

TOWN OF THORNTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
April 6, 2023  
7:00 PM

The March 6, 2023, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Sara Fairfield, 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, Council	
Dave Williams, Council	Oksana Polhuy
Bruce Burtner, Council	5 Citizens
Shawn McClintock, Council	4 Arbor Homes Reps
Larry Truitt, Council	
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	

**Presentations/Guests:**

Colin Sullivan and Dave Burk from BF and S Engineering were present with their recommendation of the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. DC Construction Services from Pendleton, IN, has been recommended as the contractor for the 2022 CCG project. Bruce made a motion to accept the recommendation (\$332,480.00) from DC Construction. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. BF and S will prepare the documents needed and will present at the next Council meeting.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

A concerned citizen wondered why the Town Hall was not open for the tornado shelter on March 31. This citizen also had concerns relating to the Police Department and also asked questions regarding annexation.

A Bow Street gentlemen raised concerns regarding neighboring homes that are not in very good housekeeping order.

Sara Fairfield discussed regarding the tornado shelter. We will look into this further. At one time the Sky Warn Weather Watchers took charge of unlocking designated areas.

**Consent Agenda:**

Resolution 2023-07, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan of Boone County, was presented. Shawn made a motion to accept the resolution. Grumpy made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**  
(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

**Police:** (Report previously submitted to Council)

**Fire:**

**Utilities:**

**Park Board:**

**Storm Water Board:**

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

Nothing to report

**Consultant Report:**

Nothing at this time.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ordinance 2023-5, Approving a Zoning Text amendment was addressed. Arbor Homes noted that the current plan constitutes 163 homes, and 12" overhang from the frame. Bruce made a motion to accept the PUD, with a second from Dave. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilman McClintock voting nay.

**New Business:**

Resolution 2023-06, Declaring Item Surplus was presented. This request is for a 1996 Ford F-800 Bucket truck. The Council had a few questions for Supt. Moody. Tabled for April 17.

The Clerk/Treasurer presented Ordinance 2023-6, Re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund Tax Rate. This was the first reading. The CCD Fund rate had been set at \$.05 previously for the year 2015. Over time this rate diminished to \$.049. It is time to re-establish back to \$.05. The second reading will be April 17.

Sara provided an update on matters concerning the poor repair of a downtown building. The Council would like to obtain more information from the attorney handling the matter. Discussion tabled.

**Strategic Thoughts:**

- A. Rentpal Registration and Inspection Program -it was suggested we wait until a full time building inspector be hired since that position is who should form this program.

- B. Municipal owned facility assessment and Master Planning – no discussion
- C. Government Modernization and Reorganization - Larry brought up discussion of the re-organization process with the local township. Larry has agreed to spearhead this topic and will contact the Township Trustee.
- D. Historic Commercial District Revitalization
- E. READI - no discussion
- F. 2024 Budget process and timeline – no discussion

**Other Business:**

Koren mentioned she had been in contact with Eddie Smith regarding spring clean-up. Due to circumstances, Smith Trash Service, could not set a definite date for this project. Eddie asked that we contact him at a later date.

Gary Moody advised previously that Accu-Dig was probably not going to get the entire town completed with the sewer camera project under the quoted amount due to unusual circumstances. Bruce made a motion to allow an additional 25% to the cost in hopes this will cover everything. The cost amounts to \$23,658.13. The CT will share this info with Gary.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Dave Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sara Fairfield  
Council President

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Koren Gray  
Clerk/Treasurer

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