TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2024

7:00 PM

The September 9, 2024, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council Member Bruce Burtner, 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, remote Frank Clark, Marshall

Bruce Burtner, Council Max Allen, USB

Larry Truitt, Council Harold Cox, USB

Dave Williams, Absent Steve Schenck, USB

Shawn McClintock, Council Gary Moody, Ut, Supt.

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer 4 citizens

Guests: Colin Sullivan and Chris Wheatly – BFS Engineering

Jeff Welty, Thorntown Lions Club

**Presentations/Guests:**

Four bids were received in regard to the stormwater issue in the downtown alley by the Pizza King.

Bruce opened and read aloud the bids: Calumet Civil Contractors - $72,000.00; JS McCullough Excavating -$38,619.00; Newby Excavating - $25,468.00; and Rieth-Riley Construction - $70,6173.16. The engineers from BFS will review the bids to see that all specs are in order and return September 23, to make a recommendation to the Council.

Chris, BFS, advised Centerpoint Energy needs to to do some work in the same above mentioned alley. They are requesting permission to proceed prior to our alley work. Larry made a motion to allow Centerpoint to move forward with their work. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Jeff Welty, Thorntown Lions Club representative, was present to offer the Lions Park to the town as a donation. The Thorntown Lions Club is closing. Bruce made a motion to accept the donation of the Lions Park. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Susan Gentry, DAR – Susan was unable to be present but wanted to know of other areas in town that could handle the hanging of the veteran banners. There could be 17 banners this year. They do want to avoid taking the place of our snowflakes on Main St. Gary will look into streets and the number of poles available.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Max Allen, USB, noted Arbor Homes will be needing electric work from SR 75 to Westfall Place. This will be a cost of approximately $2,000,000.

Dan Cutshaw, MS Consulting, recommends drilling a new well and build on to our current water plant.

The USB is in contact with the Utility Attorney to discuss the matters.

Kendyl Pearson and Charles Miller, recently purchased a home on the east side of town. They would like to install a culvert, 36” x 20’, under the driveway so they can make a dog run down into the lower lot. They have already contacted 811 and no infrastructure was found. Bruce made a motion to allow the culvert. Larry made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Police:**

**Fire:**

**Advisory Planning Commission:**

**Building Inspector**:

**Utility Department:**

**Park Board:**

**Storm Water Board**:

**Sanitary Sewer:**

**Customary Items for Approval:**

Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes from August 19. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Sara made a motion to allow Bruce to sign the minutes for August 19. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

The Clerk/Treasurer noted the Form 3, Notice to the Public, would be opened September 10, on the Gateway.

**Unfinished Business:**

Shawn advised Steve Imel of Thorntown Towing is willing to allow use of his lot for Town Clean-Up Day. October 5, 2024, has been set from 8:00-2:00. This free clean up is for Thorntown residents only. ID will be required. A grant from Boone County Solid Waste helps make this clean-up day possible.

**New Business**:

Sara mentioned we need someone to mow the park and fire department. Bruce made a motion to reach out to Brandon Jamison. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Bruce will notify Brandon.

Bruce noted that although Drew has resigned as the Town Building Inspector, he will be willing to help with inspections until a replacement is found.

**Other Business**:

Gary advised Dickerson’s, who own the elevator, have asked about the town paying for supplies and Dickerson’s would provide the labor to remove surface water from the elevator property. Council has concerns paying for drainage from private property. Gary will speak with Dan Cutshaw and report back next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

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Sara Fairfield Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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