

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 2018

The Thorntown Town Council met on April 2, 2018, 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 John Shives, Mark Garing, Larry Acton, Don Johnson and Koren Gray.

Also present were Angie Moody, Attorney Amy Nooning, Marshal Russ Voles, Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Don Strong and Frank Small.

Eight members of the public were present.

Koren moved to accept the March 19, 2018, minutes. Motion seconded by Mark and passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Smith Building: GRW has re-inspected the building. Work done on the building was only a Band-Aid. Caulking did not address structural issues, windows are still a problem, back wall problems have not been addressed. Roof was looked at with bucket truck. Building is not in compliance.

GRW will continue with process. GRW has sent letter to owners.

May 1, 2018, is court date for Thorntown Ordinance violations.

Country Aire Subdivision: Two individuals are going to build on lots on Grant Street and lots on Franklin Street. Don asked if the council wants to pursue Lincoln Street.

Koren—if lots face Grant or Franklin Streets, it is not a problem. If they are facing Lincoln Street it is a problem.

Mark—if someone buys inside lots and wants to develop, they must follow procedures and install Lincoln Street. Larry concurs.

Mark made a motion to leave this situation alone unless someone wants to develop inside lots. Larry seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.

Paid Time Off-Comp Time: Amy reported that FLSA states that police with less than five officers are exempt from OT and comp time.

Don states we want to offer comp time but we need a written policy.

Russ-No policy on when comp time is used by. Given for extra work hours and holidays worked.

Koren—How many comp days can an officer build up? Russ answered that it varies depending upon circumstances.

Larry—Comp time needs to be tracked. Should be used up in 60 day period.

Don—Use up in 90 days. Get something in writing.

Koren—Should sick days not used be allowed to build up to use as an incentive.

Mark—Are benefits calculated on date of hire or calendar year? Currently first year is date of hire and thereafter by calendar year. Benefits should not build up.

Russ—(1) Use comp hours in year earned, (2) carry some over with board approval, (3) nightmare to track if used in 60-90 days, (4) need flexibility to insure police coverage, (5) what about comp hours earned in Dec. None available in January.

Don—Will work on drafting an ordinance on April 16.

Cook House: House will be roofed.

Re-Organization: Would need resolution between town and township(s) to proceed.

Would then need financial survey. Approximate cost of \$50,000.

Discussion of purpose of re-organization, what do our citizens want, and when will development come to this area.

Don—The feeling is that we will drop this issue.

Franklin Street: Neighbors still having problems with noise. Police have been called and they have contacted individuals involved.

Suggestion—Call police when problems occur, no matter what time, so case file can be built.

Town does not have a noise ordinance. A draft of an ordinance has been distributed for review. Tabled until April 16.

CONCERNS

Potholes. Will be filled when streets are paved in May.

Building permit procedures.

Ordinance posting.

ADJOURN:

Koren moved to adjourn. Mark seconded. Passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, President