initiated a discussion regarding land acquisition for the waste water lagoon. We have a title search on the Lanpher property. Are we going to get a title search on the Dickerson/Fairfield property? Angie advised that the Lanpher's have initiated more conversation regarding the land in question. Mike Kleinpeter has prepared a letter to be signed and sent to Mr. Lanpher. Mark entertained a motion to get a title search on the Dickerson/Fairfield property. Carol asked where would the funds come from to pay for this service. Koren advised that Waste Water would fund the title search. There was no motion to get the title search. We will begin the land acquisition with the Lanpher property.

Shawn McClintock, Planning Commission, said they had nothing new to report. He is addressing 2020 New Build paperwork that has been received.

Storm Water Board needs to hold a public hearing for Resolution #4 with an exhibit attached, regarding a Storm Water User Fee. The resolution was read by Amy Nooning. The Council voted on the Resolution to allow the Storm Water Board to hold a public hearing and pursue a Storm Water User Fee. A motion was made by Carol to accept the Resolution 2019-4 pursuing a Storm Water User Fee. The motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion passed 5-0.

No report from the Fire Department.

Town Logo has not been received from Niki yet. Will table for October 21.

Clerk-Treasurer report – In communication with American Legal, he needs a copy of 2019-1, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-9 Setting the Compensation of all Town Officers and Employees of the Utility Service Board for the year 2018. This was originally adopted February 4. Koren cannot find the signed copy in the files. A motion was made by Carol to ratify the 2019-1 ordinance. A second was made by Dave. Motion passed 5-0. We still need a couple from 2013-2014.

-We have received a refund of \$13,266 from the IRS. The Clerk-Treasurer is in the process of determining what this refund is for.

-Koren requested if the Town would pay for candy again for the Halloween event like we did last year. Dave made a motion to allow the expense not to exceed \$100. There was no second so the motion died. Frank advised he would be happy to pay for the candy from the Police Department donation fund.

- Koren reported her IMLTC conference registration at Bloomington was \$140.

- Koren has purchased a cord so that our recordings can be transferred to the computer

- Still in a holding pattern for further assistance from Retha and Ragan

-Koren reported Bruce discovered Chuck Wyant, our park maintenance worker, being paid from Town Maintenance rather than Park Maintenance. This is how the computer was set up when I came in. I have gone into the payroll program and corrected for the future. This is an issue I will talk with Retha about. The Council wants a report submitted even if it is incorrect. The Treasurer has refused to put the Appropriation Report on the table knowing it is incorrect. After much discussion regarding the standing of the Town finances it was agreed between the Council and Clerk-Treasurer that incorrect reports will be put on the table each meeting and the council will be aware the information is incorrect. The Clerk-Treasurer knows there are mistakes in the books. With mistakes in the books the fund and appropriation balances are incorrect. When we begin balancing the bank statements for 2019 we may find expenses not posted in Keystone or revenue not posted in Keystone. The Town Court statement is reconciled up to the end of June 2019.

- We have received the health insurance renewal. We have received a 7-8% increase.

Mark and Amy shared in reading the Animal Ordinance #6 providing updates to our local ordinance. This was the first reading. We will need a log to keep track of complaints received.

Employee Handbook – Koren has talked with the Utility Board again regarding the handbook. They will share in the expense with the town. Amy will contact Dunlap Consulting confirm he will still do the handbook for us.

Amy has obtained the names and contact information for the owners of the property on Bow St. that we have been mowing and the post office property. Koren will send letters to see what we can do about being reimbursed for the mowing for 2018 and 2019 and for repairing the step at the post office.

Mark requested Angie get a current dated bid from Thorntown Heating and Cooling to confirm the previous price he gave us. Angie will present the quote at the October 21 meeting.

Budget 2020 – the decision was made that some of the entries that were suggested at the previous hearing be left the same as the figures for 2019.

Comments/Concerns

We had a couple citizen comments regarding our issues with the 2018 Community Crossings Project and the concern that the project has cost the town more money.

Dave brought up a citizen concern regarding some earth damage due to a neighbor installing a patio. The patio installation did not have a permit. There was discussion if this should be a civil matter rather than a town matter. Dave will follow up.

Koren asked about the Planning Commission adding a flyer regarding the permit fees and other building information. Shawn and the Planning Commission will work on that.

Claims signed

Adjourn: At 10:10 pm Carol made a motion to adjourn with a second by Sara. Motion passed 4-0 (Dave needed to excuse himself from the meeting prior to adjournment).

Mark Garing
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer