

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 20 16, 2023
7:00 PM

The February 20, 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	Dax Norton, Consultant	6 Citizens
Dave Williams, Council	Don Gray, APC	Colin Sullivan, BFS
Bruce Burtner, Council	Harold Cox, USB	Dave Burk, BFS
Shawn McClintock, Council	Gary Moody, Utility	John Flora, Lebanon Reporter
Larry Truitt, Council	Robby Viergutz, Deputy	
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	Frank Clark, Marshal	
Julie Smith, Arbor Homes	Charles Russell, Arbor Homes	Aaron Carew, Arbor Homes

Presentations/Guests:

Colin Sullivan and Dave Burk, BFS Inc., were present to share the bid posting that will be published in the Lebanon Reporter March 2 and March 9. This bid posting will be open for bids for the Community Crossing project until 7:00 pm, March 20, 2023.

Public Comments/Concerns:

A citizen asked what could be done regarding the cars parked on the sidewalk and the trash in the yard at a residence on Vine St.

Consent Agenda:

Shawn McClintock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

- Consider approval of meeting minutes January, 16, 2023, and February 6, 2023
- Consider approval of an expenditure (Parks Board) (Indiana Parks and Recreation Association annual dues \$160.00).
- Consider approval of an expenditure request (Clerk Treasurer) (IMPACT workshop \$25.00).
- Consider approval of an expenditure Request (Clerk Treasurer) (AIM workshop \$119.00).
- Consider approval of an expenditure request (Clerk Treasurer) (Municipal Impact – Town Website annual Hosting fee \$605.00).
- Consider approval of a Contract/Lease (2023-2024 Land Lease with Dickerson).

Public Hearing:

No hearing

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

Advisory Plan Commission:

Don Gray reported the APC met Monday, February 13, 2023, and continued the Public Hearing on the ARBOR Homes PUD. The APC is giving a favorable recommendation in regard rezoning acreage west of the town limits. (Legal location description can be viewed at the Town Hall.)

The APC is working on zoning maps, signage, and rental registration.

Police:

Police Department report sent to Council previously.

Marshal Clark explained Lexipol, the law enforcement policy manual. He advised several communities use this program. The initial cost is \$17,857.40. The annual fee for updates is \$3811.40. This program keeps the operating procedures for the Police Department electronically. Shawn made a motion to allow the purchase of Lexipol. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Marshal Clark also presented a cost of \$291.92/monthly, with an initial set up fee of \$1110.00 for each police officer to have a municipal owned phone. He is also requesting GEO Tracking for the police cars. This program tracks speed and mapping on town owned police vehicles. GEO Tracking has an initial set up fee of \$346.00, with a \$100.80 monthly fee. Shawn made a motion to allow the purchase of town owned phones and GEO Tracking program. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Marshal Clark advised the PD has outgrown their space. They also have new laws in regard to the safekeeping of evidence. We do not have the proper space for our evidence room. Marshal Clark wanted to make it known to the Council that the time is coming to consider a new Police Department.

Fire:

No one in attendance

Utilities:

Utility Superintendent, Gary Moody, advised Accu-Dig is in the process of the camera scans for the wastewater mains. This procedure is about a 3–4-week process. They are running into roots in the lines and need to cut them out.

Gary also noted that wastewater samples are now required twice a day.

Park Board:

No one in attendance

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report

Clerk/Treasurer:

Clerk/Treasurer, Koran Gray, advised she and Mike Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Consulting, had an audit monitoring meeting with OCRA February 3, 2023. The OCRA Auditor said all paperwork regarding the OCRA grant for the wastewater project has been submitted properly and approved. We are in good standing with the disbursement process of this grant.

The CT is currently awaiting the CPA's review of the Annual Financial Report on Gateway. A second review is required by the SBOA. Once the CPA completes his review, the AFR will be submitted on Gateway. The Annual Financial Report also must be published in the newspaper by February 28, 2023.

The year end closure process is moving along on schedule. 2023 financial reports will soon be available.

Consultant Report:

Dax Norton, MS Consultants, noted he is working with the Clerk/Treasurer for the 2024 Budget season.

Oksana Polhuy, MS Consultants, is working closely with the APC regarding planning matters.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2023-05, a Resolution adopting a Fiscal Plan was presented and read. This Fiscal Plan is required prior to approving annexation of ground. Bruce made a motion to accept the Resolution 2023-05. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-01, an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the Town of Thorntown was presented for its second read. Dave Williams made a motion to accept the ordinance annexing approximately 67.13 acres into the Town of Thorntown. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-1, with Shawn McClintock voting no.

New Business:

Ordinance 2023-03, Creating a New Fund for Opioid Settlement, was presented for the first read. There has been a national settlement with drug companies and the Town of Thorntown is expected to receive approximately \$1522.44 over a period of several years. The state requires a separate fund be established. Larry made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara made a motion to allow the establishment of fund 2257. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The Little League contract is about to expire. We need to review and discuss with Little League. Approval of the contract has been tabled.

Discussion on a Rental Registration and Inspection program has been tabled.

Consider Approval of Claims:

Claims and APV register, and Payroll Allowance Dockets were presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. Dave made a motion to approve. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____