

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
February 15, 2021
7:00 pm

The February 15, 2021, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council Vice President, Sara Fairfield, 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 - absent	Amy Nooning – via Zoom	Gary Moody – via Zoom
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir. – via Zoom	Don Gray – via Zoom
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark – Marshal – absent	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Mike McKenzie – Utility Board	
Larry Truitt - Council	Greg Beumer – Kleinpeter Consulting	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	George Gideon – Utility Board	

Approval of Minutes:

Dave Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Vice President, Sara Fairfield, opened the Hearing for the COVID-19 Response Program: Phase 3 Proposal. Greg Beumer from Kleinpeter Consulting, our grant writing firm, was present for questions and information. We had several local business owners via Zoom to share their stories of how the pandemic has affected their business. Koren read Resolution 2021-2, Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. The Town commits the requisite local funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the General Fund as matching funds for the COVID-19 Response Program. Such a commitment will be contingent upon receipt of COVID-19 Phase 3 funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Shawn made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-2. Larry made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Larry Truitt made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Guests:

Greg Beumer – Kleinpeter Consulting (related to the above Resolution 2021-2)

Thorntown Utility Board – The Board had a visit February 5, with Jack Avery from IMPA regarding a possible Solar Park. IMPA will do the funding. IMPA will request an easement. The property used will be fenced and maintained. The Utility Board has visited a couple of Solar Parks. The Solar Park will help keep the rates lower in the future for the Town. The Utility Board is in favor of having the Solar Park. The Council would like Mr. Avery to come to a Council meeting to share information and receive questions.

Comments/Concerns: None

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) - Gary reported the two new hires have started employment. Jerry Seymour began February 1, and Brent Haag began February 8.

Community Development (Angie Moody) - no reports this time

Wastewater Project

Park Board (Angie Bascom (President) Natalie Faudree (VP), Ali Hickman (Secretary), Lisa Vitaniemi)
- Park Board meeting minutes have been added to the Council packets

Planning Commission (Don Gray) - The group is working on the job description for the Building Inspector. They are also working on a spreadsheet for the Building Inspector to keep track of work done. They have been researching to see what is best.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner, Ben Strong, Sara Fairfield) – nothing to report

Police Department (Frank Clark) – Call report sent via email. Due to the weather this evening Frank was not present.

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

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-The CT read Resolution 2021-4, A Resolution Establishing a Policy for Electric Fund Transfers and OnLine Banking for the Town of Thorntown. The CT advised there are issues getting mail delivered in a timely manner. Paying bills online would be very helpful to insure bills are not received late by the vendor. Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-4 with a second from Shawn. Motion passed 4-0.

-Koren requested registration of \$300.00 for the annual ILMCT conference March 15-16-17-18. It will be a virtual conference this year. Sara made a motion to allow the expense. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

-Koren advised she had an emergency plan set in place in case of her incapacitation.

-Sara read Ordinance 2021-2, Amending Salary Ordinance 2020-13. This amendment adds the part-time position of Building Inspector, amendment to Utility workers hourly pay, we typed (3) to note there are three Utility Board members, and we typed \$811.12 to show the quarterly pay for the Street Department Stipend. Shawn made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2nd reading. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-2. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Unfinished Business:

Building Inspector job description – tabled

Resolution 2021-3 was read by Shawn. This is a resolution to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Dave made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-3. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Bond Ordinance 2021-1 was presented for the second reading by Sara. This Bond Ordinance is a vital part of the Wastewater Project. Larry made a motion to accept Bond Ordinance 2021-1. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

No new business was presented

Adjournment: Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Larry made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer