

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
October 21, 2019
7:00 pm

The Town Council meeting of October 21, 2019, 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 Council members Mark Garing, Bruce Burtner, Dave Williams and Carol Keith present, Sara Fairfield was absent. Town Attorney, Tom Whitsitt sitting in for Amy Noonning, Community Development Director Angie Moody, Planning Commission President Shawn McClintock present. Clerk-Treasurer, Koren Gray, was also absent attending a conference.

Approval of Minutes Carol Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 7, Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Burtner. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2019, Executive Session Carol Keith made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bruce Burtner. Motion passed 4-0.

Guests

The Sugar Creek Township Trustee, Tammy Lawson, was present sharing Township information. Tammy has been appointed to fulfill the term of Lora Thompson. Tammy feels she has big shoes to fill. The Township is keeping the budget very similar to 2019. They have increased the financial assistance program. Tammy is working with various other groups such as LOVE, INC., TERA, Thorntown Utilities, etc. to see how the Trustee can help with assistance for our community. Tammy has been working with Koren regarding the bills that are split with Town and Township for the fire department. She is researching the possibility of putting the Township on a computer program. The computer program is very costly. It is currently all being posted manually.

Bid for Lease of second story of the Town Hall - Glen Jewell, Thorntown Christian Church and WAM board president, was present on behalf of WAM. We received one bid for use of the second story. This bid came from WAM (We All Matter). Our Town Attorney had recommended we accept the bid. WAM submitted a check of good faith for \$30.00 for a three year lease. Amy will need to prepare a lease agreement. Bruce made a motion that we accept the offer of \$10.00 per year for a three year period subject to a lease agreement. There was discussion regarding the utility set up. This issue is still in progress. The motion was seconded by Carol. Motion passed 4-0.

Thelma Theobald was present for a presentation. Thelma is a former Town Council member. She was the Sesquicentennial Secretary in 1980. In 1980 the Town celebrated the sesquicentennial. Thelma had received a letter congratulating the town with this honor. The letter was signed by William Montgomery, State Representative, Keith McCormick, State Senator, John Donaldson, State Representative, Martin Edwards, State Senator, Kermit Burrous, State Representative, Sharon Cummins Thuma, Principal Clerk, and Sandra Culp, Secretary of the Senate. Other Committee members were Gerald White, Mildred Spencer, Jerry Sussong, David Summers, June Cook, William Russell, and Ralph

Stark. Thelma has had this letter matted and framed and has presented it to the Town. Thank you, Thelma!

Adoption of 2020 Budget – Ben Roeger, CPA Ben noted changes that were made in the previous proposed budget. The annual budget is listed for \$823,811.00, adopted tax levy \$255.724, and adopted tax rate .64.52. After we adopt the budget the proposal will be sent to the state for approval. Dave made a motion to adopt the proposed budget and levy for 2020. This motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports

Utility (Gary Moody) Gary reported Midwest Products will continue to offer the use of the Trac Vac to pick up leaves for the town. Pick up will be during the month of November. We need volunteers to help.

Gary mentioned the possibility of purchasing a leaf vac for the town. Something to think about for the future.

Community Development/Park (Angie Moody) The Park will be closing for the winter after Halloween.

Park- has not received any information regarding the Boone County Solid Waste Management grant application that was submitted

- has not completed the tire swing repair yet as they are waiting on parts
- 2020 projects to consider: tennis court repair, adding a drive-way to the small shelter due to usage requirements, camera repairs, doggy station, picnic table repair and paint, rock garden and signage(IMPA Grant).

- USGS data monitor on Sugar Creek on the trail – no updated news

Community Development – repairs to ladies RR are in process

- furnace replacement bid presented to review
- we are on Hopper's schedule to clean drains for Ladies RR and the evidence room
- 2018 Community Crossings signatures are needed to work on the close of project. We need to pay Calumet \$164,873.63 and \$18,319.29, and Triangle Asphalt \$68,334.64. A motion was made to pay Triangle Asphalt \$68,334.64 by Dave. A second was made by Bruce. Motion passed 4-0. A motion was made to pay the Calumet invoices \$164,873.63 and \$18,319.29. \$168,603.75 is the grant we received from the state, the balance is the Town portion. A motion to pay was made by Bruce. A second was made by Carol. Motion passed 4-0.

