

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2022
7:00 PM

The February 21, 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-via video	MJ Fairfield – Park Board
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants	Joe Alexander
Dave Williams - Council	Jerry Seymour – Bldg. Inspt.	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	
Larry Truitt – Council	Gary Moody - Utility	
Koren Gray – Absent		

Presentations/Guests:

No guests

There were no invoices to present for the wastewater project as weather has prohibited work.

Public Comments/Concerns:

None presented

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

Utilities:

The Utility Supt. presented a quote of \$54,700, for 3-phase at the wastewater site. This cost was not included in the original cost of the project. Gary mentioned there should be a fence around the pond according to his plans from 2021. Larry made a motion to accept the quote from IMPA pending review from the Town Attorney. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-1 with Sara abstaining. The question was asked if we have contingency funds to pay for this.

Park Board:

MJ Fairfield advised that portions of the Tom Johnson Memorial Park are not currently ADA compliant. At the recent Park Board meeting Dax agreed to help the Park Board create a plan to update. The Little League will mow the fields during the Little League Season up to August 1, 2022. Park Board member Lisa Vitaniemi has been working on a 5 year plan.

Advisory Plan Commission:

Shawn and Dax reported for the APC. The Sugar Creek Art Center has requested to install a lighted sign on the exterior of the building. The sign will be placed so the patrons of the Big 4 Trail can see the sign. The Art Center will need a building permit for this. Currently the Town does not have a sign ordinance. The APC will be working on the Comprehensive Plan.

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report at this time.

Police Department:

Nothing to report at this time.

Fire Department:

Nothing to report.

Clerk/Treasurer:

Koren Gray was absent but left a report for the Council. The Clerk/Treasurer requested approval to attend the Spring ILMCT conference and lodging to be held in Muncie March 13-17. The cost is \$450.00 conference registration, and \$186/night for lodging. Larry asked where the funds come from for this. With Council discussion it was presented that these expenses are divided equally between General, Sewer, Water, and Electric since the CT works for all units. The Council was reminded that the CT must attend 14 hours of education each year. Shawn made a motion to allow the conference expense. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

No financial reports were provided for the evening as the year end reporting is not complete and CT cannot roll over to the new year yet. The CT should be able to rollover into 2022 next week.

The Annual Financial Report has been completed on Gateway and has been submitted to The Lebanon Reporter for publishing.

The Utility Clerk and the Clerk/Treasurer are requesting the purchase of an interface between utility receipts on Key-Utility and the receipt program on Key-Fund. This interface will keep the CT from needing to enter the daily utility receipts a second time into the Key-Fund program. This interface will save time and avoid errors in double entry. The total cost is \$545.00 and will be divided between Sewer, Electric, Water, and Stormwater Funds making each Fund paying \$136.25. Since this interface works with only utilities the General Fund is not involved in the cost. Bruce made a motion to allow the interface. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The Clerk/Treasurer advised it is time to advertise for mowing of the Fire Department. Gary advised the utilities employees will continue to mow the park on the south side of the service road. The bid notice will be posted the The Lebanon Reporter. Bids will be due March 18, 3:00pm. The bids will be opened March 21, 7:00, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Shawn made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting, February 5, 2022. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 7, 2022. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

Sara requested to review the membership to the Boone County Economic Development. She advised they do work with the Boone County Chamber of Commerce. Being a part of this group is community involvement for the Town of Thorntown. It is also an investment in our County. Sara advised Koren sits on the Platinum Circle of the Bo Co EDC. Larry asked if there were other Thorntown Businesses as

members. We really don't know that information. Joe Alexander advised the Town will get a return 10-fold from this membership as the Town grows. The participation in the Bo Co EDC is a great networking tool. Dave does not believe he sees a benefit to our membership. Dax mentioned every community in the county contributes to the Bo Co EDC. Some towns are only asked for \$1000 for membership. Larger towns and business contribute several thousand dollars. Bruce made a motion to continue membership with Boone County EDC with a membership cost of \$1000.00. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 3-2 with Bruce, Shawn, and Sara voting aye, and Dave and Larry voting nay.

New Business:

No new business to present

Other Business:

An executive session will be set for building maintenance discussion.

Claims were signed.

Adjournment:

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____