

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

December 19, 2016

The Thorntown Town Council met on December 19, 2016, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Don Johnson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Council members Don Johnson, Larry Acton, Koren Gray, and Larry Truitt. Mark Garing was absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Utility Superintendent/ Street Department Gary Moody, Utility Board President Harold Cox, Marshal Russ Voils, Town Attorney Dennis Williams, Web site developer Robbie Acton, Planning Board President Frank Small, Fire Chief Mike Martin, Steve Christian representing the County Highway Department, Building Inspector Jack Pedigo, Methodist Church demolition contractor Joe Lovell, John Shives newly elected Town Board member, and Park Board President Angie Moody.

One (1) citizen of the Town was also present.

Larry A. moved to accept the November minutes. His motion was seconded by Larry T. and passed 4-0.

John Gillan administered the Oath of Office to John Shives as a new Board member.

REPORTS

County Highway: Steve Christian, engineer, reported on the re-decking of the Sugar Creek and Prairie Creek bridges on Sugar Creek Road. Both bridges will be closed for the duration of the project. Construction to take 45-60 days. The detour will be 650 N to US 52 and US 52 North to Sugar Creek Road. Will work with closing and opening date of school. Railings will not be replaced. Larry A. to inspect.

Fire Department: Presented November report.

Park Board: No Report.

Utilities: Lift station done except for dirt and gravel. It is operational.

Stalcop: OK

Street Department: Low bridge signs up on North Market.

Planning: Joe Lovell reported on the demolition of the Methodist Church. Water, sewer, electric and gas have been taken care of. Minimum amount of asbestos has been found. It will be remediated, disposed of, and paperwork filed. Six foot chain link fence will be installed around property. Will start demolition on January 4 and aim to be done by April 7. Crusher will be used on bricks and the dust will be used to fill basement. Three foot of dirt will be placed on top,

Police: November report presented.

Reorganization: John to print Indiana Code and distribute to Council members.

OLD BUSINESS

Development Director: Don moved to hire Angie Moody as Development Director. Larry T. seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-10: Larry T. moved to accept Ordinance 2016-10, An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of all Town Officers and Employees of the Thorntown Utilities for the Year 2017. Koren seconded this motion and it passed 4-0.

Larry T. moved to accept the Utility budgets for 2017. Seconded by Larry A. Passed 4-0.

LIT: Board asked to make a wish list of spending for the LIT money.

Special Meeting: December 29 at 8:30 AM, to discuss dates and times of meetings, dates and number of meetings.

CONCERNS

Smith Property: Is he living in the building with no heat, water, or electricity? Is he using a kerosene heater? Larry A.; can Indiana's unsafe building law be used. Detoriating condition of Building. Can Fire Marshal be used to investigate?

Building Inspector: Question about how he is paid (fees from building permits). How would he be paid if he inspects old buildings?

REVIEW OF CLAIMS.

Koren moved to adjourn. Larry T seconded this motion and it passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, PRESIDENT