

## **TOWN OF THORNTOWN**

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2026

7:00 PM

The January 5, 2026, 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 President	Aly Hickman, Clerk-Treasurer	JT Whitaker, Thorntown Fire Dept.
Bruce Burtner, Town Council	Jeff Wolfe, Municipal Consultant	Frank Clark, Thorntown PD
Randy Bruder, Town Council	Earl Parsons, Utilities	1 Citizen
Jon Rigen, Town Council	Erick Smith, USB	
Gary Coffman, Town Council	Matt Raardon, USB	

**Call for Public Comments:** Council President, Dave Williams, opened the floor for any public comments. No comments were made at that time.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### WEBSITE CHANGE

Aly Hickman, Clerk-Treasurer, discussed a free website option available through IOT. Invoice Cloud, the Utility payment processing system, could still be utilized. Aly requested approval from Town Council to continue moving forward with the new website option.

**Motion:** Bruce Burtner made a motion to switch over to the website offered through IOT for the town website. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

#### UTILITY SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Erick Smith, USB President, presented a request to appoint Matt Raardon as the third member of the Utility Service Board.

**Motion:** Bruce Burtner made a motion to appoint Matt Raardon to the Utility Service Board. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Matt was sworn into office by Aly Hickman.

### **New business/Other business:**

#### INSURANCE PREMIUMS DUE

Aly Hickman discussed a premium due for insurance on the new Police Vehicle, along with the premium due for the town's Professional Liability policy.

**Motion:** Bruce Burtner made a motion to approve the insurance renewal payments for the Professional Liability policy and addition of the new police vehicle. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**UTILITIES

Earl Parsons noted that Mint City, the tree trimming/removal service, would be back that week to continue working.

MUNICIPAL CONSULTANT

Jeff Wolfe sent a draft of a letter of intent for Thorntown to participate in the discussion regarding the Sewer District to Amy Noonig, Town Attorney. The letter of intent commits the town to be open to the conversation and part of the application process. It does not commit the town to participating in the Sewer District. Jeff asked for Council approval for Dave Williams to sign off on the letter upon its completion.

**Motion:** Bruce Burtner made a motion to allow Dave Williams to sign a letter of intent for the Sewer District discussions. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

QUOTE FROM NEWBY EXCAVATING

Dave Williams presented a \$6,000 quote from Newby Excavating to put a road at the well site. Bub Newby discussed actions he would like to take at the well site. Dave Williams noted he called and talked to Mr. Bechtold, property owner donating land to the town, and received permission to have Newby Excavating remove the trees on the property.

**Motion:** Bruce Burtner made a motion to approve the \$6,000 quote from Newby Excavating to put the road to the well sites. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Adjournment:** With no additional business to discuss, Randy Brude made a motion to close the meeting at 7:18 PM. Bruce Burtner seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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Dave Williams  
Council President

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Aly Hickman  
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

*Pursuit to IC 5-14-9 section 6; following is a roster of the current Plainfield Town Council Members' names, appointing authority and their appointment terms:*

<b>Dave Williams, Council President</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2026</b>
<b>Bruce Burtner, Council Vice President</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2026</b>
<b>Randy Bruder, Council Member</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2028</b>
<b>Gary Coffman, Council Member</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2028</b>
<b>Jon Riggen, Council Member</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2026</b>
<b>Aly Hickman, Clerk-Treasurer</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2026</b>