

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023
7:00 PM

The December 4, 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	Frank Clark, Marshal
Bruce Burtner, Council	Mark Sullivan – Midwestern Engineering
Shawn McClintock, Council	Peter DeMass
Larry Truitt, Council	Gary Coffman
Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer	

Presentations/Guests:

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineers, presented a power point of the liner being installed at the wastewater lagoon. Each seam was tested to be sure the seam was secure. IEC did extensive testing on each joint to insure a secure product. IEC is the largest liner company in the country. Mark mentioned he is concerned a fence is not surrounding the lagoons. This liner makes this lagoon slick and more susceptible to someone slipping and falling in. Mark has remained in contact with IDEM on procedures.

Sara asked Larry for updates on the re-organization. At the meeting held on November 30, with Sugar Creek Township, Washington Township and Jefferson Township, the decision was to let Lynn Davis know by January 17, as to which townships are interested in moving forward.

Public Comments/Concerns:

none

Consent Agenda:

The minutes from November 20, were the only item on the Consent Agenda. Sara made a motion to approve the minutes. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

Sara opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm. This Public Hearing is for considering a Resolution for Additional Appropriation for the CCD Fund – Capital Projects. The amount of additional appropriation is \$63,000. There were no comments or questions. Larry made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:34. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Bruce made a motion to approve the Resolution 2023-15. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2023-16, an Ordinance for Salaries, Wages and Benefits for 2024, was discussed. The Council tabled the ordinance for December 18.

The following are being held on the agenda; however, proper paperwork is not ready yet:

Ordinance Establishing the Procedure to Calculate and Collect Utility late fees

Resolution transferring funds from Utility operation to Utility depreciation

Approval of the Employee Handbook

A proposal from Krohn and Assoc. was presented. This proposal is for a Water and Sewer Impact fee. The Council would like for the Town Attorney to review. Proposal will be tabled.

A contract was presented to continue services with MS Consultants for Municipal Operations consulting. This contract is in the amount of \$30,000, which is less than the contract for 2023. Shawn made a motion to accept the contract Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Council President, Sara Fairfield, appointed Bruce Burtner and Peter DeMass to the Redevelopment Commission. The RDC needs 5 members and also needs a representative from the Western Boone School Board.

New Business:

No new business to present

Other Business:

Consultant, Dax Norton, advised the Council a Strategic session should be planned for January.

Bruce inquired about the balance in the Park Maintenance line. Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, advised she has quotes in hand for work at the park and the remaining balance from 2023 will be encumbered for 2024.

The Council had discussion regarding the burned-out homes in town limits.

Department/Board and Commissions Reports:

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

Advisory Plan Commission:

Building Inspector

Fire:

Park Board:

Police: (Report previously submitted to Council)

Storm Water Board:

Sanitary Sewer:

Utilities:

Consultant Report:

Clerk/Treasurer:

The Clerk/Treasurer requested permission to pay the Building Inspector mileage from June until November 27. The new truck was in our possession effective November 27. She also requested to pay Thorntown Auto repair for transmission repair for the 2019 Tahoe and ICE Miller for their assistance on the 2020-2022 Audit involving the ARPA funding. Sara made a motion to allow these expenditures in addition to the the presented APV Register. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Koren also reported that Mr. Jim Stoops has been in town late summer and fall taking pictures of the town. Mr. Stoops is a retired man and goes to towns and creates videos and places them on his Facebook page. She hopes everyone will sign in to Jim Stoops on Facebook and see our video. It is a very nice presentation.

Adjournment:

With no other business to be presented, Shawn McClintock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Sara Fairfield made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Sara Fairfield
Council President

Koren Gray
Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____