

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 12, 2011

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 7:00PM to 7:43PM in the Township Hall. Charles Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Charles Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Dale Factor	Present

VISITORS: Todd Brune, Soup Dornon, Lee Morgan, Mark Holdcroft, Jason Emmert, Jeremiah Weekly and Timothy Cooperrider. Debbie Morgan was present on behalf of Billie Dearlove

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 14, 2011 regular meeting was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by Dale Factor. The motion passed by unanimous vote with two minor corrections of wording.

Reports

Fiscal Officer : The reconciliation statement was distributed to trustees for their signature. A bill for culvert was given to Dale and he circled the amount that is to be paid by resident Jordan on Twp Rd 390. A bill from Magic Needle was given back to Fire Department due to the lack of a date. There was a question regarding a bill from the Fire House which had been signed by Race Vessels. Mr. Vessels is a volunteer, according to Mark Holdcroft and the bill was ok to pay.

Trustee Charles Boring: Dick reported that the range hood for the fire department is ready for engineering and then a walk-thru with the health department will be done. A mark up of a sign previously discussed at the last meeting was reviewed.

Trustee Richard Wilson: Rick reported that the salt water tanks were filled. Rick also voiced concerns about issues on Township Road 19, dealing with part of a bank along side of the road and the hazards this area may cause. Discussion was held on possible ways to repair the damage. The bridge located near the AMVETS was also discussed. Rick spoke with Tim Price who wants to know the Townships plans concerning this bridge. Raising the bridge a foot and how this would help with boat traffic along with the cost involved was discussed.

Trustee Dale Factor: Dale reported on new tires on the dump truck. Dale also talked about damage done to Township road 19 from Mr. Fritter. It was decided that an estimate would be obtained from Shelly for the repairs and then Mr. Fritter would be contacted with this cost. Dale distributed a paper given to him from Doug Lynn concerning what all the Food Panty is about and does. Dale passed around a plaque received by Northern Local Schools Superintendant for their appreciation of the Townships help with the football field repairs. Dale reported on an open house being held on October 20th by Osborn Signs, if anyone was interested in attending; he passed a flyer around detailing the open house. Dale thanked Soup Dornon for his work on a road number list. Dale reported on changes to the personnel handbooks dealing with full-time to part-time w/paid leave, vacation hours changed, and 2 previously mentioned issues were changed dealing with full-time/part-time and vacation time. Dale wanted to discuss an issue that he felt was long overdue; he voiced his opinion that the health insurance for trustees, etc. should be changed so that a portion is paid out of pocket rather than solely by Township. Dale reported that 10% would save the township \$3966.36 a year and 15% would save \$5946.60 a year. The other Trustees were in favor of this idea and it was decided that they would wait until after the upcoming election to see the outcome of Issue2/SB5.

Zoning Inspector: Todd distributed his report for review.

Fire Department: Mark Holdcroft reported that Mid East Technical College will be holding an EMT class at the station. It was also reported that because the fire department had a fire class before at the station they were then certified to hold classes there. Since they are going to be holding 2 classes at the station 2 of Thorn Township's members will get to attend the class for free.

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Mark reported that the Fire Department will be using the old station during the Country Fair and are having their usual. Mark distributed a year to date run report to the Trustees for their review. Jeremy Weekly reported on the status of how the paid part-time is going; there has been 17 EMS runs and 8 fire runs since starting paid part-time and reported that everything has been running smoothly. Dale wanted to know the status of their by-laws. Mark had no knowledge of the status of the by-laws. Mark stated that he would check with Duane on this issue.

Guests: Tim Cooperrider read a letter that he wrote to Trustees concerning his desire and request to have the Trustees consider increasing the paid part-time staffing of the Fire Department to 7 days a week and hopes that they continue their support of the staffing of the fire department.

Other Items of Discussion: Discussion was held on the amount to pay Deborah Morgan for filling in for the Fiscal Officer during this meeting. After discussion Rick made a motion to pay Ms. Morgan \$50.00, Dale seconded the motion and after no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Warrants were signed.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:43pm was made by Dale Factor and seconded by Richard Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned till November 9, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Hall.

Absent

Billie Dearlove

Dale Factor

Richard Wilson

Charles Boring