

Town of Thorntown  
Town Council Meeting  
August 17, 2020  
7:00 pm

The August 17, 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, 127 S. Pearl St., Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Bruce Burtner - Council	Amy Nooning – Town Attorney – via telephone	Shawn McClintock – Planning Board
Sara Fairfield - Council – absent	Angie Moody – Parks/ Comm. Dev. Dir. - absent	George Gideon – Utility Board
Carol Keith - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	Bryan Brackemyre - IMPA
Dave Williams - Council	Derek Babcock – Dep. Marshal	3 town citizens
Mark Garing - Council		
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

**Guests:**

Bryan Brackemyre, IMPA, gave a presentation regarding the Town Electric Utility to extend their contract an additional 8 years. The current contract expires in 2042; the extension would expire in 2050. The purpose is to allow IMPA to show their customer base when they are seeking bonds to finance new resources. Mark Garing thinks the Utility Board should give a recommendation to the Town Council prior to approving.

Dustin Dickerson, Dickerson Custom Trucks, is requesting the Town to annex a parcel on State Road 75, south of the existing fire station. He would like to move his business to that location with a new build. We need to have the Utility Superintendent contact IDEM to see if they would allow this due to our sewer situation. We will look into the steps to do an annexation.

Michael Wines was present in regard to his variance request, 216 N. West St., Thorntown. Certified letters have been mailed to neighbors advising of the request. Mr. Wines did contact the utility department and this addition to his garage will not cause any problems with the utilities. The Town had no resident make a formal objection to the request. Mark made a motion to allow the variance. Carol made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Kleinpeter Consulting and Amy Nooning had edited the contract for the grant writer for the wastewater project. The first payment will be due 45 days after the grant award. Mike Kleinpeter was not present and Council did not believe they had a printed copy of the contract. Mark made a motion to allow Bruce to sign the contract when presented. Carol made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Later in the evening, Dave realized he had printed a copy of the contract. Bruce signed the contract with Kleinpeter Consulting.

**Comments/Concerns:**

The utility truck sold and we have received the money. George asked if we put the funds into depreciation. Koren replied, no, funds were put into misc. revenue for water, electric and sewer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020, meeting. Carol made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Reports:**

**Utility** (Gary Moody) 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) -

**Park and Community Development** (Angie Moody) – Angie absent but left some notes with the Clerk/Treasurer

- Park:

-The Park received a gift of paving the new drive to the small shelter house from Milestone! Milestone did the paving on SR 47

- Community Development:

-Angie has been keeping up with both road paving projects and will have a punch list at the end of both projects

-Still working on wastewater project – appraisal. We still need everyone to write letters in favor of the OCRA grant

-Looking to move the Turning of the Leaves Festival to the park

## **WASTEWATER PROJECT**

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

**Planning Commission** (Shawn McClintock)

-Nothing new to report

**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.

-Koren asked if the Council were going to have work sessions prior to Council meetings. A Special Meeting posting needs to be done 48 hours prior to a Special meeting. No decision made.

- Koren asked if we were paying our Building Inspector properly. With much discussion with the Council and the Planning Commission President, yes, we are paying according to the agreement when the Building Inspector came on board.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Golf Carts/UTV/Side by Side – Ordinance 2020-8, had the first reading by Koren and Mark. The second reading will be September 21.

Quotes for a garage door for the Town Hall building were presented. Quotes were received from Commercial Door of Indianapolis, The Popplewell Company, and Professional Garage Door Systems. The lowest bid was Commercial Door of Indianapolis at \$2345.00. Dave asked if the door sensors to keep the door from shutting on someone were included. Koren will check with the company. We will revisit September 21.

Employee Handbook – work in progress

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

Establish a Board of Zoning Appeals – The Planning Advisory Board needs to set up a Public Hearing.

### **New Business:**

Resolution 2020-6 was read. This resolution declares the police License Plate Reader as surplus. Carol made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-6. Mark made a second. Motion passed 4-0. A notice will need to be put in the newspaper advertising the sale of the LPR and the 2010 Charger. Amy and Koren will work on this. We need to look at dates to see if we can accept bids by September 21. Notice must be posted twice, one week apart, and the second posting must be 10 days before the closing of bid acceptance.

Koren reported Cyber Security insurance increased in cost since it was quoted to us in December 2019. We owe an additional \$902. With so many people working from home due to COVID-19, the cyber insurance has become a greater need and risk. The original quote was valid until February 16, 2020. Bruce made a motion to pay the additional premium. Carol made a second. Motion passed 3-1, with Dave voting nay.

Koren advised it is time to advertise for snow removal for October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. The time frame allows us to accept bids up to September 21, and award the bid September 21. Paperwork from the previous year has been placed in the Council packets. Other than dates, does any other wording need amended? Council agreed all looks good. The ad will be placed in the newspaper on two separate dates.

The Boone County Solid Waste Management District will hold a Tox Drop Saturday, August 22, 2020, from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Boone County Highway Dept.

**Claims were signed.**

### **Adjournment:**

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. Carol made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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Bruce Burtner  
Council President

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Koren Gray  
Clerk-Treasurer