

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2025
7:00 PM

The October 20, 2025, 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	Don Gray, APC	Dalton Humphries, Utilities
Bruce Burtner, Council	Nancy Durkin, APC	Jerry Seymour, Fire Dept.
Randy Bruder, Council	Erick Smith, USB and APC	Dan Cutshaw, CDS Engineers
Gary Coffman, Council	Frank Clark, Town Marshall	Amy Noonning, Attorney
Aly Hickman, Clerk/Treasurer	Lindsey DeMass, Park Board	1 Citizen
Max Allen, USB	Earl Parsons, Utility Super.	

Public Hearing:

Council President, Dave Williams, opens the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-5, *An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Town of Thorntown, Indiana, from the Customers Served by the Waterworks Utility of Said Town* and welcomes Public Remarks. No public remarks were made. The Public Hearing was adjourned, to be continued Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN 46071.

Public Comments/Concerns:

No public comments or concerns.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports: *Third Monday of the Month*

APC

Don Gray of the APC noted recent meetings and activities. The APC recently approved the Bonds for the Arbor/the Westfall Subdivision. The second plat was reviewed and signed off on.

PARK BOARD

The fall cleanup took place on Saturday, October 18. Lyndsey DeMass discussed items of no value found in the park garage they would like to have disposed of. Items include benches, tire swings, and a tire swing. A surplus resolution is required and to be created for review at next Town Council meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jerry Seymour reported that the Thorntown Fire Department has been on 450 for the year runs as of October 20, 2025, with 61 runs since the last meeting. The Fire Department recently completed some training with various local departments at the Boone Co. Training Tower.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Erick Smith reported that the Utility Board met with Arbor Homes last week regarding fees at the new community. The Utility Board would like to recommend a change in compensation for the Board Members for 2026, with an increase for the Utility Board President from \$1,200 annually to \$3,000 and an increase for Board Members from \$1,000 to \$2,500. These changes will be noted on the 2026 Salary Ordinance for review and approval by the Town Council at the end of 2025.

Earl Parsons, Utility Superintendent, spoke with the gravel pit about dirt to fill in the substantial ruts in the yard at the Fire Department. Discussion established a plan to complete that work.

A resolution passed at the recent Utility Board Meeting established a 15% administrative fee for the upgrade or extension of existing service lines or facilities. This resolution, Resolution No. 2025-1 – *Utility Service Board for the Town of Thorntown, IN, a Resolution Authorizing an Administrative Fee*, was read to the room.

Hydrant flushing will be taking place during the week of October 20. The town has been notified through various means.

Earl Parsons presented a reassessment of the Street Work Compensation agreement between the town and utility workers for 2026. He presented a list of items performed by the utilities for the Street Department, along with a proposal to increase the compensation from \$1,200/Qtr. to \$4,800/Qtr. for General Laborers and from \$1,500/Qtr. to \$6,000/Qtr. For the Superintendent. These changes will be noted on the 2026 Salary Ordinance for review and approval by the Town Council at the end of 2025.

Update on Water Plant Design: Dan Cutshaw, CDS Engineer

The Water Plant Design is going well, with the biggest thing being that the well drillers are ready to get going when the woods are cleared. Dan has been in contact with Jeff Wolfe and will follow up with him regarding completing this. Additional discussion regarding the drilling site took place. Per the OCRA award, everything with this project needs to be finalized by February of 2027.

Unfinished Business:

ODDFELLOWS BUILDING – READI PROJECT / ARPA FUNDS UPDATE:

A spreadsheet was distributed by Aly Hickman to the Town Council noting Invoices received for the Oddfellows Building work, with the construction wrapping up on the project. The maximum grant amount of \$150,000 has been reached, with remaining funds coming from the town ARPA funds. The Council reviewed and approved the noted expenses.

Bruce Burtner made a motion allowing Aly Hickman to pay the claims for the READI Project. Randy Bruder seconds. Motion passed 4-0.

BZA APPOINTMENTS + UPDATES:

Dave Williams appointed Don Gray to the town BZA. This appointment fills the requirement for a member of the APC to serve on the BZA. BZA members will be sworn in prior to their first meeting. Three additional appointments are still required for the formation of the BZA.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY + APPOINTMENT:

Citizen, John Rikken, is interested in filling the vacancy on the Town Council. A Special Public Meeting is to be held to interview John and any other interested parties on November 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The Public Meeting will be held at Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN.

New Business:

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2025-6

The first reading of Ordinance 2025-6, *An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation to be Paid to Officials and Employees of the Town of Thorntown, Indiana, for the Calendar Year 2025*, took place. Changes include a change in the Utility Superintendent and Billing Clerk from hourly pay to salary pay, with these positions to be salary, non-exempt, moving forward. Second reading to be held at the next meeting.

Amy Nooning and Aly Hickman will be working to get updates made to the Employee Handbook to reflect the changes noted in the ordinance as well.

OPENING OF SNOW BIDS

Documents seeking Snow Removal Bids for the 2026-2027 season were reviewed and discussed. Bids are to be requested with review at the second meeting of the month. Bids are to be opened and reviewed on November 17, 2025.

CLAIMS – REVIEWED BY COUNCIL

APVs and Payroll Dockets are reviewed and signed by the Town Council. Items include:

APV Register from Oct. 1 – Oct. 16, the corrected registers from previous Council meetings, the Payfile ending 9/5/2025, the Payfile ending 9/19/2025, and the Payfile ending 10/3/2025.

Adjournment: With no additional business to discuss, Dave Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Randy Bruder seconds. The motion passed 4-0.

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>
Aly Hickman , Clerk-Treasurer	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>To Fulfill Term Until December 31, 2026</i>

11/3/2025