

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2022
7:00 PM

The September 7, 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 Noonning, Town Attorney	Jerry Seymour, Bild. Inspt.
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants	George Gideon – Utility Board
Dave Williams - Council	Oksana Polhuy – MS Consultants	Mike McKenzie – Utility Board
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	Judge Don Vaughn
Larry Truitt - Council	Robby Viertgutz - Deputy	Sandy Gates – Court Clerk
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	Derek Babcock – Chief Deputy	9 citizens

Presentations/Guests:

Public Comments/Concerns:

Judge Don Vaughn requested to speak regarding the possible closure of the Town Court. The Judge explained what the Court has done for the Town over the years of his tenure. Not only does the Court funds pay for the Judge and the Court Clerk but also there has been excess funds given to the Town to help purchase equipment and needed supplies. Judge Vaughn asked the Council to reconsider the closing of the court. Small courts take some of the burden off the county courts.

Consent Agenda:

Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15th meeting. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Utilities:

Park Board:

Advisory Plan Commission:

Storm Water Board:

Police:

Fire:

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

Unfinished Business:

Handbook committee did not have a report at this time.

Salary Ordinance regarding the utility department wages is tabled until September 19.

Snow bids will be opened on September 19, 2022.

There was discussion regarding the 2023 budget. The present budget figure for the General Fund is \$734,812.00 including an 8% increase for the police department. The Council recommended a 5% increase which will lower the budget amount. The Clerk/Treasurer will make the adjustments and the Form 3 will be available on Gateway September 9. The Public Hearing will be held September 19.

New Business:

Oksana Polhuy, Planner from MS Consultants, was present to explain and summarize Ordinance 2022-13 Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Fees and Fines (copy attached to the minutes). She also explained and summarized 2022-14 Ordinance Amending the text of Land Usage. Sara read ordinance 2022-13. Shawn made a motion to suspend the rules of a second reading. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Bruce made a motion to accept the amendment ordinance 2022-13. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The APC met August 29 and voted in favor to make the recommendation to the Council to accept Ordinance 2022-14 amending the text for land usage. Sara read Ordinance 2022-14. Shawn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business:

Sara announced the removal of Nic White from the APC for failure to attend meetings creating a vacancy on the APC board. Sara appointed Jerry Seymour, Building Inspector, as a citizen on the APC.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____