

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
October 4, 2021
7:00 pm

The October 4, 2021, 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 Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Bruce Burtner – Council	Amy Nooning, Attorney	Don Gray
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	Steve Brock
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	Mark Sullivan
Shawn McClintock – Council		4 Citizens
Larry Truitt – Council - absent		
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

Approval of Minutes:

Shawn made a motion to accept the September 20, 2021, minutes. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Guests:

Bruce opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 regarding the Wastewater rates. Steve Brock, Therber, Brock and Associates, explained the wastewater rate increase. Pre-closing for the SRF loan is set for October 27, 2021, and the closing for the SRF loan is scheduled for November 10, 2021. At this time the wastewater rate will change from \$29.88/4000 gallons of water usage to \$54.49/4000 gallons of water usage. The average water usage in town is 3375 gallons of water. The minimum charge will change from \$14.96 to \$27.28. Steve advised that we should be updating our rates every 3-5 years. With no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 pm.

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineers, advised we would need a 10 day extension from our contractor for the wastewater project since the state has moved our SRF closing to November 10. Striegel Construction will provide a letter agreeing to the extension. The actual lagoon may not begin construction until spring as we are approaching the winter months. Mark will be checking on any permits needed for the project.

Ordinance 2021-12, Sewer Works Rate Amendment, was read for the 2nd time. Shawn made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2021-12. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

The Town Council would like to include the wastewater property into the town limits. Town Attorney, Amy Nooning, advised it would take about 30-60 days for the process once it is started.

Comments/Concerns:

Residents at an Elm Street address have requested the alleyway be paved. Sara advised the Council would do some research.

Residents at a East State Road 47 address stated their concerns about the curve in front of their property. It is labeled a passing zone and there are concerns of accidents. State Road 47 is under the control of the state regarding any signage.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday)

Community Development (Angie Moody)

-Angie reported Jeremy Young fixed our Town Hall sink situation. Our women's restroom now has a leak.

-The PASER rating needs updated and submitted to LTAP (Local Technical Application Pathway) in December 2021. The approximate cost is \$1800.00.

2021 Community Crossings Grant

-The CCG 2021 project has been completed. Mike Mang (BFS) and Angie will prepare a punch list.

-Dave made a motion to allow payment to Calumet for the construction work. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

-The next CCG application is due in January 2022

Park Board (Angie Bascom (President) Natalie Faudree (VP), Ali Hickman (Secretary), Lisa Vitaniemi) 3rd Monday)

Advisory Planning Commission (Don Gray, President, Erik Smith, Shawn McClintock, Melanie Gall, Angie Moody, Ben Strong)

-Don reported the APC will meet October 11, and will be discussing members for the BZA.

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

-Nothing to report

Police Department (Frank Clark) – Call report sent via email.

-Frank reported that the intersection of Vine and Franklin streets and the intersections of either Bow and Powell or Elm and Powell are viable for a lower speed limit sign or a 4-way stop sign. Sara made a motion to allow 4-way stop signs at Vine/Franklin and Elm/Bow. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Frank will work with the Utility Department to set the signs.

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

-Not in attendance

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-No news to report

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2021-13, Adoption of 2022 Budget was presented for its second reading. The total budget is \$895,227.00. Sara made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-13. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals –no members presented at this time. We will table for October 18.

There will not be any change in speed limits within the town limits. This matter is closed.

New Business:

Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, presented an updated quote for the Key-Asset program. An asset inventory is one of the projects we as a Town need to update. The Clerk asked the Council to review.

No claims were signed at this meeting.

Adjournment: Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date