

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 20, 2016

June 20 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 Council members Don Johnson, Koren Gray, Larry Acton, and Larry Truitt.

Mark Garing was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Utility Superintendent/ Street Department Gary Moody, Utility Board George Gideon, Planning Board President Frank Small, Marshal Russ Voils, and Fire Chief Mike Martin. Town Attorney Dennis Williams was absent.

Four (4) citizens of the Town were also present.

Larry A. moved to accept the May Minutes. His motion was seconded by Larry T and passed 4-0.

REPORTS

Fire Department: Mike presented a print out on fire runs since February. Reported that the parking lot at the Fire Station needed to be sealed at a cost of \$6,149.00. The town would pay half (\$3,074.50).

Koren moved to have the parking lot at the Fire Station sealed. This motion was seconded by Larry A. and passed 4-0.

Mike also reported that Thorntown's ISO rating has improved to a 5 from a 6.

15 sets of fire gear will have to be replaced in 2 years.

Utility: Larry A. reported that the bids received for the west lift station are in order. A letter was received from engineer Gary Ladd recommending F & K Construction as the lowest and best bid (\$161,595.00).

Larry T. moved that the bid of F & K Construction be approved. Seconded by Larry A. Motion passed 4-0.

Gary received a letter from IDEM stating that our sewage pond is operating at 90% of capacity. This is informational only.

Question asked about having cameras at the sewage pond so that the gates could be open on weekends. Russ to look into.

Stalcop report was OK.

Street: Paving has been done.

Planning: Two building permits issued.

Police: Russ will be on light duty 3 days per week.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN WEB SITE: Continuing to make progress. Robbie showed what has been done.

EDC/Community Development: Larry T. doesn't see EDC doing anything for us. Larry A. agrees. Larry T. asked, "What do we want to do with community development?"

Do we have a plan? Do we want more festivals? Do we want to make Thorntown a destination?

Koren stated that Angie has a passion for Thorntown. How do we bring more business to town?

Larry T. stated that he thought Angie would do a good job but we as a board need to give direction. Too many things have been started but they flop because we don't carry through.

Larry T. stated we have a comprehensive plan but we don't use it.

Larry A. mentioned safe routes and main street revival.

Don talked about eyesores on Main Street.

Koren said it was our duty to make town thrive.

Larry T. suggested that we pick out ideas from the Comprehensive Plan and point Angie in that direction

Koren said we need a liaison between Town Board and other organizations in Town.

Larry T. mentioned that we should have a time line.

Koren asked if the Town has a mission statement.

Don asked if we hire a person:

1. Will they be paid?
2. Can we afford to pay them?
3. Do we have money for projects?

Larry A. thinks we should review the Comprehensive Plan and target a few good ideas.

Don—EDC is out.

Larry A. would like to have a special meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

All Board Members need to have a copy of the Comprehensive Plan.

A special meeting of the Town Board has been called for on July 12, 2016.

HEALTH INSUARANCE: Meeting of insurance committee and insurance representatives will be set up.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-3: Internal Control Ordinance.

Larry T. moved to suspend the rules for 1st and 2nd reading. Koren seconded this motion and it passed 4-0.

After the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2016-3 Internal Controls, Larry T. moved to accept Ordinance 2016-3. Koren seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

ANNEXATION: Discussion of annexation vs re-organization.

Review of claims.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23: PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, PRESIDENT