

TOWN OF THORNTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
July 18, 2022  
7:00 PM

The July 28, 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 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:

Sara Fairfield – Council	Amy Noonung, Attorney	2 citizens
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants	Mark Sullivan – Midwestern Eng.
Dave Williams - Council	Gary Moody - Utility	Monte Striegel – Striegel Design
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	Max Allen – Utility Board
Larry Truitt - Council	Derek Babcock – PD/Park	Mike McKenzie – Utility Board
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		Colin Sullivan - BFS
		David Buck - BFS

**Presentations/Guests:**

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineering, presented claims regarding the Wastewater Utility improvements. Invoices due Striegel Design and Construction total \$348,046.00. The project is complete and Striegel Design and Construction have vacated the premises. Mark presented a change order in the amount of \$75,404.38 due to additional digging and moving of dirt and clay. Shawn made a motion to accept the change order. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Mark was very proud to announce there was not a punch list. Striegel Design and Construction did a fantastic job. There are a few minor things to complete and will have one final payout.

Larry made a motion to accept the Certificate of Completion on the wastewater project. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Shawn made a motion to allow payment of the contractor’s application of payment (\$348,046.00). Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Colin Sullivan and David Buck of BFS, presented a quote sheet for several options for road paving. The streets are recorded as 2 or 3 on the PASER rating schedule. The Council will study the proposal. The deadline for grant application submittal has been moved to August 31.

Dave Buck, announced the Council needs a Resolution to adopt an ADA/Title VI plan. This will be a living document making updates regularly. Bruce Burtner volunteered to be the ADA Coordinator.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

Ms. Becky Harder presented her concern regarding “junk” in a neighbor’s yard. Marshal Frank Clark advised he has visited the premise and there are no code violations.

Ms. Mona Neese had a concern regarding a young lady who walks or rides her bicycle while looking at her phone. Frank is discussing the situation with the young lady’s mother regarding safety.

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

### **Utilities:**

Gary looked into paving the parking lot to the north of the doctors' offices. He was told the town did not own the lot. This needs to be checked into.

Gary submitted a quote from Clemens Contracting for pot hole repair. He would also need to know which streets are being considered for the CCG grant so we don't repair a street that may get a new surface.

The Thorntown Public Library has contacted the Utility Department asking if they would install a couple of signs showing the direction to the library. Larry made a motion to allow the Street Department to install the signs. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Regarding striping on Main St., Gary is waiting on response from the State to see if they plan to paint the lines.

Max Allen, Utility Board President, planned to discuss salary ordinance. However, the proper information had not been received by the Council.

### **Park Board:**

Derek Babcock, Park Board President, advised they were working on the Master Plan. He also was seeking information from the Council regarding the mowing of the Little League diamonds. During the season the mowing company mows nice decorative lines on the diamonds. Little League paid for the mowing during the season. Little League season is now over and the Park Department needs to take over the mowing. To continue with the aesthetic appearance the cost would be \$200 per mow. The Park Board can get the mowing completed for \$100 per mow with the Town/Park providing the gas and the mower. The Council is satisfied with a regular mow. Gary Moody advised that next summer the Utility Department may not be able to help mow the park. Sara Fairfield refrained from any conversation regarding the mowing as she had a conflict of interest.

### **Advisory Plan Commission:**

Nothing to report

### **Storm Water Board:**

Nothing to report

### **Police:**

Marshal Clark noted that with the cost of fuel the Police Department has almost depleted their appropriation for fuel for the police vehicles. He was asking how we can handle the payment of future invoices for the fuel. Shawn made a motion to allow to draw from the Town Savings Public Safety Fund for the police fuel. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Fire:**

Nothing to report

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:**

The Clerk/Treasurer noted that chair mats have been added so the carpet can be better preserved. She also requested to have rugs at the entry doors to catch debris into the building. CINTAS has provided a quote. Dave requested to have a second quote.

Koren presented an invoice to Kleinpeter Consulting in the amount of \$24,400 for administration of the OCRA grant. Sara made a motion to allow payment. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Consent Agenda:**

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 6 and June 20, 2022, minutes. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Claims were approved and signed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sara advised she will prepare a job description for a Building Inspector position and put before the Council at the August 1 meeting.

Dave inquired of the status of the JC Cocina restaurant. Sara advised inspections have been completed and he is open for business.

**New Business:**

Dax discussed having a facility assessment. We are in need of some repairs with public restrooms and drains.

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sara Fairfield  
Council President

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Koren Gray  
Clerk/Treasurer

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