

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2023
7:00 PM

The December 18, 2023, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council Vice President, Dave Williams, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Sara Fairfield, absent	Dax Norton, Consultant
Dave Williams, Council	Frank Clark, Marshal
Bruce Burtner, Council	
Shawn McClintock, absent	Gary Moody, Utility Supt.
Larry Truitt, Council	Don Gray, APC
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	Drew Guenther, Bldg. Inspector
John Strong - Stalcop	Peter DeMass - RDC
	4 citizens

Presentations/Guests:

None

Public Comments/Concerns:

None

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

Advisory Plan Commission:

Don Gray, President of the APC, advised the Council that the APC has a favorable recommendation to allow the rezone request from Stalcop.

Sara Fairfield advised that Mr. Gene Doctor was interested in being a member of the APC. Sara made a motion to appoint Mr. Doctor as a Council nominee to the ACP. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Police: (Report previously submitted to Council)

Nothing to report

Fire:

No representative present

Utilities:

Nothing to report

Building Inspector:

Nothing to report

Park Board:

No representative present

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report

Sanitary Sewer:

Nothing to report

Clerk/Treasurer:

Koren reported that she has received complaints regarding not having the snowflakes up this holiday season, and a complaint regarding the Fairfield building deterioration.

Consultant Report:

Nothing

Consent Agenda:

Items to consider: Approval of APV Register, Payroll Dockets, Minutes from 12/4/23 meeting. Larry made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Dave made a second. Motion passed 2-1 with Bruce voting nay. Attorney Amy Nooning suggested that the Council vote on each topic since there were two council members absent. Dave made a motion to approve the APV Register. Larry made a second. Motion passed 2-1, with Bruce voting nay. Dave made a motion to approve the payroll dockets. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 3-0. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes from December 4. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 3-0. The Council agreed to allow Dave to sign the minutes.

Unfinished Business:

The Clerk/Treasurer read Ordinance 2023-16, an Ordinance Establishing the Compensation to be Paid to Officials and Employees of the Town. This was the first reading. There must be a second reading and vote before December 31.

The proposal from Krohn and Associate for Water and Sewer Impact Fee analysis was recommended to be addressed with the USB. Gary will bring it up at the next USB meeting.

Gene Doctor has an interest in becoming a member of the RDC if he is permitted to be on two different town committees/boards.

New Business:

Koren read Resolution 2023-17, Approving an Encumbrance for the Park Maintenance Fund, \$1,711.52 for repairs, cleaning and updating the gazebo at the park. Dave made a motion to accept the encumbrance. Larry made a second. Motion passed 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the Building Inspector being able to take home the 2023 Ford. The Council believed this was previously discussed and that the truck should remain on town owned property.

Koren read the updates to the ARPA Spending Plan which included \$42,000 for park impact study, \$40,000 for UDO assistance, and \$100,000 for the READI Match. There will need to be a second read.

There was discussion regarding Unsafe Building Ordinance. It was discussed as to what makes a structure/property unsafe. This will be discussed further when all council members are present.

Oksana Polhuy, MS Consultants Planning, via Teams, discussed and explained the request for rezone from Stalcop. Stalcop wishes to change zoning from residential to commercial. Addresses involved are 1213-1215-1217 W. Main St., Thorntown. This was the first read of this document. A second read is needed.

Other Business:

Drew Guenther, Building Inspector, reported that Ford floor mats could be purchased at a cost of \$195.00, Weather Tech mats would be \$233.90. Step bars were quoted at \$535.00 plus \$60 to install. Undercoating of the 2023 Ford quote was \$650.00. Dave made a motion to all expenditures not to exceed \$1500.00. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 3-0.

Drew also discussed Right of Way permits. He explained that we have a request from Frontier. The issue is, we don't know what is Right of Way or Easement.

The Council will hold a special session December 26, 7:00.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 3-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date _____