

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019

The Thorntown Council met on April 1, 2019, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Koren Gray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were council members Koren Gray, David Williams, Carol Keith, Bruce Burtner, Town Marshal Frank Clark, and Community Developer Angie Moody.

5 members of the community were present.

Approval of minutes for March 18, 2019

Request to Amend the minutes. Koren made a motion to accept the minutes once they have been amended to strike the word finalize to say compose, to say that all forms have turned in to date and strike the remain of the sentence, and to change the word error to issue. Carol second the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

Community Crossing (Gary Ladd)

Recommendation for Division A is Calumet Civil Corporation to do the drainage work and Division B is Triangle Asphalt for street. The total amount for A and B combined was \$224,805.00 Estimate that was submitted for Community Crossing Grant was \$263,000.60. We are in good shape money wise to move forward with the project.

Gary suggest that if they agreed then the Council would need to make a motion to accept the bids for Division A, Calumet Civil Corporation and Division B, Triangle Asphalt.

David made a motion to accept the proposal. Carol second the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

Kevin Hill- NFP

Liability Insurance information, Stewardship Report. The goal is to achieve a long term relationship on bringing value to our risk management insurance programs. Kevin addressed the personal use of the police vehicles and the take home policy is that right now we allow the use however every decision that is made has insurance repercussions. The slip and fall case against the town is believed not to be the town's problem. We do not own the sidewalk in front of a personally owned business, yet we did get pulled into that proceeding and have paid \$15,000.00 just in defending the town's interest. NFP is continuing to fight on Thorntown's behalf. This matter is not the town's fault anybody can sue anyone. Until this liability claim is cleared up it would be fruitless to go to any other carrier. Kevin Hill suggest that he work with the renewal application with Mikada and get those numbers presented to Astra and request for a relatively small increase based on some loss activity that we have had; less than 10% and continue the fight to get that claim closed.

We are determining risk management objectives, doing an analysis and presenting our recommendations.

Parks & Community Development (Angie Moody)

Beer & Wine Garden- Nick Vlasic from Indy Beer Taps, provides beer and wines services to surrounding cities, events and concerts, and is fully insured and has permits. All employees are trained in liquor awareness state trained; if people are too intoxicated we know to cut that off. Provide all the signage. Carol asks about insurance coverage and Nick informs it is \$100,000,000-\$200,000,000 and just renewed the insurance. She asks if someone was to sue at what point the town becomes responsible verses Indy

Beer Taps. He responds that he does not know exactly, however they are going to prevent the drunk driver by cutting a person off at the appropriate amount. Angie believes this fundraiser for the festival will bring in a new crowd, she receives request for things like this at the festival and thought it would be a great way to raise money for the festival. That this is more about tasting than quantity of beers.

Frank needs to know where the police need to be and how many officers will be needed, and he is okay with the presence of the police at the Wine and Beer Garden as long as they can maintain the man power because he cannot have every officer down at the park.

Dave made a motion to allow the Wine and Beer Garden at the park to bring more people into town to have an activity to enjoy. Bruce second the motion. Carol opposed the motion. Motion passed 3:1.

Boone County EDC would like to have a meeting on Thursday April 18, 2019 and do a walking tour with them, 4:00pm-5:00pm. To explain restructuring and how they can help us as a town.

Dollar General had their inspection and they did pass. Parking lot is going in the next few days and also shelving is being installed.

Waste Water Planning Grant received a new project manual and due to all the new changes OCRA has made. The paperwork is back at OCRA and once it is reviewed we will have a public hearing. Looking into June for that meeting.

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock)

The Planning Commission needs to a Public Hearing to update changes in Land Use Ordinances. We were unable to schedule for the April meeting. We are checking with Amy Noonan availability prior to advertising the Public Hearing. We would like for her to answer questions from the public should any arise.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner)

Nothing new to share.

Town Marshal (Frank Clark)

Emailed everyone more quotes for the new police vehicle. Looking at the quotes you can clearly see that the Tahoe is the least expensive option, when we first talked I put in the order however it will not be in until July with board approval, and if decided not to do that it can be cancelled. No payment until we pick it up.

Set up community meeting with Marshal Frank at the Thorntown Public Library on April 20, 2019 2:00pm-4:00pm, calling it Chat with the Chief.

Unfinished Business

Town Logo

Angie has been receiving submissions but no decision will be made until the next meeting on April 15, 2019.

Marshal Job Description

Carol provided each council member a copy of the description that she, Mark, and Frank designed. Koren wanted everyone to take it home look over and decide if there should be additions, corrections, or deletions. Discuss on April 15, 2019 and hopefully make a final decision.

Website

No comments at this time.

Town Clean-Up

Thorntown police are issuing warnings for nuisance violations to coincide with the town clean up.

Resolution 2019-2

Tabled until April 15,2019.

New Business**Animal Ordinance**

Our ordinance basically just covers dogs. We are go to wait until Boone County Commisioners redo their's, however they do not talk about town limits and livestock. We are going to get on this and figure out what Thorntown needs, check with Amy and see what Jamestown and Advance have regarding an Animal Ordinance. Dave suggest to make the community aware so that anyone who may have these pets can come and give feedback. Koren request that they use the comment/concern form. Angie will post on social media making the community aware.

Comment and Concerns**Mowing Abandoned Homes**

Amy suggested to Koren on getting a few bids and the board open them up and make a decision. Bruce asked why Mr. Wyant isn't able to mow the properties, Angie replied it is per her request and she doesn't want to put too many miles on the park mower. Dave ask how many properties are we talking about, Koren states as of right now the yellow house on Bow Street is the only one. Bruces states that the bank that owns the house does mow it but only once every six weeks.

Claims**Adjourned**

Carol made a motion to adjourn the Town Council Meeting. Dave second the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Next Meeting is April 15, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Koren Gray, President

Mikada Davis, Clerk-Treasurer