TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2024

7:00 PM

The June 17, 2024, 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 Amy Nooning, Attorney 1 citizen

Bruce Burtner, absent Frank Clark, Marshal Dan Cutshaw – MS Con.

Larry Truitt, Council Max Allen, USB

Dave Williams, Council Peter DeMass, RDC

Shawn McClintock, Council Sarabi Wallace, Park Board

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer Earl Parsons, Utility

Guest Speakers: Jarrod Hall-Krohn

Matt Brown – A & F

**Presentations/Guests:**

Matt Brown with A & F Engineering shared that they did a traffic study for Arbor Homes. The road impact study extends up to 10 years. A new study could take up to 12 months. Once an ordinance is adopted, it is 6 months before any fees can be collected. A road impact fee an be used for adding lanes for traffic, turn lanes, round-a-bouts and things that improve the traffic flow. Road impact applies to residential and commercial. A study would cost $70,000-$80,000. The Road Impact Fee must be reviewed every 5 years.

Jarrod Krohn with Krohn and Assoc. presented the Utility System Development Charges study. He explained the process and how the fees are determined. Utility does not have a wait period for collecting fees as Park and Road. The Council agreed for the Town Attorney to begin processing the necessary paperwork to adopt these fees.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

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

Nothing to report

**Fire:**

No representative present

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

No representative present

**Building Inspector**:

Not present

**Utilities**:

Max Allen shared the Utility Department has hired a new employee, Dalton Humphreys.

Max shared information regarding the investments to Trust Indiana. He gave kudos to the Clerk/Treasurer for investing in Trust Indiana.

**Park Board:**

Sarabi Wallace announced the upcoming July 4th event at the park. There will be vendors, hot dogs, and fun events for kids. She advised there had been social media drama regarding one vendor. The issue has been resolved. Sarabi would like to create a vendor guideline so all vendors and spectators are well informed.

**Storm Water Board**:

Nothing to report

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Nothing to report

**Customary Items for Approval:**

Payroll Dockets and the APV Register were available for review and were signed at the end of the meeting.

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

The CT would like to discuss health insurance options with the Council. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 24, 1:30 pm. There would also be Fire Department discussion. Amy Nooning and the Clerk/Treasurer would also be present.

The CT and the Town Attorney explained how to use the ARPA funds to pay health insurance costs and use General Fund money for the 180 Makeover. If we use our own funds and not grant funds the state guidelines must be followed and not the federal guidelines, thus, making the project run smoother and less paperwork. Sara made a motion to allow this exchange in funding. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Koren shared she has received outstanding invoices from 2023 for MS Consultants. Due to advice from the consultant during that time, these invoices were not paid. However, that was incorrect information. Koren asked if the Council wanted to pay those invoices from ARPA funds. It was agreed that, yes, use ARPA funds.

Koren also asked the Council if they wanted the recent voted Task Orders from MS Consultants to be paid from ARPA funds. It was agreed that, yes, use ARPA funds.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lagoon fencing specs – Dan Cutshaw recommended we use commercial grade materials. Dave Williams would prefer to use residential grade materials. The attorney asked the Clerk/Treasurer if she could contact the insurance company and ask if hey had specs. A decision was tabled.

RDC appointments – tabled - Oksana from MS Consultants will be able to help with RDC. We have 2 members. The Board needs 5 plus a School Board representative. Board members must be a resident of Thorntown.

Council Policies and Procedures Manual – tabled

Sanitary Hot List – Dan Cutshaw, consultant, noted he would not accept a quote that doesn’t repair the blacktop, right-of-way, or easement. Dan would like to see more information from Accu Dig.

Town Clean-up Day – Sarabi noted the possibility of another company, Boone County Resource Recycling. Shawn will follow up.

Sara read Ordinance 2024-6, an Ordinance Establishing an Equitable Impact Fee for the Purpose of Planning and Financing Park and Recreational Infrastructure to Serve New Development in the Town of Thorntown. Larry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-6, to be effective January 1, 2025. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**New Business**:

Gary left a quote with the CT from Young & Sons for pot-hole repairs. Shawn made a motion to

Accept the quote. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Other Business**:

Resolution 2024-5, to Declare Surplus the 2019 Chev Tahoe was presented. Dave made a motion to

allow the resolution. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0. The Tahoe was traded for a 2023 Ford.

Proposals from MD3 Consulting for IT services was presented. One option is for 5 support hours per month and one option for 10 support hours per month. Dave asked if unused hours could be continued for the next month. The CT will check with the vendor. Also, the documents are undergoing review by the town attorney.

Dave advised he has received donations for Huey rides during the Festival of the Falling Leaves. He is requesting permission to use the fire department property for the day. Sara made a motion to allow the Columbus Huey to use the fire department property. Shawn made a second.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

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Sara Fairfield Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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