

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2016

The Thorntown Town Council met on January 18, 2016, at the Thorntown Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were Town Council Members Larry Acton, Don Johnson, Mark Garing, Koren Gray, and Mike Hight. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Planning Director Frank Small, Attorney Dennis Williams, Utility Superintendent/ Street Department Gary Moody, Utility Board George Gideon, Marshal Russ Voiles, Deputy Marshal Frank Clark, Fire Chief Mike Martin, and EDC Director Molly Whitehead.

Seven citizens of the Town were also present.

Don Johnson reminded everyone that if they have an item for the agenda it should be turned in on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the council meeting.

Larry Acton moved to accept the minutes. Mike Hight seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Board: Frank Small reported that Dollar General and Family Dollar have been making inquiries about the old grocery store.

Park Board: Two people have shown interest in serving on the board. Must be a resident of Boone County. Don asked if there are any other people interested. It is a 4 member board.

Utility Board: The Utility Board recommended Harold Cox as a member of the Board.

Koren Gray nominated Harold as a Utility Board member. This motion was seconded by Mike and the motion passed 5-0.

Gary reported that the lift station is Westwood cannot be repaired because there are no longer parts available. The present lift station was constructed in 1965. One half of the lift station is

currently inoperable. The procedure will be to get an engineer's design, ask for bids, and then construct a new lift station. Money is available in the sewer fund.

Mark Garing moved that the Utilities proceed with constructing a new lift station. Mike seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The maintenance contract for the Solar Bees at the sewage pond is up for renewal. Gary recommends a three year contract for a total of \$15,176.

Mike moved to accept Gary's recommendation. Koren seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Council thanked the Street Department for Downtown snow removal.

Fire Department: Mike reported that he will work with the Clerk-Treasurer on budgets. Also that in four years the Fire Department will have to replace 15 sets of turn out gear (approximately \$2,500 per set) and that the medical van is near the end of its useful life.

Molly Whitehead gave a presentation on why Thorntown should belong to the Boone County EDC. Their mission is to increase tax values. They help with recruiting new business and also help existing businesses. Minimum cost is \$250 but most communities contribute \$1,000 or more. Question was asked if we have the money to participate. Tabled until next meeting.

Mike moved to accept the Stalcop report. Seconded by Koren. Passed 5-0.

Larry Acton moved that a letter be sent to the State Board of Accounts requesting an audit for the Town of Thorntown. This motion was seconded by Koren and passed 5-0.

Discussion on Town credit card. Tabled until next meeting.

Review of claims.

Mike moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Koren. Passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

DON JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

