

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
August 2, 2021
7:00 pm

The August 2, 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 – via phone	
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Steve Brock – Brock, Therber & Assoc.	
Larry Truitt – Council		
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

Approval of Minutes:

Sara made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Guests:

Steve Brock, Brock, Therber & Associates, discussed financial options with the Council regarding the wastewater project. We have been awarded a grant from OCRA. We are in the pool for funding from SWIF which will be announced August 27. The Town has asked the County Council for funding also. We have approval for an SRF loan. There are several moving parts to this project and timelines. At this point we are looking to close on the SRF loan in October.

Comments/Concerns:

None

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday)

Community Development (Angie Moody)

Covid 19 Phase 3 Grant –

The Committee will be meeting August 3. Greg Beumer will be attending to answer a few more questions.

Wastewater Project – see comments above

2021 Community Crossings Grant - Angie presented a proposed letter to be sent to residents regarding tree/stump removal for the project. Sara made a motion to accept the letter and approve for Bruce to sign. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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

No Park Board member in attendance.

Advisory Planning Commission (Don Gray, President)

Don Gray sent word that there was nothing to discuss at this time.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner, Ben Strong, Sara Fairfield) – Bruce read a letter from engineers from Western Boone. They are asking if they need to submit a Storm Water pollution plan to the Town. Town Attorney, Amy Noonning, will check into this matter.

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

Marshal Frank Clark, submitted a quote for Tasers for the department. The quote includes 5 Tasers, and the equipment needed. The total cost is \$9494.51, from Axon Enterprise, Inc. Frank noted that all Tasers 10 years old need to be updated. Council President Bruce Burtner asked the Council to use some of the 20% that the Town holds for needed expenses (LIT Public Safety Fund). Sara made a motion to pay for the Tasers from the Town portion of the LIT Public Safety funds. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-the CT reported the cost of the recent SBOA audit. \$8,044 for the general funds will come out of our tax distribution. Electric will pay \$19,929, Water will pay \$3,092, and Sewer will pay \$3,092. Koren requested the Council approve the Sewer payment so she can go ahead and pay before the next Council meeting. Sara made a motion to allow the payment. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

-Koren advised the request for payment of the ARP funds has been submitted.

- We received a letter from IDEM and I shared it with Gary Moody. Gary called to see what the letter was about. They were just advising us that Stalcorp has a new owner.

Unfinished Business:

-Establishing Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance 2021-10, had its second reading by Bruce. Shawn made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-10, and establish a Board of Zoning Appeals. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

Koren asked for 2 Council members to begin reviewing the Employee Handbook for updates/changes for 2022. Our handbook will need to be submitted to Sara Blevins, HR Attorney, for review before voting. We would like for the updates to be presented by September 20. Larry and Shawn both volunteered to review the handbook.

The 2022 Budget draft was presented to the Council. Please review and we will revisit August 23.

Koren announced it was time to advertise for Snow Bids for the 2021-2022 season. The Council approved to go ahead and publish the advertisement in the newspaper.

October 5-6-7 AIM Summit will be held in French Lick, IN. The Clerk/Treasurer would like to attend as well as 2 or 3 Council members. Accommodations would also be needed. Sara made a motion to allow the expenditure for the conference. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date