

Town of Thorntown  
Town Council Meeting  
June 7, 2021  
7:00 pm

The June 7, 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	
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	
Dave Williams - Council	Robby Viergutz	
Shawn McClintock – Council		
Larry Truitt – Council – came a few minutes late due to another engagement		
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

**Approval of Minutes:**

Sara Fairfield made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Guests:**

None

**Comments/Concerns:**

None presented

**Reports:**

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

**Community Development** (Angie Moody)

**Covid 19 Phase 3 Grant** – The Council voted to ratify the signature on the COVID-19 Phase 3 OCRA contract. Sara made a motion to accept the signature. We received paperwork that needed to be signed before our next meeting. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Scoring committee has met and will meet again June 15. We will need to provide a 1099g to all grant recipients.

**Wastewater Project** – The bid advertisement is ready for print.

**2021 Community Crossings Grant** - Bids are being advertised this week in the newspaper. We will open bids June 21. We have a letter to send out to residents whose addresses will be on the project route. If anyone has questions or concerns they can contact the Town Hall, Angie Moody or Bruce Burtner. Sara suggested including the map of trees that will be removed for the project. Sara questioned about the clean up and finalization regarding weeds, grass etc.

Angie reported the Thorntown Pharmacy is hosting a COVID clinic on June 18-19.

Regarding John Dockrey and Dax Norton – Angie spoke with John. John is interested in knowing what the Council is thinking and if we would like a quote. Koren reported she spoke with the current Clerk/Treasurer from Jamestown regarding some of the things Dax has helped them with.

Angie presented a letter on behalf of the Park Board. Our liability does cover a dog park. This letter would inform the residents in the direct area of the proposed dog park about the dog park. Residents will be informed of our Town Council meeting July 19, if they have concerns they wish to discuss.

The first movie night of the summer will be June 11.

Someone asked about putting an advertising sign on our corner. The Council consensus was no.

Solar Co-op wanted to put advertising on our website. The Council was unanimous with no.

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

-no one from Park Board present

-Angie Moody discussed the Dog Park

**Advisory Planning Commission** (Don Gray, President)

-BZA hearing will be July 12, 6:00pm

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

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

- Frank on vacation, Derek Babcock and Robby Viergutz attended the meeting

-Derek reported the truck is in process of repair

-New Tahoe – still looking at delivery for July

-There was discussion regarding the speed on Bow St. and Powell, Vine and Franklin. Possibilities to decrease the speed limit to 20 from 30, or make 4-way stops. There is much chatter on the social media regarding the safety of children in these areas

-Our radar trailer is currently not working and is process of repair

-There have been discussions regarding cars for sale on the street unplatd and test drivers driving too fast in town

-Derek and Robby are participating in a special program regarding OWI. This is a program sponsored by the state. They work this program on off duty hours. They are supposed to keep track of the number of contacts per month. They may go as far east as SR 39 and as far south as SR 32. These are high visibility areas.

-Frank, Derek and Robby are putting in extra time on weekends. The department is looking for more reserves to help with coverage.

- We are having issues with non-handicapped citizens parking in handicapped parking areas.

- The Witham building is still having several alarm calls. They turn out to be false alarms.

-Skate boarders and scooter riders are causing safety concerns on the streets and sidewalks. The Police Dept. has seized pedal scooters and such and requiring parents to pick them up. We may need to take a look at our ordinance.

-Bruce asked about kids on golf carts. Derek said the driver of a golf cart must be licensed.

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

**Clerk/Treasurer** (Koren Gray)

- Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering will be holding a pre-bid meeting at the Town Hall, June 10, 10:00am

-A new grant has been presented regarding water and wastewater. We need to talk to Steve Brock to get more information. Sara suggested Koren meet with Mark then share necessary information to the Council

-We received paperwork to sign to renew our Cyber Security insurance, and to accept underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage. The Council allowed the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the documents and return to the insurance provider.

-Koren is gathering job information for various Town employees so we have something if we ever need to run an ad for a new worker. The utility clerk has provided her duties. The Council approved for the Clerk/Treasurer to type an ad description for the Building Inspector should the need ever arise.

-We have approval from the State Board of Accounts to make the necessary adjustments to the bookkeeping so we don't need to carry the adjustments forward any longer.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Ordinance 2021-7, Compensatory Time Off Ordinance, was read for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by Sara. Larry made a motion to accept the Ordinance which makes the Ordinance and the Employee Handbook read the same. Sara made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-3, Ordinance to Establish an American Rescue Plan Act Fund #176, was read for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by Bruce. Dave made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-5, Salary Ordinance Amendment, amending the Utility Worker #3 to \$20.00/hour, and amending Temp Labor \$15.00-\$23.00 per hour. Bruce read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Sara made a motion to accept the amendment. Dave made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-6, Salary Ordinance Amendment, amending the Town Part-time Maintenance \$12.00-\$17.50 per hour. Bruce read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Sara made a motion to accept the amendment. Larry made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **New Business:**

Ordinance 2021-8, An Ordinance Amending Section 10.25 Schedule of Fines and Fees of the Town of Thorntown, IN, Code of Ordinances, was read by Bruce. This amendment increased the fee to \$250.00 for Failure to Obtain a Building Permit. Sara made a motion to suspend the rules for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-8. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-9, An Ordinance to Establish Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Phase 3 Fund #168 was read by Koren. Sara made a motion to suspend the rules for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Shawn made a second. Motion approved 5-0. Sara made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-9, Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Koren noted that the Little League had made contact regarding what they need to insure for liability. Currently the Town covers all buildings, fencing at the Park and ball diamonds. Koren suggested that we should have a written agreement between the Town Council and the Little League Board. Since Angie Moody has been the person working with the Little League Board she was asked to come up with a list of things that have been each party's responsibility in the past. We should discuss the items with the Little League Board and make sure

we are all in agreement. Each year the Little League Board and the Town Council should sign the agreement prior to little league season.

**Adjournment:** Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Larry 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

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