TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2025

7:00 PM

The April 7, 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 Greg Beumer – Kleinpeter Consulting

Bruce Burtner, Council Earl Parsons, Utility Supt.

Randy Bruder, Council - AB Max Allen, USB

Sara Fairfield, Council Dalton Humphries – Utility Dept.

Gary Coffman, Council Sarabi Wallace – Park Board

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer 1 citizen

Jeff Wolfe - Consultant

**Presentations/Guests**:

**Public Hearing:** Greg Beumer, Kleinpeter Consulting, was present to explain the OCRA Grant process. The Public Hearing opened at 7:01 pm. With public comment in support of applying for the grant($750,000.00) for the water plant project, the public hearing was closed at 7:06.

**Public Comments/Concerns:** A citizen on the west side of town presented concerns of stormwater back up. Utility Superintendent, Earl Parsons, advised the utility department would look into it.

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

**Building Dept./Inspector:**

**Park Board:** Sarabi provided updates on park events, and advised of invasive plants on the trail. The BCIC can better explain the dangers of these invasive plants.

**Fire Dept.:**

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

**Storm Water Board**:

**Utility Dept.:** Superintendent Earl Parsons discussed creating a new drive around the new brush pile and will need gravel.

The wastewater influent flow meter is in need of a new battery or replacement. A battery cost is approximately $1300. One of our vendors could possible provide a solar system for approximately $2691. Sara made a motion to move forward with the solar system not to exceed $3000. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

The utility department is planning to be pro-active in trimming brush, trees, and gravel in alley ways.

The utility department is interested in applying the town logo on the utility barn. The quote for the job is $1200. Sara made a motion to contact the artist for a time frame. Dave made a second.

Max, Utility Board President, advised the utility department needed a trench box cage for ditch work to keep the hole from caving in while working in the hole. Max and Earl will work on obtaining quotes.

**Customary Items for Approval:**  Sara made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2025, with Bruce making a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17 and the Executive Memorandum from March 17, 2025. Grumpy made a second. Motion passed 3-0 with Sara abstaining since she was not present for those meetings.

**Clerk/Treasurer**: Koren reported the $84,000 from BNY has been received and deposited into the Sewer account.

The CT is still having issues with the rollover process therefore, missing several days of using the Fund system. Keystone did a fix today at 2:30. Keeping fingers crossed!

**Unfinished Business**:

Park Board request for additional funds: Dave said he would visit with the CT to discuss. Request tabled.

**New Business**:

AIM video – the CT showed a video from AIM explaining the tax structure

Pearl St. property – property owner asked if the Town was interested in purchasing this parcel. The Town Council does not see a need for this particular parcel.

Utility Consultant: Sara made a motion to hire Jeff Wolfe as a consultant pending legal review of contract. Grumpy made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Appraisal proposals - Jeff Wolfe was able to obtain a quote of $1200 for appraisals of the Lions Park. These appraisals are part of statute for asset inveltory. Dave made a motion to move forward with the appraisals. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Other Business**: Sara asked about Town Clean-Up Day. Clean-up Day was never asked to be on the agenda. Sara asked for it to be on the agenda April 21.

Jeff had discussion with Boone County Solid Waste regarding water fill stations, grant for town clean-up, Thorntown Main Street Organization and Park Foundation. TMSO and Park Foundation could possible be the same group and share a 501c3. He also learned our OCRA representative was leaving the organization April 4.

Max and Grumpy discussed historical signage for each of our downtown businesses. This signage would include the history of businesses that were housed in each building.

**Adjournment:**  With no other business to be presented, Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Brice made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

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Dave Williams Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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