

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 10, 2012

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 8:25PM. in the Township Hall. Dale Factor called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Robert Coleman	
	Present		
Richard Wilson	Present	Dale Factor	Present

**VISITORS:** Todd Brune, Mike Tolliver, Mark Holdcroft, Holly Holdcroft, and Todd Swinehart.

#### Reports

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove** provided copies of the September 2012 bank reconciliation. She also provided a fund status report, an appropriation status report, a receipt register and a payment register for September 2012. Additionally, an EMS payroll register was provided for September, 2012. Billie had received a letter from the Perry County Commissioners indicating they approved the vacating of part of Thorn Twp Rd 1061. A copy of their letter is attached.

**Trustee Dale Factor** reported that he has been in contact with Prosecuting Attorney Joe Flautt as well as Timothy Phipps regarding the sale of the old fire house building. Dale requested that Billie provide Joe the closing documents from the sale and he will prepare the paperwork to unwind the deal and to reimburse Tim his purchase price. The employee evaluation sheets were approved and a special meeting was set for October 17, 2012 at 5:30pm for the Trustees to discuss the evaluations. The Trustees will then meet with the employees. The speed limit on Twp Rd 405 will be set for 25mph. Dale will complete the BWC 2 HR safety training requirement by 12-31-12 and he will complete the training online.

**Motion:** A motion to reimburse Timothy Phipps \$36,586.50 was made by Dale Factor and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Dale Factor, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to postpone the yearly evaluation of the Fire Chief due to the pending investigation was made by Dale Factor and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Dale Factor, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

**Trustee Richard Wilson** reported that we need to purchase new tires for the backhoe but thinks it will be okay to wait until spring. Rick also reported that our radios need to be serviced. He will gather them up and take them to JD Johnson to see if they are worth fixing, repairing or if it might be better to replace them. A resident inquired as to whether or not they could host a hunter safety class in the township building. That is fine as long as the room is available. Rick had received letters from Kevin Carver, John Wieber and David Ruton all of the Licking County 9-1-1 operations center. The letters were regarding phone calls made to all 3 gentlemen by Chief Duane Moore regarding Todd Swinehart and a meeting he attended on September 12, 2012. According to letters, Moore's accusations against Todd Swinehart were that he was representing 911 management and he was also speaking negatively of the 9-1-1 operations center. Mr. Swinehart was in fact present at the meeting inquiring as to the status of his application to rejoin the fire department. At no time did Mr. Swinehart represent himself as a representative of Licking County 9-1-1 operations center. It should also be noted that Chief Duane Moore was not in attendance at the September 12, 2012 meeting. Copies of the letters are attached.

**Trustee Robert Coleman** had met with township resident Sandy Quick. She is interested in looking into a neighborhood watch program due to a rash of burglaries in the Robinwood area. There was discussion regarding the signs for the replacement levy for the fire department. The signs are misleading as they read as if it were a new levy instead of a replacement. There was discussion around what if anything could be done to let voters know that the facts. Again, paperwork was requested from the fire department last month for Armada and there had been no response. There was also no response regarding Todd Swinehart's application. Mark Holdcroft indicated that he will make sure the matter is addressed on Monday, October 15, 2012.

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**Zoning Inspector Todd Brune** provided a zoning update and submitted his receipts and report for September, 2012.

**Fire/EMS:** Mark Holdcroft had no EMS update.

Mike Tolliver provided a fire department update. He presented an estimate for outside security at the new fire station from ADT. The estimate was for approximately \$3,265.00. This will be discussed further at future meeting. Mike requested that paychecks for David Smith be left at the township offices rather than mailing. He also requested permission to purchase new pants and shirts from Magic Needle for the part-time employees. He will figure an approximate cost and send Billie the information for a purchase order. Mike also requested permission to purchase a water softener from Tri-County Plumbing. It was approved that he could make the purchase and the cost is not to be greater than \$800.00. There are problems with Time Warner Cable and their service. The internet goes out quite frequently and needs to be addressed or changed to another provider. Billie will check on the current cable service and report back. The duty crew will be on duty for 1 additional hour for Halloween. Mike inquired about mail and the process for getting it daily. He was instructed to get the mailbox key from Dave Lyle and to have the duty crew pick the mail up daily.

**Motion:** A motion to move to executive session at 7:23PM to discuss township employee matters pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G) was made by Dale Factor and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Dale Factor, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

A motion to come out of executive session at 8:15PM was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Dale Factor.

**Warrants were signed.**

### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Dale Factor.

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Billie Dearlove

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Dale Factor

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Richard Wilson

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Robert Coleman

All formal actions of the of Thorn Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.