

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 16, 2016

The Thorntown Town Council met on May 16, 2016, at the Thorntown Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Don Johnson

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Town Council Members, Mark Garing, Koren Gray, Don Johnson, and Larry Acton, Mike Hight was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Utility Superintendent/ Street Department Gary Moody, Utility Board George Gideon, Deputy Marshal Frank Clark, Engineer Gary Ladd, Planning Board President Frank Small, and Park Board President Angie Moody. Town Attorney Dennis Williams was absent.

Eleven (11) citizens of the Town were also present.

Larry moved to accept the March Minutes with correction. His motion was seconded by Koren and passed 4-0.

A letter was received from Mike Hight on April, 20, 2016 stating that he was resigning from the Town Council.

Don reported that it was the Council's responsibility to vote on a replacement for Mike.

Don reported that Larry Truitt had volunteered to fill the remaining portion of Mike's term (until December 31, 2016), and that neither of the other candidates who ran previously had been contacted.

Mark thought the council should have been contacted earlier.

Koren thought Larry T. was a good choice because of his experience. Larry A. agreed.

Koren moved that Larry Truitt be appointed to fill the remaining portion of Mike Hight's term. Larry A. seconded this motion and it passed 4-0.

The Oath of Office was given to Larry Truitt by John Gillan.

Since Mike had been Vice-President of the council, a new VP needed to be elected. Don nominated Koren and that nomination was seconded by Mark. Nomination was approved 4-0.

REPORTS

Park Board: The tennis court fence has been repaired. A successful Park clean-up was held on April 16. Little League has started. Will have a representative attend Friends of the Trails meeting. Community Garden is being worked on. Possibility of purchasing a used port-pot for \$50, which could be placed at Lion's Park. Larry T asked if the Park Board had considered having a fund raiser.

Utility Board: There was no Stalcop Report.

Bids for West Lift Station:

F&K Construction	\$161,595
Atlas Excavating	\$195,388
Graves	\$193,193

Engineer Gary Ladd will review bids and make a recommendation at next meeting.

Larry A moved to take bids under advisement. Motion seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

Street Department: Gary mentioned the possibility of making a small charge for cutting trees in street easements. A request was made to fill in a surface drain in Westwood (Gary to make call).

Bids for street work: All of Bow Street and Vine Street from Main to Franklin.

Bowman	\$144,199.05
D&R	\$138,082.26
Clemens	\$117,338.31

Mark moved to award the street paving work to Clemens. Motion was seconded by Larry A and passed 5-0.

Clemens presented a bid of \$3,820 to repair pot holes on city streets. Larry T moved that this bid be accepted. Koren seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Police: Will wait for 2017 models to get bids for new police vehicle.

Treasurer: Passed out material to Council about Local Technical Assistance Plan (street Survey), P-Card group purchasing plan, and Hoosier Start (a state sponsored 401-k plan). Presented information about the Internal Control Law. Spring cleanup is all set to go. In the near future the Town needs to have a small purchasing Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN WEB SITE: Mark obtained quotes from two companies. One wanted \$4,000 plus \$200/year. Another \$1,100 plus \$600 per year. He also contacted Robbie Acton who gave a quote of \$900 and would work with the town and have it so we could edit content ourselves. Will have to have a conflict of interest form from Larry A.

Koren moved to accept Robbie's Bid and Mark seconded this motion. Motion passed 5-0.

EDC: Tabled

MOWING BIDS: Trail bids tabled for more information.

OCCRA: Community Development Director job description passed out. Decision tabled.

ELM STREET: reported that the property has been purchased at tax sale.

HEALTH INSUARANCE: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-1: Resolution to appreciate Park Donation Monies. Larry T moved that Resolution 2016-1 be approved. Seconded by Koren. Passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2016-2: Establishment of Designated Fund 257 (LOIT Special Distribution Fund).

Larry T moved that the rules be suspended so that this ordnance can be passed tonight. Seconded by Koren. Motion passed 5-0.

Larry T moved that Ordinance 2016-2 be enacted. This motion was seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

LOIT Special Distribution: 75% of the LOIT Special Distribution must go into Fund 257 for street repairs. Koren moved that the remaining 25% be placed into the Rainy Day Fund. Motion was seconded by Larry A. Motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL CONCERNS: Mark asked what is the capacity of the sewage pond. Gary said it was designed for a population of 1600. Discussion on low income housing, annexation, reorganization, and zoning.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Orientation of houses on lots and parking.

Review of claims.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52: PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, PRESIDENT