

TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2026

7:00 PM

The February 2, 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	Frank Clark, Thorntown PD
Bruce Burtner, Town Council	Amy Noonng, Legal Counsel	
Randy Bruder, Town Council	Dan Cutshaw, CDS Engineers	
Jon Riggen, Town Council	Erick Smith, USB	
Gary Coffman, Town Council	JT Whitaker, Thorntown Fire	

UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Dan Cutshaw from CDS Engineers provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant Expansion project. The project is currently out for bids, with opening of the bids to take place at Town Hall on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM. He noted 6 or 7 contractors picked up plans. A pre-bid conference had been held on January 27, 2026, and there were questions. An addendum is being sent out. Dan noted the process is in the permitting stage right now with IDEM having completed an initial review. The project will be under a 30 day public notice, and then the permit will be issued, most likely within around 45 days.

At the upcoming Council meeting on February 16, Dan will bring results and a recommendation. Since OCRA funds are involved, they will need to wait for release of funds, which takes roughly 60-90 days.

Dan noted that during the bidding process, contractors must submit shop drawings of the equipment and provide long lead items for the schedule. There are a handful of items that are going to require a long ordering process, including pumps, filters, and generators. A completion date for the project is currently listed as December 31, 2026, but may need to be extended, depending on equipment.

Dan has also been in contact with Westfall Place contacts regarding getting their IDEM permit for Phase II and III.

Dave Williams asked where we stood digging the well. Dan noted the weather pushed it back, but it will most likely take place this coming month. Work completed by Newby Excavating at the project site has been completed.

Dave asked Dan if CDS has worked with any of the contractors who have reached out for plans. He noted he's worked with 3, all of which were excellent contractors. Dan noted the Council must choose the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. In the plan specs, the contractors are required to submit experience, their plans, and equipment. Timeframes for certain equipment pieces were discussed further.

Between the bids and the release of funds, CDS will have everything reviewed and can release a notice to proceed along with an approval of all the equipment.

UPDATE ON BZA MEMBERS

There is still a need for one additional member. Nancy Durkin will serve as one of the members.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-01

The first reading of Ordinance 2026-0: Amending of the Sewer Use Ordinance took place. Amy Nooning noted that we will need to explain at the Public Hearing what changes were made and why IDEM is suggesting the changes. Amy noted she can do a comparison document to show exactly what changed. The ordinance was read out loud by Amy.

Department Updates:

UTILITIES

Erick Smith, the Utility Service Board President, noted that Jarrod Hall from Krohn & Associates will be at the upcoming USB meeting to review the Water Rate Study.

MUNICIPAL CONSULTANT

Jeff Wolfe noted that Advance Town Council has asked for Jeff to come to their next meeting to discuss what is happening with the Sewer District. He invited any interested parties to attend with him.

New Business:

MOWING BIDS

Randy Bruder asked when we would start looking for bids for lawn mowing. There was a brief discussion about previous services used. A request for proposals will be put together. Jeff Wolfe offered to put together some maps that show acreage. Dave Williams asked if we want to hire someone to do the trail, park, and the fire department. Jeff brought up the County Maintenance Department is handling mowing on the trail north of town now and mentioned it might be worth discussing with them. They have specialty equipment for the trail. The Council would like to have bids available for review by the last meeting in March.

Adjournment: With no additional business to discuss, Randy Bruder made a motion to close the meeting at 7:28 PM. Bruce Burtner 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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