

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
April 5, 2021
7:00 pm

The April 5, 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 – absent	Jack Alvey – IMPA
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	2 citizens
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	
Shawn McClintock – Council		
Larry Truitt - Council	Mike McKenzie – Utility Board	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	George Gideon – Utility Board	

Approval of Minutes:

Sara Fairfield made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Guests: Jack Alvey, IMPA - Mr. Alvey presented information on a proposed Solar Park. IMPA has 32 solar parks around the state including Rensselaer, Bainbridge, Greenfield, and Darlington. The power is used here and not pushed to Duke grid. There would be 3000 solar modules and will rotate with the sun to get as much solar source as possible. IMPA would probably request tax abatement. Mr. Alvey was thanked for his presentation.

Comments/Concerns: Sara Fairfield spoke as a parent and resident. She is asking the possibility of making Franklin and Vine a 4 way stop. There was discussion with no final decision made.

Shawn McClintock was contacted by a resident with a water concern. Her usage increased by a large margin in a month period.

Shawn also noted the Dollar General store does not have a push bar to exit the rear of the building. Bruce will contact Mike Martin about discussing this issue with the State Fire Marshal.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) -

Community Development (Angie Moody)

- Angie made note that she requested an incorrect amount for the Rural Water conference. It should be \$195 instead of \$125. Sara made a motion to allow the additional cost. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

-A resident is concerned about traffic on Plum St. from the car lot. Frank noted it had been addressed.

- The new security camera system is working at the Park. However, Angie’s current computer monitor isn’t working well with the camera system. Sara made a motion to allow the purchase of a new monitor not to exceed \$200.00 (based upon previous information from the IT). Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara asked if the Town Marshal had access to the cameras. Currently no, but Angie will give him the information as well as Park Board members.

-Angie reported she has started the American Planner Classes

-Drawings of a t-shirt with the town logo were presented. Angie will see about getting shirts to determine sizing.

-Angie provided a handout regarding where we as a Town would like to see in the future. Dave, Koren and Angie spoke with Dax Norton and John Dockery. They help towns look to the future and help get 5 and 10 year plans for the community. Dax and John would like the opportunity to make a presentation to the Council.

-Town Clean-up Day will be May 15. Help is needed for the day (8:00-3:00). In the past the Council has paid for lunch for the workers. Sara made a motion to also pay for lunch this year. Shawn made a second. Shawn will also have Gatorade donated as in the past.

Covid 19 Phase 3 Grant – awards will be announced April 15.

Wastewater Project – Midwest Engineering is starting to take some measurements for the project.

2021 Community Crossings Grant – Angie presented a letter to the Council from a resident with concerns of new sidewalks on Church Street with the project.

Title VI and ADA- nothing to report

Park Board (Angie Bascom (President) Natalie Faudree (VP), Ali Hickman (Secretary), Lisa Vitaniemi)
-no one present

Planning Commission (Don Gray, President) - (The group is working on the job description for the Building Inspector.)

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

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

-Tahoe will not be delivered until July

-Frank has been in contact with a mental health association. We can use them at any time. The cost is \$150 per visit. There is not contract. This is a great service to have available for our officers.

-Frank has obtained a finger print kit so our children can have fingerprints available. Parents can contact Frank for more information.

-The Police Dept. would like to advertise the sale of the Dodge Charger again.

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

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-IPEP (our workers comp carrier) has been sending me safety info and I have forwarded some out to employees or department heads

-IPEP provided a safety questionnaire to forward to employees. Koren sent it to the town attorney for review.

-Our risk assessment is focused on safety

-Koren has a workshop on April 14, regarding the American Rescue Plan. This workshop will provide information on how the funds can be spent. We will need an ordinance and will need to add an American Rescue Plan Fund.

Unfinished Business:

-Building Inspector job description is still in process

New Business:

-No new business was presented

Adjournment: Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date