TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 15, 2024

7:00 PM

The July 15, 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

Bruce Burtner, Council Frank Clark, Marshal

Larry Truitt, Council Max Allen, USB

Dave Williams, Council Gary Moody, Ut. Supt.

Shawn McClintock, Council Gene Doctor, APC

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer - absent Earl Parsons, Utility

Guest Speakers: Molly Whitehead, BCEDC

Jessica Schwartz, BCEDC

**Presentations/Guests:**

Molly Whitehead and Jessica Schwartz were present to discuss the 180 Make-over READI grant for the Thorntown Pizza King. The town has zero financial responsibility in this project. The bidding process is easier as this project doesn’t require the federal requirements as the Odd Fellows building due to the amount of the project. The project costs for the Pizza King are for painting and lighting. Sara made a motion to accept the grant agreement. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Molly advised the grant for the Odd Fellows building replaces windows. The bidding info will be published soon.

Sara asked Molly if the BCEDC could help our RDC Molly said, yes, they can help.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

None

**Public Hearing:** Water works and Sewage works ordinances for capacity fees. NOTE: Due to advertising requirements this Public Hearing should have been postponed until August 5. Voting has been stricken from the minutes. Max inquired if the cost of the automatic meters were a part of this fee.

**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:**

Gene Doctor spoke on behalf of the APC noting that the commission is putting final touches on fencing codes.

**Building Inspector**:

Not present

**Utilities**:

Gary Moody spoke with Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering, and we no longer need the solar bees at the sewage lagoon.

New utility employee, Dalton Humphreys, is working out fine.

The utility is still working on completing the sidewalk in front of Shawn McClintock’s home on West Main St.

**Park Board:**

Leslie Doctor nominated Haley Husk as a member of the Park Board.

Leslie discussed the tennis court resurfacing at the Park. Rob Tyree offered to remove the old court at no charge. Leslie is working with the contractor for final details of the project.

The Park Board is also obtaining quotes for tree work at the Park.

The Park Board is working on trail signage with Melanie Gall (a member of the Trail Board).

Sara brought up guardrails needing total replacement.

**Storm Water Board**:

Nothing to report

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Nothing to report

**Customary Items for Approval:**

Payroll dockets and Accounts Payable Register were available for approval.

Larry made a motion to adopt the minutes from July 1, 2024. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Corrected minutes from June 3, were presented. Those minutes were tabled with no notation provided.

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

Although the CT was absent, she left a couple of notes. The health agent will attend the 2nd meeting in September to provide health options. The 2025 budget must be advertised on Gateway by September 10. The Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget will be September 23.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lagoon fencing – The liability insurance carrier has stated the current barbed wire fence is acceptable with the addition of closing the 4th side. Dave, Bruce and Gary have ideas of how to complete this task. Sara suggested all 3 get together on a plan.

RDC appointments – Still looking for a member and possibly two.

Council Policies and Procedures. Manual – tabled

Sanitary Hot List – Council would like Accu-Dig to provide pricing for adding asphalt with a not to exceed value.

Town Clean-up Day –A quote has been submitted from a vendor. (Vendor name and document not available to CT at time of minute preparation.) Shawn will check with the Salvage Yard to see if they would be interested in hosting the clean-up day.

**New Business**:

BFS – PASER rating proposal – tabled

Gravel could be added to Lincoln Street so it could be included on a Community Crossing grant. Citizen, Gary Coffman, noted Lincoln Street doesn’t really exist.

**Other Business**:

Larry received a phone call that the grass needed mowed at the Westfall Place property.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sara Fairfield Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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