- Repair to Project – 3 bids to remove and replace ramp and sidewalk on NE corner of Pearl St. Calumet \$8,800, Newby Excavating \$6,500, and Wilson Concrete \$3,507. Dave made a motion to accept the \$3,507 bid from Wilson Concrete. The motion was seconded by Carol. Motion passed 4-0.

- Angie reported we did receive the 2019 Community Crossing Grant of \$253,953.75, for the Plum St. project. The Council congratulated Angie on a job well done!

- monitoring well – SCAC has been contacted and will be adding 4 monitoring wells in the buildings

- logo options were presented

- Angie presented the Additional Appropriation Resolution requesting \$54,093,000 from LOIT Special Distribution and \$50,000.00 from Local Road and Street. These funds are to pay the Town share of the 2018 Community Crossing Project expenses. The Resolution was read by Mark. Bruce made a motion to allow the spending appropriations. The motion was seconded by Carol. Motion passed 4-0.

-Angie will attend the EDC Annual Meeting and has attended the Community Foundations Needs Assessment Leadership Planning Grant for Boone County meeting

-Fall Fun – Trunk or Treat will be Sunday at the school parking lot with candy & crafts 4:00-5:30, Halloween Parade & Costume contest 5:30 on October 31, with Night on Main sponsored by the Thorntown Police Department and K of P Hot Dog supper, Library Haunted meeting rooms and candy 6:00-9:00 pm, Museum Magic with Marc and candy 6:00-9:00pm.

-Shop Small event is in the planning stages. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

-Angie cannot attend the Boone County Chamber Award night. She has taken care of our video portion. The award night is November 14th at 6:15. It is \$55 per person for Chamber members.

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock) Shawn reported that Angie had a request for building specs for Salem Landing. Shawn is researching some state guidelines.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner) Bruce advised that Tyler Davis has resigned. Sara Fairfield is interested in the position. Since she is on vacation we can appoint her next meeting. The Board will hold a public meeting when they have enough Board members present to make a quorum.

Police (Frank Clark) Emailed the Council with the police log report. All else is going fine.

Fire (Mike Martin) No one present from the fire department. However, Mark mentioned a recent posting congratulating Mike on 35 years with the Thorntown-Sugar Creek Fire Department. Also, congratulations to Bob Bowen for 30 years with the fire department.

Clerk-Treasurer Report (Koren Gray) In the absence of Koren, Angie had the report that Koren left. Angie read, "I have provided a copy of an incorrect Appropriation Report as you have requested. Please keep in mind I know for fact that it is incorrect and providing I against my better judgement. As long as the bank statements do not balance, Keystone reports will be incorrect. When the bank statements and Keystone do not balance, there are mistakes in the record keeping". She left details regarding how to read the Appropriation Report. The LIT Fund has been totally clean up and each line, Police, Fire, Town Savings, are all accurate. MVH money still needs review. There are other items under General-Other Equipment and Revenue 101990 that need review. Ragan from Keystone will be here October 30, to help begin the 2019 bank statement clean up and reconciliations. Koren would like to invite Judge Vaughn and Sandy Gates to come to a Council meeting to explain how the Town Court works. It is time to re-order the Labor Law Posters. I have provided information I have received from JJ Keller.

Carol made a motion to allow the 1-year update service at \$54.35. A second was made by Bruce. Motion passed 4-0.

Unfinished Business

Animal Ordinance #6, An Ordinance Supplementing the Town of Thorntown's Animal Policies, had it's first reading October 7. Mark entertained a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-6. The motion was made by Carol and seconded by Bruce. Motion passed 4-0.

Employee Handbook – tabled since Amy and Koren were both absent.

Waste Water project – Mark asked about the title search on the second property of interest. There was not a motion made October 7, to do a title search on the Fairfield/Dickerson property for the lagoon. The letter has been sent to the Lanpher's as per the direction of Mike Klinepeter.

We do have an updated quote for a new furnace for the Town Hall. We were not clear if a new thermostat was involved. Yes, the thermostat is included. We need to make a 50% deposit. Carol made a motion to move forward with the furnace replacement. Bruce made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

No new business

Comments/Concerns

Marilyn Sheets, Plum St, has an issue regarding rain water standing in her area and the funeral home since the paving project. She has pictures. She will get pictures to Angie, Angie will contact the paver (Baumgartner) to check the issue with the run-off water. She reported the school signs on Vine St., have been changed and is appreciative.

Sign Claims

Adjourn A motion was made by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Carol made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mark Garing
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer