TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2025

7:00 PM

The January 13, 2025, 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 Max Allen, USB

Bruce Burtner, Council Gary Moody, Ut. Supt.

Dave Williams, Council Frank Clark, Marshal

Shawn McClintock, Council Robby Viergutz, Deputy

Ben Truitt, Building Inspector

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer Dan Cutshaw, MS Consultants 8 citizens

Erick Smith - APC

Amy Nooning, Town Attorney-via phone Nancy Durkin - APC

Paperwork was presented to be signed by Council President in regard to the Income Survey underway by Kleinpeter Consulting. Sara signed those documents.

The Town Council began the meeting by electing officers for 2025. Shawn made a motion to elect Dave Williams as President for 2025. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0. Sara made a motion to elect Bruce Burtner as Vice President for 2025. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

The next action of business was appointing a new Council member. Bruce made a motion and nomination to appoint Randy Bruder to the Thorntown Town Council. Sara made a second. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, performed the Oath of Office ceremony for Randy and welcomed him.

**Presentations/Guests:** None

**Public Comments/Concerns:** None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Police:** (Report previously submitted to Council)

Nothing to report

**Fire:** No representative present

**Advisory Plan Commission:** Nothing to report

**Building Inspector**: Ben Truitt, has been handling the permits since December 16. He advised all is running smoothly. However, applicants just need to be sure to submit their fees.

**Utilities**: Max Allen, USB, made a recommendation to the Council to appoint Erick Smith to the Utility Service Board. Sara made a motion to appoint Erick to the USB. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Clerk/Treasurer, Koren Gray, performed the Oath of Office ceremony and welcomed Erick.

Max and Koren explained that Pat McPeak would serve a 3 year term, Erick Smith, a 2 year term, and Max himself is beginning his second 4 year term. Since last meeting we discovered the USB should have had staggered terms. This assignment will get the USB back on track. In the future, each USB member will serve a 4-year term.

**Park Board:** Sarabi Wallace, Park Board President, gave an update on Park events. There were roughly 250 attendees for the Holiday on Main event. Positive feedback was received regarding this event. The Angel Tree sponsored 35 individuals/6 families for Christmas.

Event Schedule for 2025: Spring Clean-up April 26, 10:00-2:00

Farmers & Artisans market – hoping for 2nd weekend each month May, June, August – plans still ongoing

July 4th BBQ and movie night

Community Service Day – September 13

Fall Clean-up – November 8, 10:00-2:00

Holiday on Main – December 13, 4:00-6:00

The Park Board is currently seeking quotes for a possible restroom at the Lions Park.

Thorntown Friends of the Parks Foundation has been transferred to the charge of Lisa Vitameni. This groups is currently working on a 501c3 application.

**Storm Water Board**:

Nothing to report

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Nothing to report

**Customary Items for Approval:**

Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting. Sara made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

APV Register and Payroll Dockets were signed.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** The CT reported financial print outs will not be available until the year end process is complete. Koren asked if we could continue paying for the water share of health insurance with sewer and electric funds to help alleviate some burden from the water fund. Dave made a motion to continue paying the health insurance from sewer and electric. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Koren reported live streaming is underway. She is starting with a few meetings with the Council. After all seems to be working smoothly the other boards will be set up for live streaming.

Resolution 2025-1, Amending Fund #2515. This resolution is renaming the Project-Police to a new name of Traffic Safety and Enforcement, per instruction of the State of Indiana. Bruce made a motion to approve the Resolution 2025-1. Dave made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Council addressed the project in regard to the alley on Main St. between the Pizza King and Salon on 47. Council member, Dave Williams, did follow up on the alley repair and did have a discussion with property owner, Sherri Randel. Dave made a motion to approve the project and approve the recommendation of the engineer that the job met specifications. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Bruce made a motion to allow Dave to sign the post-construction documents and allow Newby Excavating to be paid. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business**:

Building Inspector, Ben Truitt, requested software for inspection reports. He also requested an ipad for mobility. Sara made a motion to allow payment from the CCI Fund not to exceed $500. Bruce made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Business**:

Dan Cutshaw, MS Consultants, provided documentation with approximate costs of the water plant update. There are many options to discuss before a final decision will be made.

Dan also noted that he and Jarrod Hall of Krohn & Associates agree that it is appropriate for a Water Capacity fee of $4000 for new build be implemented. The current fee is $1300. Sara made a motion to increase the fee. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. A public hearing will need to be held and will be planned for February 3. The Clerk/Treasurer will handle the posting.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Dave Williams Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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