

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The public meeting September 19, 2019, was called to order by Council President, Mark Garing. This meeting was held at the Thorntown Public Library in regard to the town wastewater project. All Council members were present including Town Attorney, Amy Noonig. Also present were Mark Sullivan – Midwest Engineers, Mike Kleinpeter and Neil Brook – Kleinpeter Consulting Group, Steve Brock – Therber, Brock and Assoc. There were nine community members present.

Mike Kleinpeter (Certified OCRA Grant administrator) informed the attendees how the OCRA grant works. He explained the opportunities a grant allows and the requirements necessary to apply. We are at the point in our process to obtain land. We need to obtain the land needed to build an additional treatment lagoon. After we obtain land, an environmental review will be needed. The next round to apply for a grant will open February 24, 2020, and July 20, 2020.

Mark Sullivan provided an aerial view of the current treatment lagoon and land surrounding the lagoon. There are options for usage of the surrounding land. The first step is obtaining the land for an additional lagoon. Mark presented different scenarios for building a pond but also included the construction of a treatment facility. Building a maintenance treatment facility is more costly than a lagoon system. The facility will have incurring costs in the future for maintaining it. We will have recurring operation and maintenance expenses.

Steve Brock provided a layout of financing options. Options included OCRA grant and loans. With an estimated project cost of \$2,000,000.00 we could qualify for a grant from OCRA up to \$700,000. The remaining \$1,300,000.00 will need to be financed by the town. Steve also has additional avenues available to help in receiving financing.

Dave Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Carol Keith. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Mark Garing
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk-Treasurer