

TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2018

The Thorntown Town Council met on September 17, 2018, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Don Johnson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were council members Don Johnson, Koren Gray, Mark Garing, and John Shives, Bruce Burtner.

Also present were attorney Amy Noonning, Frank Small, Community Activity Director, Angie Moody, Utility Superintendent, Gary Moody, and 24 members of the community.

The minutes of the August 20 meeting were motioned for approval by Mark Garing and seconded by Bruce Burtner. The motion was passed 5-0. Minutes from the executive sessions August 20 and August 28 were also passed, 5-0.

Reports:

Utilities/Street: Gary Moody - all okay. The street department will clean the streets prior to the Festival. The Utilities will work on a plan for leaf pick up.

Council: On September 4, 2018, in an emergency meeting, the council accepted resignation from John Gillan as the town Clerk-Treasurer. To follow official protocol, Mark Garing made a motion to accept Mr. Gillan's resignation, with a second from John Shives. Motion passed – 5-0.

The board also passed a motion that Koren Gray has been appointed to complete some of the duties of the Clerk. It is probable that Koren will resign as a board member and the board will appoint her to be the Clerk-Treasurer for the last quarter of the year. Koren is on the ballot to run for Town Board in the November election.

Donnie reported that the State Board of Accounts has been conducting their routine audit of the town, court, and utilities. We will have an audit exit interview with them in a few weeks.

Park/Development: Angie reported the Park Board has continued to spruce up the park and trail entrances.

Community Development: Angie has been working with Ladd Engineering for a Community Crossing grant. Mark made a motion to hire Ladd, second by Bruce. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning: Nothing new at this time.

Police: Nothing to report at this time.

Fire Department: Report presented to board.

Old Business:

Smith building: The sidewalks will be blocked during the Festival to keep all Festival goers safe.

Building Regulation Ordinance: Still trying to fill Planning Commission Board. Hopefully the Board will be filled by the October 15 meeting. We will also need an ordinance to establish a Planning Commission.

Cook House: Dave Cook will come up with a solution to the blue tarp.

New Business:

FEMA Emergency Plan: Rachael Hanson was present to present the Boone County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. John Shives moved to accept the plan, second by Bruce. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget: At 7:47 the Budget Hearing was opened. The Budget figures were read for public review. Mark motioned to accept the budget, second by Bruce. Motion passed 5-0. In October the town CPA will be present for any public questions. The budget will be approved in October. The hearing closed at 7:59.

Concerns:

There will be an executive session at 7:00pm, September 20, 2018, regarding our police department. A special public meeting will follow.

Claims were signed.

A motion was made by John to adjourn. Mark seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Don Johnson, President

Attest: Koren Gray, Vice President

