

TOWN OF THORNTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
June 6 , 2022  
7:00 PM

The June 6, 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:

Sara Fairfield – Council	Amy Nooning, Attorney
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants
Dave Williams - absent	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal

Koren Gray – absent  
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**Presentations/Guests:**

There were no guests or presentations.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

There were no public comments.

Sara advised that there will be a Request to Speak form located on the website. Dax has created this form. The purpose of this form is to allow the Council notification of public concerns prior to a meeting and can be prepared to answer the concerns.

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

**Utilities:**

No report on the first Monday meeting.

**Park Board:**

Sara spoke on behalf of the Park Board. They have had the park assessment completed and are moving forward with noted items. (Noted items were not verbalized.)

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

Shawn reported the APC will meet June 13, 6:00, at the Town Hall.

**Storm Water Board:**

Sara advised the Storm Water Board will be meeting soon.

**Police:**

Frank and Dax are working on a grant application to submit.

**Fire:**

Fire Chief Mike Martin was not in attendance, however, Council Member, Larry Truitt, had a few questions. He would like to see the Fire Department submit a call report each month, he is curious if the Fire Department charges a service fee, had questions regarding a stipend/clothing stipend, and asked if Washington Township paid a service fee for that township. There was discussion regarding the Fire Department and operations.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

No verbal report with the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer.

**Consent Agenda:**

Dax, the Council consultant, advised what could and could not go under the Consent Agenda heading. The items listed under Consent Agenda can be voted on with one vote and avoid the extra time spent during a meeting by voting on each item/document individually. At any time, the Council is permitted to select any item and discuss it individually.

Bruce made a motion to accept the May 16, 2022, minutes as written. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Sara opened a discussion on increasing the compensation to Brandon Jamison, who mows the Fire Department, due to the increase in gas. No decision was made.

**Public Hearings:**

Council President, Sara Fairfield, opened the Public Hearings at 7:43 pm. The Public Hearings were for Ordinances 2022-7 and 2022-8, amending the Waterworks and Electric rates due to the repeal of the utility receipts tax. After reading the ordinances the public was asked if there were any comments or questions. With no comments or questions, Larry made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ordinance 2022-7, an Ordinance Amending the Rates for the Waterworks Utility had its second reading. Sara made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2022-7. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-8, an Ordinance Amending the Rates for the Electric Utility had its second reading. Larry made a motion to adopt the ordinance 2022-8. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-9, an Ordinance Establishing an Authorized Depository (Home National Bank). Bruce made a motion to adopt ordinance 2022-9. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-10, an Ordinance Authorizing the Investment of Town Funds in a Certificate of Deposit had its second reading. This ordinance will allow the clerk/treasurer to invest Fire LIT Funds into a CD. Shawn made a motion to adopt the ordinance 2022-10. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-11, an Ordinance Adopting an Asset Inventory Policy had its second reading. Bruce made a motion to adopt the ordinance 2022-11. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Item "G" under Unfinished Business, Potential Professional Services was tabled.

**New Business:**

Ordinance 2022-12, an Ordinance Establishing a Department of Redevelopment was presented for its first reading. The second reading will be June 20. Dax explained the purpose of a Redevelopment Department. This will be very helpful with the onset of the LEAP Project. Redevelopment can also act as a Main Street Group.

**Other Business:**

Sara advised the Town received a bid for the acreage at the wastewater site. Dustin Dickerson submitted a bid for \$200/acre for the approximate 6-acre section. Bruce made a motion to accept the bid. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Larry made a motion to allow Sara Fairfield to sign the contract. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Larry asked how we obtain our assessed value. Dax knew the website to find this information. The 2021 AV was \$41,487, and the AV for 2022 was \$44,000. There was discussion regarding property taxes raising this year. This is due to the overall housing assessment increase.

Shawn asked when/how often the codes are updated on the website. American Legal does our codification but do they provide the update? This will be followed up.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

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Sara Fairfield  
Council President

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Koren Gray  
Clerk/Treasurer

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