

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
August 3, 2020
7:00 pm

The August 3, 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 Attorney	
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Parks/ Comm. Dev. Dir.	1 Community member
Carol Keith - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	Steve Brock
Dave Williams - Council	Derek Babcock – Dep. Marshal	Mike Kleinpeter
Mark Garing - Council		Mark Sullivan
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		Brandon Watts

The Council President called to order the Public Hearing for the Wastewater Project. Mike Kleinpeter of Kleinpeter Consulting Group read the proposal for the Wastewater Project. Mr. Kleinpeter is our Grant Writer. OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) will award the grants December 17, 2020. Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering, explained the new development for the wastewater lagoon and explained the ban notification from IDEM. Mark also noted that the land has had an archeological review and was negative for any historical artifacts. The lagoon needs 12 consecutive months not exceeding 90% capacity. There was much discussion regarding the actual project and funding. If we do not get awarded the grant in December we can reapply after the first of the year. The hearing was closed at 8:09. The hearing notice was published in The Lebanon Reporter July 23, 2020.

Guests:

No additional guests

Comments/Concerns:

Bruce asked Gary Moody if the repairing of pot holes will include the area on Bow St. and yes that area is included.

Carol Keith made note that water is standing on the sidewalk in front of McCall's on Plum Street. It will be checked.

Approval of Minutes:

Carol made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020, meeting. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) -

Gary advised that the utility department would like to eliminate vacation, sick, from the employee handbook. They would like all benefit days to be combined and listed as PTO. This is opposite from what was agreed upon at the June meeting. They will be able to carry over 5 unused days and those days must be used by March 31. Mark made a motion to accept Gary's request. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Koren will let Dennis know so he can put this information in the draft of the employee handbook.

Park and Community Development (Angie Moody) –

- Park: no new news

- Community Development: Angie and representatives of the Utility Department met with IMPA in regard to extending our service contract with them. The reason for extending the service contract is due to IMPA and bond issuance.

-AIM is offering a Code Enforcements webinar. Angie is requesting to attend. Sara made a motion to pay for the webinar. Carol made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

-Angie is keeping in touch with INDOT and Calumet with regard to the street projects. INDOT will move the barricades up town so they can pave.

- Angie presented more pictures of trash cans for the downtown area. We need 10-12 cans. Sara made a motion to purchase 10 42 gal trash cans with a dome. Carol made a second. Motion passed 4-1. Bruce Burtner sided with nay. He does not think the town should have to purchase new cans just because the trash service thinks they are too heavy for their employees.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

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

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock)

- Shawn absent. Angie said Shawn will be home August 17 and August 31. There was discussion of holding a hearing to begin the forming of the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Council did have questions as to whether the BZA is actually needed. Amy Nooning advised that the BZA is statutory and since we wish to handle our own planning we do need to proceed.

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

Nothing new to report.

Police Department (Frank Clark) –

-Report sent via email

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

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

- Financial reports were included in the Council packet.

- Sara, Bruce and Koren will meet with Ben August 11, 6:30pm to begin working on the 2021 budget

- Health insurance premium will increase between 8-11%

Unfinished Business:

Michael Wines property – request to add to existing barn –Angie has given a letter to Amy for review. The letter will be sent via mail to the neighbors. Anyone who has an issue should attend the Council meeting August 17.

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 allow the UTV’s with the understanding they need to follow the same rules as golf carts. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Amy will prepare an updated ordinance.

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 Public Hearing.

Employee Handbook – work in progress

Waiting to receive quotes for a new garage door.

New Business:

No new business

Claims were signed.**Adjournment:**

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Carol made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer