

TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2026

7:00 PM

The January 26, 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	
Bruce Burtner, Town Council	Jeff Wolfe, Municipal Consultant	
Randy Bruder, Town Council	Earl Parsons, Utilities	
Jon Riggen, Town Council	Frank Clark, Thorntown PD	
Gary Coffman, Town Council	JT Whitaker, Thorntown Fire	

Dave Williams asks the Council to review a copy of the UDO the APC has been working on for upcoming discussion.

Department Updates:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

JT Whitaker summarized the 2025 Fire Department activity and reviewed January 2026 activity. JT Whitaker is now the new Fire Chief. Assistant Chiefs are Steve Whittinghill and Jerry Seymour III. The Training Captain is Cody Seymour. The Fire Lieutenant is Brandon Beesley. The EMS Lieutenant is Olivia Richardson. The Fire Dept. Board President is now Dalton Davis, with Derek Babcock as the Vice President, and Rick Davis as the Secretary/Treasurer.

JT noted Engine 31 is an underutilized truck for the area with only 13,000 miles on it. He would like the Fire Department to use it more and asked for \$10,000 to make upgrades allowing it to serve as an all-purpose truck. JT noted they're getting a greater number of calls where they're out on a medical run and then get called for a fire alarm or motor vehicle accident. He asked if discussion could take place around the white truck, previously utilized by the Town Building Inspector, being available for use by the Fire Department. Randy Bruder asked if they were requesting to use the truck or purchase it for full-time use. JT noted it would be for full-time use. No further questions or discussions regarding the truck took place at that time.

JT noted Future Spending is listed at the bottom of the monthly report, with a need for new fire gear projected for 2028 and the need for a new engine projected for 2030-2031.

Aly Hickman, Clerk-Treasurer, noted the Fire Department has a sufficient amount of money in the PS LIT - FIRE DEPARTMENT fund for the \$10,000 needed in upgrades.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department had technical difficulties due to internet outage. Frank will turn in the report at a later date.

UTILITIES

Earl Parsons, Utility Superintendent, noted that Braden Nicholson, business owner of the Odd Fellows building, would like for the Christmas lights to remain up throughout the first week of February. The Utility crew will take down the lights following the event. No members of Council noted issues with that.

MUNICIPAL CONSULTANT

No noted updates at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER

Aly Hickman asked for approval to pay the Patriot-Engineering invoice for Geotechnical Exploration. It was originally approved by Council not to exceed \$8,300, but had an additional fee included for Private Utility Locate.

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to allow Clerk-Treasurer to pay Patriot Engineering invoice. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

STANDARD DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

The allowance dockets, claims, and drafts of meeting minutes listed below were presented to the Council for review/approval.

- Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2025
- Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2025
- Meeting Minutes – December 31, 2025
- Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2025
- Claims Dated 12/23/2025 – 1/26/2026
- Allowance Docket Pay File 12/26/2025
- Allowance Docket Pay File 1/9/2026

Unfinished Business:

Aly Hickman discussed a document received from Dan Cutshaw at CDS Engineer – IC 13-18-26 Certificate of Completion – that needs to be signed by Dave Williams and notarized. Dave will go to the bank tomorrow to handle the document.

A discussion took place around the Kleinpeter Consulting Group contract for the OCRA grant and the Section 3 – Compensation section. Dave Williams noted he recommended they pay 20% versus the initially requested 40%.

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to allow payment of 20% of Kleinpeter Consulting Group's invoice and to allow Dave Williams to sign the contract. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

New business/Other business:

ENGAGEMENT LETTERS FROM KROHN & ASSOCIATES AND ICE MILLER

Engagements Letters from Krohn & Associates and ICE Miller for work on the bond needed for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion project were received and reviewed. ICE Miller would operate as Bond Counsel at an estimated expense of \$35,000 - \$40,000, payable out of bond funds. Krohn & Associates estimate their fees to be between \$25,000 - \$35,000, also payable out of bond funds. Heather James would be the contact for ICE Miller.

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Krohn & Associates and allow Dave Williams to sign on behalf of the Council. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the engagement letter from ICE Miller and allow Dave Williams to sign on behalf of the Council. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

SEWER USAGE ORDINANCE UPDATES

Discussion took place around the requested change IDEM made to the Sewer Usage Ordinance. Dave Williams noted no one on the Council was aware of proposed changes. Aly Hickman noted that because IDEM changed Section 4 with the Enforcement Responses, a Public Hearing would be required. Amy Nooning is preparing the ordinance and Public Hearing announcement. Earl Parsons noted that IDEM had been in contact with the previous Utility Superintendent, Gary Moody, and reached out to finalize the changes.

DISCUSSION AROUND POTENTIAL BZA MEMBERS

Discussion took place regarding the BZA members needed to issue a variance for the property owned by Tim and Shawna Williams. The issuance of the variance needs to take place prior to Thorntown joining the Boone Co. APC. Two individuals are needed to attend one meeting for this one item.

UDO PUBLIC HEARING

Aly Hickman discussed the UDO Public Hearing being held by the APC was pushed back to next Monday, February 2, 2026, due to the weather. It will be held at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, 101 W. Main St. Thorntown, IN. Dave Williams noted he would like the Council to have copies and read the UDO because there are items he doesn't agree with. Bruce Burtner and Jeff Wolfe noted the APC has to hold a Public Hearing for to give a recommendation for the Town Council to adopt. The UDO will still come to the Town Council for approval and/or changes.

WAVE LEASE UPDATE

Aly Hickman noted discussion with Angie Moody regarding the renewal of the W.A.V.E lease. Changes since the original lease agreement include that W.A.V.E has since become their own non-profit. No additional changes were requested by the Council. Aly had not yet sent the document to Amy Nooning for review, but stated she would do so.

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the lease for W.A.V.E., pending noted changes and legal review. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bruce Burtner made a motion to approve the minutes from December 15, December 22, December 31, and January 5. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

MISC. DISCUSSION

Bruce Burtner asked Frank Clark if the new police truck was in. The police are waiting for the new license plate. The previously used vehicles are stripped down or in the process of being stripped down.

Claims and Allowance dockets were passed among the Council for signature.

Some discussion took place among the Council around the setbacks noted in the UDO

Adjournment: With no additional business to discuss, Dave Williams made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50 PM. Randy Bruder seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dave Williams
Council President

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:

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

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