

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

The July 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 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	Gary Moody – Utility
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	Don Gray - APC
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	Monte Striegel – Striegel Design
Shawn McClintock – Council	Derek Babcock – Chief Deputy	Mark Sullivan – Midwest Eng.
Larry Truitt – Council	Robby Viertgutz - Deputy	7 citizens
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	Sean White – Police Reserve	

Approval of Minutes:

Larry Truitt made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting. Sara Fairfield made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Guests:

Mark Sullivan – Midwest Engineering, was present to provide the engineer’s letter of recommendation to approve Striegel Design and Construction from Medora, Indiana, as the contractor for the wastewater project. Mr. Striegel would like a letter of assurance that he has the job once our legal processes are complete and OCRA grant and SRF loan are closed. With the volatile market with supplies Mr. Striegel needs to be able to lock in prices of materials. Sara made a motion to provide a letter of intent to tentatively award Striegel Design and Construction the bid contingent upon successful completion of financing. Larry made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Also, Striegel Design and Construction will provide a letter to the Town announcing he is willing to hold the bid, \$2,175,000, until October 31, 2021. Attorney, Amy Nooning, will work with Mark Sullivan and Monte Striegel for appropriate language and legalities needed.

Gary Lanpher was present to inquire on the timeline of the project. He discussed the loss of revenue on crops that were not planted on the wastewater project parcel site. There is a clause in the land purchase agreement to compensate him for the loss of crop. He was also inquiring the timeline of the actual purchase date of the land. Sara made a motion to submit a letter to OCRA seeking permission to make a draw on the grant funds to proceed with the land purchase. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments/Concerns:

None

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday) - IDEM stopped in to see Gary. A letter has been submitted regarding our wastewater project. A letter regarding the process will be sent to Bruce.

Community Development (Angie Moody)

Covid 19 Phase 3 Grant –

The Committee is still working on the division of the grant for the town businesses. Koren reported that according to paperwork we will need another hearing.

Wastewater Project – See previous information

2021 Community Crossings Grant - The contract with INDOT has been signed. Angie will meet with Mike Mang regarding the removal of trees.

Monitoring Wells - They are still working on wells.

Angie provided a map of the planned renovations for the elementary traffic. This project is planned for 2022.

WAVE – Adams Electric has been working on the electric for the second floor of the Town Hall.

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

Natalie Faudree presented a list of programs/activities that the Park Board would be interested in implementing. The current budget of \$10,000 pays mostly for maintenance. The Park Board is asking if they could possibly get funds added to their budget to incorporate programs/activities.

Amanda Schornhorst, Western Boone Little League President, was present. There was a small discussion regarding who is responsible for what items at the ball diamonds. The Town Council and Little League Board is working to come up with guidelines in writing so everyone will know who is doing what.

Advisory Planning Commission (Don Gray, President)

The APC has some information regarding demolition of buildings. A copy of those guidelines will be given to anyone applying to demolish a structure.

The Morris St. address that had concerns regarding being up to code has been handled by the Building Inspector. As long as the code violations are corrected, said address is allowed to house residents.

The Advisory Planning Commission submitted their Findings to create a Board of Zoning Appeals. The Commission also submitted a Certification to the Thorntown Town Council with a favorable vote to organize the BZA.

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

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

Marshal Frank Clark presented Sean White to be added as a Reserve Deputy for the Town of Thorntown. Sean has been a Reserve for the Department in prior years. Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, presided over the Oath of Office for Officer White. Welcome aboard!

Fire Department (Mike Martin – Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Mike Martin reported the department has had 222 runs up to June 30, 2021. To date, there have been 23 runs in July. The Fish Fry is planned for August 21, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Mike has received a quote for lights at the fire station, \$5515. The Town pays half and the Township pays half.

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

- Koren shared her conversation with Mark Sullivan and Stacey (Indiana Finance Authority), regarding that the Town is automatically entered into the pool for the SWIF grant
- The Budget Committee needs to meet July 21. Ben Roeger will also attend
- We have received our spring settlement of property tax. We received \$7000 more than spring of 2020
- Paperwork for an AIM workshop for Council members is in Council packets as well as an invitation from IMPA for a luncheon. Congressman Jim Baird will be speaking.
- Provided copies of publicly posted paperwork from the 2018-2019 Audit. A copy of the CT Corrective Action Plan was included. Due to circumstances prior to June 2019, a response was requested by the SBOA stating what action is being taken to correct some issues that took place during the time period of the 2018-2019 Audit.
- The Town of Thorntown will be receiving \$355,140.20 for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Resolution 2021-6, Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day fund was presented. We did this once before then used the funds to settle the bookkeeping records once the SBOA completed the 2018-2019 Audit. We have received our spring settlement from taxes so the CT would like to put \$5000 back into the Rainy Day Fund. Dave made a motion to allow the transfer. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

- Koren reported that an application needs to be submitted to receive the ARPA funds. Sara made a motion for Bruce to sign the documents needed. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

- Establishing Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance 2021-10, had its first reading by Bruce. The second reading will be August 2.

Claims were signed by the Council.

Adjournment: Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Larry, Dave and Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date