TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 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 Erick Smith – USB, APC

Bruce Burtner, Council Earl Parsons, Utility Supt. Dalton Davis – Fire Dept.

Randy Bruder, Council Max Allen, USB JT Whitaker – Fire Dept.

Sara Fairfield, Council Dalton Humphries – Utility Dept. Dan Cutshaw, MS Consult.

Gary Coffman, Council Sarabi Wallace – Park Board

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer 2 citizens

Amy Nooning, Attorney – via phone

Jeff Wolfe - Consultant

**Presentations/Guests**:

BCIC – Lynne Lautzenhiser, Josephine Locke

Giving Tree Adventures – Tim Silver

Ms. Lautzenhiser and Ms. Locke from Boone County Invasive Cooperative provided additional information regarding the invasive species along the trail. They also provided a video regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. The Tree of Heaven is invasive and will require an Arborist to help with the removal process. These ladies are also certified for handling chemicals through the Indiana State Chemist. Lynne is an Indiana Master Naturalist, and Josephine is an Advanced Indiana Master Naturalist through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Tim Silver shared his company provides low to moderate housing opportunities. They are modular in nature as 80% of the structures are built in a manufacturing facility and shipped to location and set on a slab. Houses are in the neighborhood of 1400 square feet. They can provide condos as well. Mr. Silver also mentioned the county is in need of housing for RV’s for LEAP construction workers.

Dan Cutshaw presented the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan and the Water Master Plan. In addition, MS Consulting worked on an Asset Management Plan as needed for the SRF funding. Dan advised it will take approximately 6-8 months for the design for the water plant. The well field needs additional property, and the water plant also needs additional land. Our wastewater system is projected to reach 80% capacity in about 3-4 years. The preparations for the next step for wastewater should be late 2026 into early 2027.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**: None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Advisory Plan Commission:** Don Gray advised the APC recommends appointing Dalton Humphries to the APC as a representative town employee. Erick Smith would then become an appointed citizen, and the APC will have a full 7 person board. Bruce made a motion to appoint Dalton. Randy made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Marcellus Johnson and Debra Lazier with MS Consulting will be updating the 150 chapters of ordinances, adding sign and fence ordinances.

**Building Dept./Inspector**: not present

**Park Board:** Nothing to report

**Fire Dept.:** JT Whitaker and Dalton Davis provided a run report with 163 runs to date. 40% of those runs were inside the town limits.

The fire department currently has 23 active members and are accepting applications for new members.

**Police Dept.:** (Report previously submitted to Council**)** Nothing further to report

**Storm Water Board**: Nothing to report

**Utility Dept:** Max advised due to misc. contract requirements for Gary Moody to be a consultant, the USB would like to hire Gary as a part-time as needed employee. Gary Coffman made a motion to appoint Gary Moody as a part-time employee. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Earl reported the flow meter is in process.

Earl also reported he inspected the stormwater issue reported by a resident on the west side of town. Earl advised there is nothing for the town to do as this water is coming from the neighbor. Both neighbors will need to solve the issue.

**Customary Items for Approval:**  Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2025. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The APV Register and the Payroll Dockets were signed by Council.

**Clerk/Treasurer**: The treasurer advised February has been balanced and closed and is currently working on March.

Braden Nicholson, Amy Nooning, and Koren are working on the READI grant bid notices for the Odd Fellows building.

Coming up over the next 4 weeks the Clerk/Treasurer will be participating in workshops for the recent property tax deduction, payroll, budget, clerk/treasurer workshop, and will be hosting Andrea Kern for a town tour as she is the new CEO of the Boone County Economic Development Corporation.

**Unfinished Business**:

Park Board request for additional funds has been tabled at this time.

**New Business**:

Sara discussed that Shawn had arranged with Caldwell’s, the same vendor as last year, for town clean-up this year. A place needs to be determined where to collect the trash. Gary said he will check with Steve Imel at the towing facility about using the salvage yard. Sara asked the Council about the time of year we want to hold the clean-up day. The Utilities are not opposed to use the burn lot area. Could the recycling area be used? Topic tabled.

Lions Park usage advertisement needs to be prepared. The town attorney and the town consultant will work on the language for this.

Koren read Resolution 2025-7 for deeming surplus of 2 old trash cans and a push mower that doesn’t work which are located in the park garage. Bruce made a motion to surplus these items. Randy made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Business**:

Consultant, Jeff Wolfe advised he would be participating in a couple of webinars to receive information to help the town. He will be traveling to Hagerstown for a Roundtable sponsored by AIM and participating in the webinar regarding the property tax reductions.

Jeff believes we can apply for our LIT tax to be increased due to the recent law change and he will research. He also announced we can no longer do excess levy appeals.

**Adjournment:**  With no other business to be presented, Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Randy made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Thorntown Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofThorntownIndiana> for as long as this media is supported.

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Dave Williams Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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