

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 2023
7:00 PM

The June 5, 2023, 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	Dax Norton, Consultant
Dave Williams, Council	Amy Nooning, Attorney
Bruce Burtner, Council	3 citizens
Shawn McClintock, Council	
Larry Truitt, Council	
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	

Presentations/Guests:

None

Public Comments/Concerns:

A Plum St. resident expressed concerns regarding the traffic from Zoom Auto on Plum St. The Zoom Auto address is zoned commercial use. This citizen also expressed concerns regarding drugs in the town.

Another citizen asked about the intentions of 113 E. Main St. and a property on Vine St. Both situations are undergoing proper procedures for their respective addresses.

Consent Agenda:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:
(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

Advisory Plan Commission:

Police: (Report previously submitted to Council)

Fire:

Utilities:

Park Board:

Storm Water Board:

Sanitary Sewer:

Clerk/Treasurer:

Nothing to report

Consultant Report:

Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Smith Trash Service is willing to do the Town Clean-up Day as they did in 2022. There will be a base fee of \$3500 plus the cost of each load to the dump site. Dave made a motion to set up clean-up day September 9. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0. The Clerk/Treasurer will request a formal quote.

Drew Guenther, the newly hired full time Building Inspector, started today. He plans to job shadow other inspectors this week. He will be mowing the park and fire department. Dax will look into the cost of a truck for the Building Inspector. This vehicle will not have personal use.

New Business:

It was brought to attention the July 3 meeting falls during holiday time, and September 4 meeting is Labor Day. Sara made a motion to combine with the APC July 10, at 6:00 pm. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara made a motion to move the September 4 meeting to September 11. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. It will be determined at a later time if the Council will combine with the APC.

Strategic Thoughts:

Regarding Economic Development/Rehabilitation of Commercial District/113 E. Main: the engineer report should be received this week and will include an estimate to bring the building to appropriate code. There are investors interested in this building. The Town can take advantage of the READI Grant as an economic development project.

There is a buyer for the Odd Fellows building on W Main St. The investor intends to totally renovate this property. He has also expressed an interest in 113 E. Main St. The Council will be meeting in executive session with this investor.

Park General Obligation (GO) Bond was discussed in regard to updating the Park including ADA. Steve Brock is currently working on a Fiscal Plan proposal. The Council discussed some of the improvements that could be made by applying for a grant and a GO Bond.

Larry talked with Lynn Davis, Sugar Creek Township Trustee, and feels that the Trustee is on board with the reorganization of the Town and Sugar Creek Township. The Town cannot ask Washington

Township to reorganize as of now as reorganization must be contiguous ground. It would work best if Sugar Creek Township initiated the reorganization. A resolution process would be the first step. Dax can provide a resolution template. Representatives from the Township would be a part of the Town Council.

Other Business:

Shawn received a complaint about emergency vehicles going too fast on runs through town.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Larry Truitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Dave Williams made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____