

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2022
7:00 PM

The March 28, 2022, (rescheduled from March 21, 2022) meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Sara Fairfield, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Public Library, Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

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| Sara Fairfield – Council | Amy Noonung, Attorney – via Zoom | Lisa Vitaniemi – Park Board |
| Bruce Burtner - Council | Dax Norton – MS Consultants | |
| Dave Williams - Council | Jerry Seymour – Bldg. Inspt. | George Gideon – Utility Board |
| Shawn McClintock – Council | Frank Clark – Marshal | Mike McKenzie – Utility Board |
| Larry Truitt – Council | Derek Babcock - Deputy | Gary Moody - Utility |
| Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer | Greg Woods – for IN House of Representatives | 5 citizens |

Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2022, meeting. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations/Guests:

No presentations/Guests

Public Comments/Concerns:

One citizen asked what would be of value in the recycle bins? People have been digging through them.

Greg Woods, for Indiana House of Representatives, District 41, announced there are meet and greets scheduled at Frankfort and Lebanon.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

Utilities:

Nothing to report

Park Board:

Lisa and Shawn met with the Boone County Foundation and we will be receiving an Art Project.

April 2 will be park clean-up day.
Park activities are being planned

The Park Board is requesting to spend \$350.00 for an assessment of the park. This will include ADA and Title VI. Bruce made a motion to allow the expense of the park assessment. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The Park Board would like to apply for a 501c3. They need to form a Friends of the Park Foundation.

Leslie Doctor is interested in being on the Park Board. Larry made a motion to appoint Leslie as a fourth member of the Park Board. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Welcome, Leslie, as a member of the Park Board.

Advisory Plan Commission:

Nothing new to add. The APC still needs to appoint 2 more members. Documents were sent to Don Gray from Amy in regard to the zoning of a garage on Church St.

Storm Water Board:

Sara reported that she, Ben and Bruce attended the Rural Water Conference.

Police Department:

Nothing to report at this time.

Fire Department:

No attendance

Clerk/Treasurer:

The CT reported she attended the ILMCT conference. Many topics were covered, and much was learned.

We received our supplemental revenue from the ARPA. We received \$672.13

We are working on renewing our liability insurance. We should have fences around the wastewater ponds. We also need signs posted advising NO TRESPASSING, NO SWIMMING.

The liability insurance carrier has also requested that the Town of Thorntown be added as an additional insured to the policies of WAVE and the K of P for the festival.

We can now use ARPA funds for a match for a Community Crossing grant.

Unfinished Business:

In regard to the electrical quote from IMPA for the wastewater project, Gary Moody reported that the utility department and Striegel will work together to provide the 3-phase electrical needed at the new lagoon site.

Larry made a motion to accept the \$8320.00 proposal from IXOM for the maintenance of the Solar Bee. This is a 3-year option. We will pay this annually for 3 years. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

Bruce made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-2, a Resolution Voiding checks 2 years old. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce made a motion to accept the contract between the Town of Thorntown and the WeBo Little League for use of the diamonds at the park. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

A quote was submitted from Hawkins Carpet in the amount of \$9553.00 for the Town Hall. Sara requested two more quotes.

It was mentioned this may not be the time to apply for a Community Crossings grant. The price of fuel is up and that means the cost of paving will be up. Sara would like to sit down with Gary and determine what needs to be done. Amy advised the ADA/Title VI documents need to be approved and we should do so April or May. We must have these ADA/Title VI documents for CCG application.

The 6 additional acres purchased by the Town at the wastewater site has been cash rent property prior to the Town’s purchase. Dustin Dickerson has been farming this ground. Dave will talk to Dustin and see if he would still be interested in renting the acreage. Shawn made a motion for Amy to go ahead and create a cash rent contract. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Two bids were received for mowing the fire department. Professional Lawn Design submitted \$175 per mow including trimming. B Jamison Lawncare submitted \$150 per mow including trimming. Bruce made a motion to accept the B Jamison Lawncare quote at \$150 per mow. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of a snow removal contract with the Thorntown Public Library as well as discussion of agenda procedures have been tabled.

Other Business:

Bruce noted that he would like to see the Council move forward with litigation on the building located at 113 E. Main St. Dave made a motion to turn over the matter to the town attorney and move forward. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Bruce asked about the barricades in front of 113 E. Main St. Sara said we will contact INDOT to see if there are other options.

Adjournment:

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

