

Town of Thorntown
Town Council Meeting
September 20, 2021
7:00 pm

The September 20, 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 - Utilities
Sara Fairfield - Council	Angie Moody – Comm. Dev. Dir.	
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark - Marshal	George Gideon – Utility Board
Shawn McClintock – Council		Mike Kleinpeter – Kleinpeter Consulting
Larry Truitt – Council		Pat McPeake
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		4 citizens

Approval of Minutes:

Bruce noticed one misprint on the minutes of August 23, 2021, under the Utility Report, speed limit should be 25 mph not 24 mph. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Executive Session of August 23, 2021. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Guests:

Bruce opened the Public Hearing for the COVID-19 Phase 3 at 7:05 pm. Mike Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Consulting, shared that the Town was awarded \$250,000.00 grant to share with the business owners. The Town paid \$6,250.00 to Kleinpeter Consulting from this grant, and awarded a total of \$243,749.93 to 29 eligible businesses. The COVID-19 Phase 3 grant is completed.

At 7:08, Bruce opened the Public Hearing for the Wastewater rate ordinance. Bruce announced the Public Hearing would be postponed until October 4, 2021, 7:00 pm, at the Thorntown Town Hall. The Public Hearing was closed.

President Burtner opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2022 Budget at 7:11 pm. The Clerk/Treasurer reported the figures have posted in the window at the Town Hall and on the Gateway site. A print out of the detailed budget was provided on the table during the council meeting. Koren read the proposed figures: General Fund - \$643,147., Local Income Tax - \$118,000., Local Road and Street - \$25,000., Motor Vehicle Highway - \$88,080., Cumulative Capital Improvement \$6,000., and the Cumulative Capital Development - \$15,000. The total budget is \$895,227. for the 2022 year. With no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed.

Joe Alexander was present to request Consent to Encroachment at 216 S. Vine St. Mr. Alexander worked with Town Attorney Amy Nooning on the proper paperwork. This will be recorded at the Boone County Recorder's office. As stated at the August 23, meeting, a part of the property goes into the alley per the survey. Sara made a motion to allow the Council President to sign the consent form. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

We received two snow bids for the 2021-2022 season. Jerry Seymour bid \$100.00/hour for 2 units for truck with blade. Doug Merrill bid \$92.00/hour for 2 units for truck with blade. Since the truck with blade is the most used, the Council looked at those rates. A certificate of insurance is required from the contractor. Sara made a motion to accept the Merrill proposal. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments/Concerns:

The Council has received concerns from residents on North Market Street west of the trail. Residents would like to see the gravel road paved, a new street sign, N. Market Lane, a speed limit sign and children playing sign. We will look into the signs. The gravel road has been named to N. Market Lane during our recent street inventory. Once all details are completed including notifications to the post office and the 911 service the residents will be notified.

Mona mentioned brick pieces falling from the Smith building causing danger.

Pat McPeake submitted a Hold Harmless form from INDOT being required for the festival. The form is asking for the applicant's signature. The Festival Committee is requesting Main St. (State Road 47) be closed during the festival. The Festival Committee should sign the form as the Town is not the sponsor of the Festival and did not request the street closure.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) 3rd Monday)

Gary asked permission to search for a used street sweeper. He believes we could purchase one for approximately \$10,000. The Clerk/Treasurer has a couple of different funds we can use for payment.

Community Development (Angie Moody)

2021 Community Crossings Grant

Angie reported that a Bow St. resident has noted the work on Bow St. is much appreciated. The 2021 Community Crossings project is going well. Tuesday, September 28, they will begin paving.

-Monitoring wells are being added inside the Art Center to monitor the air inside the Art Center.

-Angie is a part of the Broadband Taskforce in Boone County

-The men's restroom is having some electric and water issues. Angie would like to call Jeremy Young to check out the water issue. In addition the Town Hall sink is not draining properly. Permission was given to contact a plumber.

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

-Angie Bascom submitted a letter for approval to send to the parents of the persons who vandalized the park earlier this summer.

-Angie B. also asked where we are in the contract paperwork for the Little League. Sara Fairfield is working on this project.

-It was also brought up about repairing the south fence at the park where the neighbor's fence fell on it. The neighbor's homeowner's coverage will not cover the fence damage. The Park Board does have a quote of approximately \$1600 to repair the fence. Dave made a motion to allow the Park Board to repair the fence for a cost not to exceed \$2000.00 Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

-New signs have been installed at the bridge along the trail. The signs are no diving, no jumping, no campfires.

Advisory Planning Commission (Don Gray, President, Erik Smith, Shawn McClintock, Melanie Gall, Angie Moody, Ben Strong)

-Shawn reported the Commission has discussed the garage being operated at 216 W. Church St. with the property owners. The property owners need to submit a petition to reclassify the zoning to commercial. Letters will need to be sent certified mail to area neighbors and a public hearing will need to be held. Amy will work with the APC on this matter.

- On State Road 75 a resident has cut out concrete curb, took out grass, laid gravel and is using the area between the sidewalk and street as parking. The curb falls under the jurisdiction of the state.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner, Ben Strong, Sara Fairfield)

-Nothing to report

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

-Frank reported that the trailer that we received complaints about on Church St. has been removed.

-The TPD has issued abatement notices on a Plum St. address

-The Dodge Charger is currently out of commission

-Frank reported that he has received some information regarding leasing from Ford rather than buying our police vehicles

-Larry Truitt wanted to thank Officer Derek Babcock for helping a gentleman in the downtown area to find his car. This is a great service to take the time to help a citizen.

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

-Not in attendance

Clerk/Treasurer (Koren Gray)

-Koren left the new business cards for each Council Member

-Koren asked if anyone had any questions regarding our finances. August year end reports were emailed to the Council earlier in the month.

Unfinished Business:

Reminder, budget adoption is planned for October 4

Speed limits on town streets are currently 30 mph. They can be changed to 25. Anything less than 25 mph would require a traffic study. Sara provided a quote from Stello of \$36.50 each sign. Dave doesn't see a point to changing the speed limits for 5 mph. More research needs to be done. We will table until next meeting.

Ordinance 2021-11 Amending the Bond Ordinance 2021-1 had the second reading. Dave made a motion to accept the Ordinance 2021-11. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-12 Sewer Works Rate Amendment is tabled until October 4, 2021.

New Business:

Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals is comprised of 5 members. The Town Council shall appoint 3 members one of which shall be a member of the Plan Commission, 2 will not be members of the APC. The Town Council shall appoint an additional member who is not a member of the APC. The APC shall appoint one member from the APC membership. BZA members shall follow at least one of the following requirements: be a resident of the jurisdictional area, be a resident of the County and owner of property located in the Town. We will see if we have members to appoint at the October 4 meeting.

Trick or Treat will be October 31, from 6:00-9:00 pm. The parade line up will begin at 5:30 with the parade beginning at 6:00 and the costume contest immediately following.

Petition for zoning procedural steps are included in the Council packets.

Claims were signed.

Adjournment: Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. Shawn made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce Burtner
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer

Date