

TOWN OF THORNTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
October 2, 2023  
7:00 PM

The October 2, 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
Dave Williams, Council	Derek Babcock, Chief Deputy Marshal
Bruce Burtner, Council	
Shawn McClintock, Council	4 citizens
Larry Truitt, Council	
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	

**Presentations/Guests:**

Derek Babcock advised the Council he has started a new personal business called Spartan Biorecovery. This should not be a conflict of interest in regard to his full-time position as Chief Deputy Marshal. If a citation were to be given in regard of property clean-up, Derek would not accept the job offer. He would recommend another provider.

Todd Colvin, our United Health representative, was present to discuss our health renewal. We are seeing a 7% increase this year which is less than some other companies. He did research Anthem but there was very little difference from UH. There will be a change as the program we were in has been ceased. Our deductible per person will change from \$750 to \$1500, and the out-of-pocket will decrease from \$7500 to \$5500. If any employee needs to make any changes, now is the time to do so.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

There were two public questions concerning drugs and an alley repair.

Minutes of the September 12, and September 18 meetings were motioned for approval by Shawn, with a second by Dave. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Bid Opening:**

The Council received two snow removal bids, one from Merrill Construction, and one from Venis Snow Removal. The bid documents are on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office as there are different categories on the bid sheet. Sara made a motion to accept the bid from Venis Snow Removal. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Bruce offered to notified Mr. Venis.

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

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

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

**Fire:**

**Utilities:**

**Park Board:**

**Storm Water Board:**

**Sanitary Sewer:**

**Consultant Report:**

Nothing at this time.

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

**Unfinished Business:**

Ordinance 2023-12, an Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation for the CCD Fund was presented for it's second reading. Bruce made a motion to allow the additional appropriation. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-13, an Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates (budget) was presented for the first read. The Council stated they have no interest in paying Police salaries from the LIT Public Safety Fund. The Council chose not to vote on the ordinance and will have a second read October 16.

**New Business:**

It is time to review the Employee Handbook for 2024. Shawn and Dax offered to review the handbook with the Clerk/Treasurer.

Arbor Homes is requesting the signing of a letter stating the capacity of our wastewater lagoon. Dave made a motion to allow the Council President to sign the letter with Shawn providing a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Strategic Thoughts:**

Sara asked the Council members to review the Council Policies/Procedures handbook that was previously provided by Dax.

**Other Business:**

Sara advised that Sugar Creek Township has secured an attorney to visit and discuss a resolution in regard to re-organization between town and townships.

Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, requested registration for the upcoming ILMCT Annual Fall Conference and a Community Crossings Grant workshop. Sara made a motion to allow the expense. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Shawn announced he would like to see the Council come up with a plan to purchase a side-by-side or equivalent for our Police Department. The LIT Public Safety Fund does have the funds to make the purchase. Sara asked Deputy Babcock to create an inventory and replacement plan for police equipment. She also asked Deputy Babcock to obtain quotes for the SUV type vehicle.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Sara Fairfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Shawn McClintock made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sara Fairfield  
Council President

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Koren Gray  
Clerk/Treasurer

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