

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 20 , 2022
7:00 PM

The June 20, 2022, 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:

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| Sara Fairfield – Council | Amy Noonung, Attorney | Lisa Vitaniemi – Park Board |
| Bruce Burtner - Council | Dax Norton – MS Consultants | Mark Sullivan – Midwestern Eng. |
| Dave Williams - Council | Gary Moody - Utility | Don Gray - APC |
| Shawn McClintock – Council | Frank Clark – Marshal | Max Allen – Utility Board |
| | Mike Martin – Fire Dept. | Mike McKenzie – Utility Board |
| Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer | Brandon Watts - Kleinpeter | Colin Sullivan - BFS |
| 1 citizen | Angie Moody - WAVE | Lisa Mohler - WAVE |

Presentations/Guests:

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering, presented claims regarding the Wastewater Utility improvements. Invoices due Striegel Design and Construction total \$156,750.00. Invoices due Midwestern Engineers, Inc. total \$15,224.38. Bruce made a motion to allow payment. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Colin Sullivan, BFS, announced the Community Crossings grant application process will open July 1 and Close July 31. Award will be announced in late fall. Bruce made a motion to allow the application fee. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Angie Moody and Lisa Mohler were present representing WAVE. The Council has approved an additional lease of 3 years to expire December 31, 2023. Angie and Lisa will take the lease contract to their next meeting (June 28) for approval from WAVE. A fire escape will be needed if the group participants go beyond 49 participants at one time. Funding is not currently available for a stair lift. Sara asked Angie and Lisa if they would get quotes for a stair lift and report back to the Council. Larry made the motion to accept the extended lease. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Milam, owner of the Indian Springs Apartments, requested that his son plug in his RV at the apartment site.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

Utilities:

Gary received a quote from Clemens Construction for \$6,240 for pot hole repairs. Shawn made a motion to allow the repairs not to exceed \$7,000. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary presented a quote from Fluid Waste Services for camera work in the sewer lines. The quote was \$212,950.00.

Gary also advised the Utility Department has received a letter from IDEM noting inflow and infiltration violations.

Max Allen, Utility Board, requested an ordinance stating how long a camper can be parked in one place with hook-up; and state whether it is permanent living or semi-permanent living. Amy can show the Council some samples of verbiage.

Max also advised the Utility Board has completed a salary survey on other utility laborers. He was proposing a \$5.00/hour raise. The Council advised they would need to amend the salary ordinance.

Park Board:

Lisa Vitaniemi reported the summer programs at the park were going well. The Park Board has been receiving nice comments from parents of participating children.

Advisory Plan Commission:

Don reported they now a full commission.

Don shared that Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jones had a house fire in the winter. They have contacted the APC and are planning to rebuild on the property. Mr. Jones needs to submit a Development Plan Review in regard to where he plans to rebuild.

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report

Police:

Nothing to report

Fire:

Mike Martin, Fire Chief, provided information on what equipment the Town owns and what equipment the Township owns. He advised that utility bills, insurance, and some repair bills are shared 50/50 between Town and Township.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

Koren provided the June treasurer's report.

Koren completed the Pre-budget report on June 15

June 16, the Clerk/Treasurer had a pre-budget work session with the DLDF

July 19 a budget workshop is on the calendar

Koren provided the Council members with a notice from the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers that she has completed the obligations necessary and has received her IAMC (Indiana Accredited Municipal Certification).

Unfinished Business:

Dax Norton, consultant from MS Consulting, expressed to the Council the value of a Building Inspector and the permit application processes. The current lack of a local building inspector is not a smooth-running business.

Ordinance 2022-12, an Ordinance Establishing a Department of Redevelopment was presented for its second reading. Bruce made a motion to accept the establishment of a Department of Redevelopment. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

Dax, shared about installing a TV and camera for the convenience of our citizens. This technology would allow presentations to be on a screen for all to see and would allow streaming on YouTube. He said the cost is approximately \$4,500, and will take approximately 2 months to complete. Sara made a motion to allow the purchase of said technology. Shawn made a motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business:

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____