TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2025

7:00 PM

The March 3, 2025, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Dave Williams 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:

Dave Williams, Council Frank Clark, Marshal Jeff Wolfe, Consultant

Bruce Burtner, Council Gary Moody, Utility Supt. Dan Cutshaw, MS Consultants

Randy Bruder, Council Max Allen, USB

Sara Fairfield, Council Don Gray, APC

Gary Coffman, Council

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer 6 citizens

Shawn McClintock provided a letter of resignation from the Town Council. Dave made a motion to appoint Gary Coffman to fulfill the remainder of the term until December 31, 2028. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0. The Clerk/Treasurer presided over the oath and the Council welcomed Gary.

**Presentations/Guests**:

Gary Moody was recognized for his 34.5 years of service to the Thorntown Utilities. Gary will be retiring, and his last working day will be March 18, 2025. Max Allen thanked Gary for his service. On behalf of the Town, Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, presented a retirement gift to Gary.

**Public Comments/Concerns:** None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

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

**Fire:**

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

**Building Inspector**:

**Utilities**: Max Allen, President of the USB, requested a meeting with USB, Town Council, Attorney, and Engineer to discuss updates for the Westfall Place. It was agreed a discussion would be held March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Max also announced the utilities has hired a new employee, Chris Smith.

**Park Board**

**Storm Water Board**:

**Sanitary Sewer:**

**Customary Items for Approval:** Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025, meeting. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer**: The Clerk/Treasurer reported that the Annual Financial Report for year end has been completed.

The CPA advised that the funds in holding at Trust Indiana could be shown under Rainy Day instead of the General Fund.

Fund Reports for January and February were provided, however, the bank recs have not been completed yet. There is an issue with the software rollover into 2025.

Koren announced she is seeking a quote for a new door to the CT/Building Inspector offices. The current door leaks air, water comes in and makes the carpet wet, and with certain winds snow will come in under the door.

**Unfinished Business**: Dave asked the Clerk/Treasurer to share stats regarding using Public Safety LIT for some customary police and fire expenses. This would free up General Fund dollars to help pay for other things needed. Council does not want to transfer any expenses to the Public Safety LIT Fund. It was suggested that funds be taken from the wage line for the Deputy Clerk. Dave made a motion to use $10,000 from the wage line. These dollars will help pay for consulting from Jeff Wolfe. Gary Coffman made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

There was discussion at the February 17, meeting regarding hiring Jeff Wolfe as a municipal consultant. Sara made a motion to hire Jeff pending final legal review of the contract and the contract would not exceed $40,000 for a year. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business**: Resolution 2025-03, A Resolution Declaring Item Surplus was read by Koren. Items listed were old computer equipment, 3 metal desks, chair, sweeper. Sara made a motion to allow the surplus. Gary made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2025-4, A Resolution Authorizing Cancellation/Voiding of Outstanding Checks was read by Koren. Sara made a motion to approve the Resolution. Randy made a second. Motion passed 5-0. These checks will be void and funds returned to the appropriate Fund.

With the retirement of Gary Moody, a new member needs to a be appointed to the IMPA Board of Commissioners. Sara made a motion to appoint Earl Parsons who will be Gary’s successor. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Dan Cutshaw noted he has been working with Amy Nooning, Town Attorney, regarding the land for the water well and water plant. The Town holds 2 deeds but these deeds do not cover the entire area needed. Dan recommends that we have a survey completed and that should be started in 30 days. The approximate cost should be $2000. Dan and Amy are also working on renewing the lease for the current well field.

**Other Business**: Bob Beesley presented a drawing of the area K of P would need to continue the barbeques at the Lions Park.

Note: Live streaming lost internet connection during the meeting.

**Adjournment:**  With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Dave Williams Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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