

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
July 17, 2017

The Thorntown Town Council met on July 17, 2017, 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 John Shives.

Mark Garing was absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Planning Board President Frank Small, Marshal Russ Voils, Utility Superintendent Gary Moody, Development Director Angie Moody, Utility Board member Harold Cox, and Deputy Marshall Dereck Babcock.

Town Attorney Dennis Williams was absent...

Six (6) citizens of the Town were also present.

Larry moved with a second by Koren to accept the June 19, 2017 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS

Utilities: Doing wind storm cleanup.

Street: Pothole patching has been done.

Stalcop: OK

Park Board: Swing replacement has been done. New park equipment purchased with grant will be shipping the end of July. Movie night in June was successful. There will be a double feature in July, and a final movie night in August. Continuing to do maintenance.

Planning: Architect and lawyers have been calling about Family Dollar. Awning on Railers has separated from building. Will be fixed.

Fire Department: Sugar Creek has a new 3000 gallon tanker. Update on EMT van at next meeting.

Police: Monthly report submitted. Radar sign is slowing down traffic. Don would like to see sign posts at other locations so speed sign can be moved. Six drug arrests in last month. Not enough drug activity to involve drug taskforce. Board asked to look at a third fulltime officer. Papa John's fund raiser coming up.

Development: Would like a password for Park cameras and a monitor for office. Will work with Russ on this. Income survey is halfway to goal. Next step is to go house to house. Suggested implementing a storm water fee. Community Crossings grant has been submitted. Chamber of Commerce will be visiting Thorntown to meet with business owners.

OLD BUSINESS

Elm street house: Has been cleaned up. Trying to get liens removed and property sold. Because of the effort being expended, Town will hold off on enforcement.

Town Trash: Jerry Smith does not recommend. Colfax has 272 homes. On last pickup day only 40 stops were made. People say our utilities are already too high without adding more. Harold Cox responded that Thorntown has some of the lowest utility rates in the state. Bruce Burtner said he would be very happy if his trash bill was cut in half. Would this service be mandatory or voluntary?

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Smith Building—pursue ordinance violation—looks like cracks getting bigger-building is in disrepair.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

How do we inform the public about hose numbering?

Linda Porter: sewage backup from grease at convenience store. Do we need to inspect grease traps monthly?

CLAIMS

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, President