

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2022
7:00 PM

The October 17, 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, Town Attorney	Mike Martin – Fire Chief
Bruce Burtner - Council	Dax Norton – absent	George Gideon – Utility Board
Dave Williams - Council	Frank Clark – Marshal	
Shawn McClintock – Council	Robby Viergutz - Deputy	
Larry Truitt - Council	Jerry Seymour, Bild. Inspct.	
Koren Gray – Clerk/Treasurer	Oksana Polhuy – MS Consult.	3 citizens

Presentations/Guests:

None

Public Comments/Concerns:

None

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of October 3, 2022, tabled until next meeting.

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

Advisory Plan Commission:

Don Gray discussed the education they have received from Oksana.

Don also brought up we have an exterior wall building issue with 118 E. Main. The question at this time, “Is the building unsafe?”. The building owner is planning to open a business in the building. After much discussion the Town Council considered the building unsafe and an immediate danger to citizens. The Council would like to send a letter to the building owner addressing the Unsafe Building Ordinance. The alley needs to be blocked on the north end and the south end to pedestrian and mobile traffic. Amy will prepare the letter to be signed by the Building Inspector and followed by protocol.

Police:

Nothing to report

Fire:

Chief Martin advised the firefighters will be tested soon to make sure their air masks fit properly.

Utilities:

IMPA Contract – we just need to get the signed contract back to IMPA and a date for implementation will be addressed.

Gary has a second quote of \$135,000.00 for the camera for water/sewer lines.

Gary also advised they will be picking up equipment from Midwest Mfg. November 1 and leaf pick up will commence and run through the end of November.

Park Board:

No one present

Storm Water Board:

Nothing to report

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

The Clerk/Treasurer advised the 2023 Salary Ordinance will be processed in the near future.

The CT will be attending 3, ½ day workshops this upcoming week. These workshops are the ILMCT Virtual Fall meeting.

Public Hearing:

The Council President opened a Public Hearing at 7:51 pm, concerning Resolution #2022-15 for the Expenditure of ARPA Funds. The ARPA Fund has been designated as Lost Revenue but must be appropriated prior to any expenditure. The ARPA Fund amount is \$356,484.46. Council President, Sara Fairfield, read Resolution 2022-15 aloud. After entertaining any questions from the citizens, and no questions or comments presented. Shawn made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing with a second from Bruce. Motion passed 5-0. Sara closed the Public Hearing at 7:56 pm.

Bruce made a motion to allow approval of Resolution 2022-15. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business presented

New Business:

Ordinance 2022-18, an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Land Usage Ordinance was presented. Oksana Polhuy with M.S. Consultants, explained the language of the ordinance and the purpose of the ordinance. Exhibit 1 is attached to and made a part of the minutes of October 17, 2022. A copy of Exhibit 1 may also be reviewed at the Clerk/Treasurer's office, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown. Town Attorney, Amy Nooning, noted that all statutory requirements have been followed in this ordinance. Larry made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sara made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-18. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

The Council agreed they would continue with the Trick or Treat event the same as in the past, Monday, October 31, from 6:00-9:00.

Other Business:

Nothing presented

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____