

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2018

The Thorntown Town Council met on November 19, 2018, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Don Johnson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were council members Don Johnson, Mark Garing, Bruce Burtner, John Shives, and Koren Gray- Interim Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Utility Superintendent, Gary Moody, and Planning Department Representative, Don Gray, attorney Amy Noonig.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Mr. Burtner and Mrs. Mikada Davis on their elections.

The minutes of the October 15th meeting were motioned for approval by Mark Garing and seconded by Bruce Burtner. The motion was passed 4-0.

Reports:

Mr. Johnson thanked the utilities for putting up a light at Vine and Main.

Utilities/Street: Mr. Moody advised the Stalcorp reports are good. The festive lights will go up soon. He also mentioned we need to update some of our street signs. Many are no longer reflective. The vendor rep can give us prices on signs and proper sizes.

Park/Development: The Park Department is working on repairs and tree stump removal. Mr. Johnson asked when the mower gets serviced. Mr. Moody advised the mower gets serviced in the spring. Mrs. Moody announced that our Community Crossing award amounts to \$197,250.44. The town share and fees will be approximately \$82,400 which can be taken from LRS, MVH or the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Moody also advised that the Cigarette Tax monies can be used for sidewalks. This is all 2018 monies. Mr. Garing made a motion to accept Ladd Engineering service agreement, second by Mr. Burtner, motion approved 4-0.

Mrs. Moody also made the Board aware that the town hall furnace needs replaced. It has been leaking. The ceiling upstairs is also leaking. Plumber, Jeremy Young, gave an estimate of \$1500 to make repairs and be able to winterize. Mr. Garing made a motion for Jeremy Young to make repairs not to exceed \$1500 without further approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Shives. Motion passed 4-0. Mrs. Moody will get quotes for the new furnace.

Planning: Frank Small – absent. Mr. Don Gray advised there was nothing new to report.

Police: Mr. Shives made a motion to promote Mr. Frank Clark to full time Thorntown Town Marshall. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garing. Motion passed 4-0. Marshall Clark was

sworn in by Attorney, Amy Nooning. Each Board member congratulated the Marshall on his position.

Officer Robbie Hines would like to receive compensation on some of his comp hours. He will not be able to actually use them before the end of the year. Mr. Garing made a motion to provide the monetary compensation, paying time and a half, second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 4-0.

Marshall Clark would like to review the Marshall contract after the first of the year. Agreed by the Board.

Fire Department: no representative in attendance.

Old Business:

Smith building: No work has been done on the building. It is up to Judge Vaughn to assess fines.

Building Regulation Ordinance: Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint 4 members of the town to the Plan Commission. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garing. The 4 appointed were; Melanie Gall, Eric Smith, Shawn McClintock and Don Gray. Frank Small, Jack Pedigo and Mark Garing will complete the 7 person commission. Attorney Nooning advised the town needs their own Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. The Town does not belong to the Boone County Planning Commission. Mrs. Gray read the Ordinance Adopting Advisory Planning Law and Establishing Advisory Plan Commission. Mr. Burtner made a motion to suspend the rules after the first reading. Second by Mr. Shives. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Garing made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Advisory Planning Law and Establishing Advisory Plan Commission. Second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business continued:

Cook House: The house has been sold and is presently having the roof repaired.

Health Insurance: the town will continue to pay 90%, the employee 10%, as per the salary ordinance

Sewer information update: tabled until December

Salary ordinance: tabled for December

Language for the Community Development Directory salary/wages: tabled for a later date

Storm water Board: needed in regard to the OCRA grant. Table for a later date.

Updating bookkeeping records: Retha Hicks and Susie Bass both are qualified to help update the town books. A motion was made by Mr. Garing to hire Retha Hicks. Second by Mr. Shives. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Garing wants to check into John Gillan's bond to see if it will cover this expense due to negligence.

Records leaving the building: Mrs. Gray obtained the information that the Clerk-Treasurer is responsible for all documents. It is recommended that only copies be allowed to leave the Town Hall.

Franklin Street property: Marshall Clark advised that there is no evidence that someone is living in the barn.

In January the new treasurer and the council will need to work on plans for checks and balances for the bookkeeping. Mr. Garing requests that the Board receive a treasurer's report at least each month.

Bonding for Mrs. Gray as Interim Treasurer: Working on this with the insurance agent. The company was requesting further personal information from Mrs. Gray. Attorney Noonung advised they should not need personal information for a public service bond. Mrs. Gray will notify the company.

Travel policy: Mrs. Gray read the Travel Policy ordinance as required by the State Board of Accounts. Mr. Burtner made a motion to suspend the rules and accept the first reading. Second by Mr. Garing. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Shives made a motion to adopt the Travel Policy ordinance. Second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

Storm watchers: were never given a garage door opener to be able to access their room. Marshall Clark will follow up on this matter.

Keys: Mrs. Gray reported there are too many keys out there to the Town Hall and the Community Director/Planning Board doors. Haley's Lock and Key have given figures to replace both of those locks. We would also like to add a lock to the Storm waters door. The approximate cost will be \$550. Mr. Garing made a motion to have the locks changed not to exceed \$700 without further approval. Second by Mr. Shives. Motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Gray also reported that Haley's came on November 19, and provided service to the utility safe and service and combination change to the town safe. We will be billed for this service.

Payroll: we need to amend our pay period to bi-weekly. This change was made to become compliant with the State Board of Accounts guidelines. Attorney Noonung will incorporate this language into our new 2019 Salary Ordinance.

IDEM: Mr. Johnson advised that IDEM is doing some well drilling in town on/around Pearl St. They are checking ground water because of possible contamination from a former business. Attorney Noonung advised they need to sign a permit so everything is returned to its original condition.

Concerns/Comments:

The police department announced they are working on a Christmas event. They are planning carriage rides December 8. More information will be provided as plans are finalized.

Ms. Melanie Gall announced that she received many compliments regarding the Halloween event held in town. There was a great turn-out!

Claims were signed.

A motion was made by Mr. Shives, at 9:11 to adjourn. Second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned.

Don Johnson, President

Attest: Koren Gray, Interim Clerk-
Treasurer

