

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
July 20, 2020
7:00 pm

The July 20, 2020, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Bruce Burtner, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Sugar Creek Art Center. The Council and citizens joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Bruce Burtner - Council	Amy Nooning – Town Att. Via phone	Planning Board – Don Gray, Angie Moody
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Parks/ Comm. Dev. Dir.	4 Community members
Carol Keith - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	Dennis Dunlap
Dave Williams - Council	Derek Babcock – Dep. Marshal	Mike Kleinpeter
Mark Garing - Council	Harold Cox – Utility Board	Mark Sullivan
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	George Gideon – Utility Board	Brandon Watts

Guests:

Mike Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Consultants; Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering; were present to explain the time line for the Wastewater Project. This included the OCRA Grant, SRF loan, archeological review, appraisal process, etc. If we don't receive the grant there are other options to get the project completed. Mike will publish the information for the Hearing to be held August 3, during the regular Town Council meeting.

Dennis Dunlap, Dunlap Consulting, was present to review sections in the Employee Handbook: performance evaluations, overtime, comp time, drug policy, vacation, sick, personal time, using PTO as a lump sum. After much discussion by the Council, Dennis will make changes to the proposed handbook and return an updated draft.

Comments/Concerns:

Ms. Marilyn Sheets, Plum St., addressed the Council again as to flooding in front of her house when it rains. It did not flood before the Plum St. CCG project. Gary Moody will talk with Clemens Contracting and get some advice.

Approval of Minutes:

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020, meeting. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0. (Mark was absent at this time.)

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) -

Jerry Smith would like to have the trash cans along Main St. replaced. They are too heavy. Angie provided a couple of options; one would be \$170 per can. Mark requested to **table** the issue until August 3, due to the time frame of this meeting.

Park and Community Development (Angie Moody) –

- Park:

- Pickle Ball Court has been installed
- Movie night had a great turn out
- Hopefully milling will start on Plum St. and those millings will be put on the drive to the small shelter house
- The park mower was in need of repair. Angie presented a billing of \$772.89. After Council discussion, Mark made a motion for the Town to pay 50% and the Park Maintenance Fund to pay the remaining 50%. The motion was given a second by Sara. Motion passed 5-0.

- Community Development:

- Plum Street CCG project is now underway
- State Road 47 project is under the direction of the INDOT. Milling should begin the first week of August. They are currently putting in the handicap ramps at intersections.
- We have an additional request for 2 more monitoring wells for North Pearl St. Sara asked Angie if she could get written notice as to who is requesting these wells.
- A pre-construction meeting has been held regarding the paving for State Road 75 in 2023
- Town representatives are meeting with IMPA. IMPA would like to extend our service contract with them
- Town Clean-up Day was good in spite of the rainy day. We did not have as many dumpsters this year as last. We had 4 full and 1 partial.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

This discussion was held with Mike Kleinpeter and Mark Sullivan earlier in the meeting.

WAVE - We All Value Each-other(Glen Jewell, Lisa Mohler) – not in attendance

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock)

Don Gray advised there has been much discussion regarding swimming pools in town. Many pools do not have fencing as directed by ordinance/code. Who needs to follow up on those who do not have fencing? Mark stated it is the responsibility of the Police Department to enforce ordinances. Mark would like to know how many pools we have without proper fencing. Planning Board members will let Frank know if they notice a pool without proper fencing.

If you see a project in town and do not see a Permit, contact Angie. She has a list of those who have acquired building permits.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner, Ben Strong, Sara Fairfield)

Bruce advised there was nothing new to report.

Police Department (Frank Clark) –

Frank reported a Reserve Deputy has been suspended due to an out of town incident. The incident is under investigation.

Fire Department (Mike Martin – Fire Chief) – not in attendance

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

- Financial reports were included in the Council packet.
- We have received our spring taxes, \$143,138.83, which is more than the treasurer anticipated
- Funds such as Park Donation, LECE and a few others show a negative amount. The reason is those lines do not require appropriations from DLGF
- The treasurer advised the Council to review the Appropriation Report and to notice the percentage left of unused funds. Most lines are in line with 6 months of spending.
- Koren asked for a couple of options to meet with Ben to work on the 2021 Budget. August 11 and August 13, would be good options. Koren will follow up with Ben.

Unfinished Business:

Sewer Fee Ordinance is in line with the present billing process.

Michael Wines property – request to add to existing barn – Amy said a notice needs to be sent to all neighbors. Michael will get a list of neighbors to Angie. **Tabled until August 3.**

Golf Carts/UTV/Side by Side – Various ordinances from other municipalities were sent via email to the Council and Frank. Mark made a motion to **table this discussion until August 3.** Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Security/Fire system for Town Hall –The Council has had quotes submitted for a fire/security system for the Town Hall. Sara made a motion to hire B & R Fire Protection to handle the project. Mark made a second. Motion passed 5-0. The CCD (Cumulative Capital Development) will be the source of payment.

Comp Time Ordinance needs amended to Police Comp Time – Amy will prepare an updated ordinance to be in line with our employee handbook

Establish a Board of Zoning Appeals – The Planning Advisory Board needs to set up a Hearing to be held prior to the August 17 meeting.

Cyber Security Insurance – **TABLE** - Kevin Hill, NFP insurance rep will be at the Council meeting August 3.

Employee Handbook – work in progress

New Business:

- Koren advised we are in need of a new garage door at the back of the bay. Permission was given to get 3 quotes.

Claims were signed.

Adjournment:

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14pm. Sara made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer