

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2022
7:00 PM

The April 4, 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 – absent	Max Allen – Utility Board
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – MS Consultants	Brent Haag - Utility
Dave Williams - Council		1 citizen
Shawn McClintock – Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	
Larry Truitt – absent	Robby Viergutz - Deputy	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer		

Bruce Burtner made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 12, workshop. Dave made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Presentations/Guests:

No presentations/Guests

Public Comments/Concerns:

Peter DeMoss, town citizen, noted his concerns regarding a wastewater and electric rates social media posting. He stated he was disappointed in the “behavior” of town officials.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

Utilities:

Max Allen asked why the utilities workers did not receive a raise for the Street Department stipend. Sara believes this was an oversight. A new salary ordinance will be prepared reflecting the 3% raise.

Park Board:

No member of the Park Board was present. However, Sara advised the park clean-up day was a huge success. She also thanked Dax for arranging lunch from Chick-Fil-A.

Advisory Plan Commission:

Sara announced and appointed Frank Clark as a member of the APC. We will have his swear in April 18.

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to present

Police Department:

Nothing present.

Fire Department:

Nothing to present

Clerk/Treasurer:

The CT reported that the Building Inspector has 181 hours on his timesheets from January through March.

The CT asked Dave where we are with Dustin Dickerson and renting the acreage at the wastewater site. Dave advised Dustin is very interested in renting the parcel of land.

Jeremy Young has fixed our gas leak. Now we have heat!

We have received the paperwork showing we have paid the \$1,500,000 loan regarding the wastewater project.

Our NFP liability insurance agent, Bill Whalen, will be here April 18, to discuss our renewal coming due in May. I gave copies of property and equipment to the Utility Supt, Police Chief, and the Park Board President. They were asked to show a replacement value for their respective items. No department listed updated replacement costs. The CT is concerned about RC on the water towers. The insurance agent mentioned it would more than likely be \$800,000-\$1,000,00 for replacement on the towers. We currently are insuring for \$400,000+ on each. Dax provided a cost per gallon that could be used for insurance purposes.

A discussion ensued regarding the Building Inspector wage. Sara requested a committee including the Building Inspector meet and discuss some options for moving forward.

Unfinished Business:

Carpet quotes are tabled for April 18

Thorntown Public Library and a snow contract have been tabled

Investment of Fire LIT funds has been tabled

New Business:

Council retreat has been announced for April 23, 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

Other Business:

Dax spoke of other options for the Building Inspector, and options the Council and town can take moving forward.

Adjournment:

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____