

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

The February 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 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 Noonung, Attorney	Lisa Vitaniemi – Park Board
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants	Don Gray – APC
Dave Williams - Council	Jerry Seymour – Bldg. Inspt.	Mike Martin – Fire
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	Wayne Loney – Reserve Officer
Larry Truitt – Council	Robby Viergutz - Deputy	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

Presentations/Guests:

Frank Clark introduced Wayne Loney, a retired officer, to be appointed as a Reserve Officer for the Town of Thorntown. Officer Loney took the oath to join the Police Department performed by, Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray. Welcome, Officer Loney.

Public Comments/Concerns:

None presented

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

Utilities:

No report this meeting

Park Board:

Lisa Vitaniemi was present. She advised Derek Babcock would be President, MJ Fairfield, Vice President, and Lisa as Secretary. They have been in contact with Dax to come to their next meeting. The Park Board have been in contact with the Boone County Community Foundation regarding a mural.

Advisory Plan Commission:

Don Gray reported that the Building Permit application is being put on the website. The application can be turned in to the Clerk/Treasurer. The Clerk/Treasurer will make sure the Building Inspector is aware of the receipt of an application. A possible annexation of land could be coming in the future.

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report at this time.

Police Department:

Nothing to report at this time.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Mike Martin, was present and presented the Council with a 2021 activity report. The Fire Department made a total of 449 runs for the year. The Department already has 60 runs in the 2022 year. New tires are needed on one of the trucks according to the 5/10-year plan. The Department is looking into replacing some canisters that are at the end of their shelf life. Mike reported that he and the Clerk/Treasurer has discussed putting some of the LIT funds into a CD at the bank. We are saving for a new truck to be purchased approximately 2029-2030. The cost of the new truck will be \$400,000 - \$450,000. The old truck will be used for back up. Mike also has passes for Council who would like to attend the Fire Apparatus show in Indianapolis April 28-29-30.

Clerk/Treasurer:

The CT reported that the treasury has developed a Final Rule for the ARPA funds. We no longer need to calculate the amount of revenue possibly lost in 2020 due to COVID. Now anything under \$10mil in ARPA funds is allowed to be used as General funds lost. We received an invoice today from Immense Impact, our website vendor. Bruce made a motion to allow payment of the invoice. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. We are still waiting for our \$1.5mil from the County.

Consent Agenda:

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes of January 27, 2022. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Larry made a motion to accept the offer of a free shed to the Little League from Western Boone School Corporation with a memorandum of understanding of who is responsible for the shed (Little League). The Council needs to approve the acceptance of the shed as the shed will be put on Town owned land. Bruce made a second to the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Solar Bee contract is being tabled.

The renewal for the membership for the Boone County Economic Development Corporation was Presented. The Council declined to make a motion to renew.

Sara read Resolution 2022-01R, a Resolution Approving Transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day fund. Shawn made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Shawn made a motion to allow the transfer into Rainy Day. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Shawn made a motion to accept the quote from Smith Trash Service for a Town Clean-up Day and that the clean-up date will be May 7, 2022. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Koren will notify

Eddie Smith and request a contract. Dax will post on the website. Smith Trash Service offered a quote of \$1,800.00 for the first 10 tons. Thereafter the Town shall pay \$60.00 per ton.

Unfinished Business:

The Council needs to review Ordinance 2012-1A (Purchasing Policy) and Ordinance 2018-9 (Credit Policy) to possibly establish a new ordinance that will combine both ordinances and amend some language. Each Council member has copies to review. There was some discussion as to why we need these amended. A decision has been tabled. Dax shared that an amended ordinance would be more specific and involve some federal guidelines as well.

New Business:

Dax reported that we should be good to go with the Indiana Office of Technology email service if we so choose. Bruce made a motion to accept the previous quote from IOT, \$5.50/user/month, subject to the Town Attorney’s review. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Dax will contact IOT.

Previously it was asked about annexing the new lagoon land. The land must be contiguous with current town limits. There is a portion of agricultural land between the town limits and the newly purchased land. There is no benefit to the Town to annex the property. The Council sees no need to pursue annexing this parcel at this time.

In discussion, it was also mentioned that we may need to keep the extra land that we purchased for another additional lagoon. We may not want to get involved in a solar park at that location.

A quote for painting the Town Hall building interior was presented. A quote of \$1,970.00 was presented from Lowhorn Painting. This includes paint and minor spackling. Shawn made a motion to accept the quote. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. The paint color still to be determined.

Other Business:

Shawn mentioned that someone asked if the large piles of snow get removed. Yes, the utility department does remove some of the piles and hauls back to the pond location.

Sara suggested having a committee to determine how we want to use our ARPA funds.

Adjournment:

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____