

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 2022
7:00 PM

The December 5, 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 Nooning, Town Attorney
Bruce Burtner - Council	Jerry Seymour, Bldg. Inspct.
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark – Marshal
Shawn McClintock – Council	Jeff Randel – business owner
Larry Truitt - Council	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	

Presentations/Guests:

No special presentations

Public Comments/Concerns:

Dave Williams asked for the Arbor project annexation to be added back to the agenda for the evening. Attorney, Amy Nooning, advised that Arbor withdrew the petition for annexation. If they didn't withdraw the petition the legal land description would be incorrect. They are looking to add more land to the project due to some unforeseen information regarding the wetlands area. Dave withdrew his request.

Jeff Randel, owner of the building at 118 E. Main St., expressed concern about the alley draining toward the structure located at 118 E. Main St. He advised water also runs south and pools. Sara advised she would speak with Utility Supt. Gary Moody to see what could be done to rectify this situation. Mr. Randel also requested for the alley to be a one way alley running from north to south. Mr. Randel plans to open a take-out restaurant and would like to add a drive through window. The Town Attorney will prepare a Resolution for the December 19, 2022, meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Adoption of the minutes of the November 1, 2022, were tabled as the minutes did not previously reach the Council prior to the meeting.

Sara made a motion to accept the claims and payroll dockets that were presented at the last meeting. The actual vote was accidentally omitted during the meeting. Larry made a second to accept the claims and payroll dockets. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

No hearing

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

Advisory Plan Commission:

Police:

Fire:

Utilities:

Park Board:

Storm Water Board:

Clerk/Treasurer:

The CT reported she received an email from Molly Whitehead, Boone County Economic Development, that the Boone County Commissioners approved \$10,000 for a housing study. They want to work with Advance, Jamestown, and Thorntown to provide an analysis of current and future needs. There will not be a cost to the Town. They may need to obtain utility and infrastructure information from the Town.

Unfinished Business:

The 2023 Salary Ordinance was presented. Sara noted that since 6 meetings have been added and now there will be 24 meetings per year, she recommended a pay increase for the Council members. Sara determined the per meeting rate of the current salary and proposed \$5040.00 per member annually, and \$6020.00 annually for the President of the Council. Dave made a motion to increase the Council salaries as stated. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 4-1 with Shawn McClintock voting nay.

Sara also suggested a stipend for the Clerk/Treasurer based on longevity and/or educational certifications obtained. This would help show the CT their value without raising the CT salary. The CT salary cannot be reduced so stipends can help to show appreciation for the knowledge and time spent by the Clerk/Treasurer. She asked the Council to consider this proposal. Sara will work with the Clerk/Treasurer to determine an appropriate stipend.

The 2023 Salary Ordinance will be revisited December 29, 2022.

The professional services contract with MS Consultants was tabled for December 19, 2022.

The Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plan was tabled.

New Business:

Shawn made a motion to accept and engagement with Krieg DeVault for HR legal services. The terms are as needed. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The Council has received 3 quotes for camera service for our infrastructure from the Utility Supt. This goes hand in hand with the Wasetwater Master Plan but it is a separate procedure. No further discussion at this time.

Regarding the DAR Military Banner program, the Council would like to know who pays for the brackets, how many poles are needed, type of poles. Koren will check with Jane Lee.

With business being completed the Council took the opportunity to discuss possible plans for the future. The Council would like to include the community as to the vision of the future. The group will invite a variety of citizens to a Strategic Planning meeting, January 2, 2023, 7:00 pm at the Thorntown Library.

Sara also shared she attended a Multi-Hazard Mitigation meeting. This entitles the Town for FEMA help if ever needed.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____