

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
April 19, 2021
7:00 pm

The April 19, 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 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, Attorney	Mona Nease - citizen
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Gary Moody – Utility Supt.	
Larry Truitt - Council	Don Gray – APC	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	Jerry Seymour – Building Inspector	

Approval of Minutes:

Shawn McClintock made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting. Sara Fairfield made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Guests:

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering, was present to provide an update on the wastewater project. SRF would like to put the project bidding out by May 1, 2021. The plan is to receive them prior to June 1. An updated timeline was also provided. Materials have gone up in price so we are now looking at a higher cost for the project. Bruce signed the Application for Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Permit PER 327 IAC 3.

Comments/Concerns:

Mona Nease had a concern over a semi-trailer parked at the elevator lot. The back doors are in the open position and she is afraid a child could get locked inside.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) - nothing to report

Community Development (Angie Moody)

- the park camera system is working well; some illegal dumping has been discovered in the park dumpster
- Angie has ordered a new monitor with camera and speakers so she can participate with virtual conferences
- Angie announced she is hoping the Council will be available to help with the Town Clean-up day, May 15.

Covid 19 Phase 3 Grant – The Lt. Gov. Crouch, OCRA announced 80 COVID-19 Response Grant Phase 3 recipients. Thorntown is one of those recipients of \$250,000. Grant paperwork will be coming for Bruce to sign.

Wastewater Project – nothing additional

2021 Community Crossings Grant - nothing to report

Title VI and ADA- nothing to report

Park Board (Angie Bascom (President) Natalie Faudree (VP), Ali Hickman (Secretary), Lisa Vitaniemi)
-no one present; a draft of minutes from March 22, was provided for the Council.

Planning Commission (Don Gray, President) - The group is working on the job description for the Building Inspector. The description will be complete and presented to the Council, May 17.

-Shawn addressed the Pool Requirements for residents. We will be doing another post with the state requirements.

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

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

- the Library will be having a celebration on Mill St., May 31, and have requested the road be closed to traffic.

-the elementary school will be rerouting the school entrance to SR 75.

-Frank has applied for a grant of \$50,000, from the Emergency Management Assoc.

-Due to Covid Frank has not been issuing golf cart permits. He will be hosting a day for residents to come to the elementary parking lot and get their permit. He will send out notice.

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

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-the Clerk/Treasurer explained the purpose of some of the financial reports that were provided to the Council

-the Clerk/Treasurer provided copies from her webinar of the American Rescue Plan. We need to have an ordinance creating the Fund and stating how the funds will be used. We are awaiting a decision from the Department of the Treasury to determine if we can use these funds for our current wastewater project.

-Koren requested registration fees of \$150.00 for Clerk/Treasurer school and Budget workshop. Dave made a motion to allow the expense. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

-in the March conference the CT learned that the Labor Posters needed to be posted so all employees could see them regularly. After some discussion, Attorney Amy Nooning advised that we could place our Labor Posters in the hallway by the kitchen that is used by the police department and the utility department. The posters will be moved to that area to better serve them.

-The CT presented a memorandum showing the transfer of \$8000 from the General Salaries to General Comp Time Pay Out. She requested signatures from the Council.

Unfinished Business:

-Building Inspector job description is still in process (see APC notes)

- Establishing the Board of Zoning Appeals. Amy has a draft ordinance that she will provide for the May 17, meeting.

-Compensatory Time Off ordinance amendment will be presented May 17. It will coincide with our Employee Handbook.

-We would like to have a special meeting for Dax Norton and John Dockrey to make a presentation to the Council regarding the future of Thorntown. It was agreed, 6:00, May 17, prior to the Council meeting would be a good time.

-Update regarding the back door at the Dollar General Store – Bruce spoke with Mike Martin, our Fire Chief. The store is only required to have one exit due to the capacity of the store. However, since they have an exit sign at said door they need a push bar to exit the building in case of emergency. Mike will contact the State Fire Marshal for further investigation.

-The Clerk/Treasurer asked if the 2010 Dodge Charger should have a minimum bid as it is published for sale. Frank said no minimum bid necessary. The Marshal would like to have bids due for the May 17 meeting.

New Business:

-Plans to return Council meetings to the Town Hall – It was decided that we will return meetings to the Town Hall effective May 17, 2021.

-Fire Department mowing. Brandon Beesley is continuing to mow the fire department, same as 2020. The Council had some discussion regarding options. Larry made a motion to have Brandon continue to mow for 2021. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0. The Council would like to set this up to be bid each year. We will need to run bid advertisement in February to be ready for March.

-Dave asked if we knew if Dickerson Custom Trucks was going to move forward with moving his facility. No one had an answer. Dave will check in with Dustin.

Adjournment: Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Larry and Shawn simultaneously made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date