

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2018

The Thorntown Town Council met on December 3, 2018, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President, Don Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member present were: Don Johnson, Bruce Burtner, John Shives. Mark Garing was absent. Also present were Attorney Amy Nooning, Community Director Angie Moody, Utility Board members Harold Cox and George Gideon.

John Shives made a motion that the minutes of November 19, 2018, be approved. The motion was seconded by Bruce Burtner. Motion passed 3-0.

No reports were requested for the first meeting of the month.

Mrs. Moody advised it is official that the grocery store building has been sold and closing has been conducted. Some permits are in motion. Hopefully we will have a new business by April 2019! It is speculated that it will be a Dollar General Store.

The new locks will be installed by Haley's Lock and Key on Friday, December 7. The locks will be on the Planning Dept./Community Director door, the Town Hall door, and the doors between the garage and the Town Hall office.

Mrs. Moody reported that the furnace has been repaired but we still need to get estimates on a new one. Also, Jeremy Young Professional Plumbing has repaired the water pipes. We do need to contact a plumber to check into our slow running drains.

Smith Building – tabled until December 17, 2018

Advisory Planning Law and Board of Zoning Appeals – they will need to schedule a meeting in January 2019. Amy will need the email addresses of the Appeals Board. Their meeting will also need to be posted. They will need to select the schedule of meetings for 2019. Amy will have some guidelines for the new Board of Zoning Appeals. The first reading of the Board of Zoning Appeals ordinance was read.

Permit for the well drilling: Attorney Nooning recommended that we would need a bond in case of surface cracks in the future or sinking. The Utility Board should review also. We want to guarantee that after any drilling the town property is returned to its original status. Mrs. Nooning will rework the Permit for the drilling. The board will have further discussion December 17.

Information for Marshal Clark has been sent to him to enroll in the health coverage.

Salary Ordinance Amendment (must be adopted by December 31, 2018)(should include changing the payroll period to bi-weekly), language for community Development Director salary/wages, and updated salary for the two full time deputies will be combined and will be approved at the December 17, 2018 meeting. August 6, 2018, the Board voted to provide a raise to the Community Director. The new figure will be \$17.30 per hour and no more than 25 hours per week. Angie wants to be able to work over 30 hours per week if needed. Some weeks she will not turn in 30 hours. She also is willing to take 3 weeks of unpaid vacation time. Amy suggested making the ordinance read \$17.30 per hour “up to” 29.75 hours per week or just make a salary for the year. The Community Director would need to keep track of her hours. This will be tabled for December 17.

George Gideon has some discussion on the storm water issue. We need to develop a means of building a savings to address our storm water issues. We also need to receive more information from the Grant advisors. We would like to get information from other small towns as to the fees they charge the patrons. The Storm Water Board will be discussed at a later date.

There was discussion regarding updating the town bookkeeping records. We have a contract to review and accept. A motion was made by Don Johnson to accept the contract, second by Bruce Burtner, motion passed 3-0. Retha Hicks is coming December 7.

Mr. Johnson discussed the comp time issues from prior to the acceptance of the new comp ordinance in August. Robbie Hine will work with Marshal Clark to use some of his current comp time.

Attorney Noonung advised we had no news regarding filing against John Gillan’s bond for payment of the additional services needed to balance the books. It is too early in the process to make those decisions.

The current council will sign the nepotism documents at the December 17 meeting. This form allows current board members to make note that we have not violated any of the nepotism laws.

A reminder was made that the new Council for 2019 will need to conduct a special meeting as soon as possible after January to establish President, Vice President, and a schedule of meetings for the year.

Ordinance for Adopting Purchasing Policies was read. The policy is necessary so every purchase does not need to be bid out. Mr. Burtner made motion to suspend the rules for this ordinance, second by Mr. Johnson. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the purchasing policy ordinance, second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 3-0. This will be Ordinance 2018-7.

The Park Board would like to encumber funds from 2018 to actually be spent in 2019. Some of the work they would like to do will need spring like weather.

The Board had discussion regarding the ordinance numbers for 2018. The following was decided to be correct:

#1 Unsafe Building

#2 Noise

#3

No concerns from others.

As this was the first meeting of the month no claims were signed.

Mr. Shives made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm, second by Mr. Burtner. Motion passed 3-0.

Don Johnson
President

Attest: Koren Gray
Interim Clerk-Treasurer