

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 9, 2012

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 8:10P.M. in the Township Hall. Dale Factor called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

Debbie Morgan was present and taking minutes on behalf of Billie Dearlove

VISITORS: Julian Dornon, Dennis Lavender, Todd Brune, Mark Holdcroft, Rob Sands, Kevin Howell, Barry Walker, Marty Finta IV and Marty Finta V

Approval of Minutes

Rick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 03-14-12, Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Rick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 03-23-12, Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Dale stated that the minutes from January 26th, April 9th, April 11th, and April 23rd are still missing.

Bank reconciliation statement was reviewed and signed.

Bid Opening

Bob made a motion to close the bids for re-surfacing and chip & seal, Dale seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Bids were opened and Dale reported on these bids. Discussion was held on paving on Twp. Rd. 21 and Twp. Rd. 22. Dale stated that he feels that something needs to be done to Twp Rd. 21; it has a thriving business on it that gets a lot of traffic. Bob agreed and also stated that Twp Rd. 22 only has one residence on it. After discussion Rick made a motion to reject the bid for the hot mix for Twp Roads 21 & 22, Dale seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Dale made a motion to accept the chip & seal bid, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Information Distributed

Information from Kent Cannon on the roadway use maintenance agreement was distributed to Trustees for review along with information from Perry County Board of Elections concerning levy information. The letter from Wolfe, Wilson & Phillips regarding the fire department letter was briefly discussed.

Discussion was held on the expectations & requirements letter sent to Fire Chief Duane Moore. Dale stated that there were some mistakes as far as the hours required for the EMT school and also it was originally stated it was a two day a week class but it is actually a 4 day a week class. Dale also stated that there may be more to the class than signing up, there may be some pre-requisites for the class at Columbus State; he just wanted to make everyone aware of this issue. Brief discussion was held on the typographical error in the letter. After discussion Rick made a motion to affirm the change made by the Fiscal Officer, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Clum petition to detach from the municipality was distributed for Trustees review.

The zoning violation notice from the Village was briefly discussed. Rick reported that the weeds have been taken care of. Rick also stated that the Village has weeds and trash on the joint lot that the Township shares with the Village. Rick stated that the Village should be informed that they need to clean up their portion of the lot.

Resolutions

The Resolution to Amend the Thorn Township Personnel Policies and Procedures was reviewed. Bob stated that he spoke with the attorney that drafted this resolution and the attorney stated that some of the items in this resolution are not to be in it because the Township is not over a 10,000 population. Bob stated that he didn't want to act on this resolution at this time. Dale stated that he did not know that the trustees had decided to have Attorney Stankunas prepare this resolution. Bob stated that we gave him the information and told him to look into it. Dale stated that in his eyes this resolution is probably a \$1000.00 document and he does not think it is a wise use of tax payer's money. Dale stated that there is a document that was written up a year ago that was

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through Steve Herendeen, who stated there was no problem with it and it suits the township's needs. Dale stated that he does not feel that the township needs to spend the money with this attorney. Bob stated that it is his opinion that he has trust issues with Flautt and Herendeen. Bob stated that he feels the township needed something more permanent than what we currently have and this document is it. After further discussion was held, Bob stated that he does not want to act on this resolution at this time. Dale requested that the Township not have Attorney Stankunas do anything further unless there is a motion from the Trustees approving such. Bob stated that was fine with him.

The Resolution to Adopt Policy Regarding Payment of Training and Testing Expenses for Members of the Thorn Township Fire Department and EMS was reviewed. Bob stated that he feels that anyone interested in joining the fire department should come in front of the Trustees so that they can learn more about them and then decide from there. Dale stated that he does disagree with that, he stated that typically the Trustees usually have plenty of time to meet them before they join the department if the Trustees would stop in at the meetings. Bob stated that this is the Trustees meeting though. Bob pointed out that he liked that this form required the member's signature and it would need notarized. Dale made a motion to pass this resolution, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Informational

Trustees were informed about the moving of the CD from PNC to Peoples Bank.

Deborah Morgan informed the trustees that she has had an announcement & information section added to the Townships website. It can be used to announce special events and public hearings, etc.

A letter was given to the Trustees, from Leeana Morgan, dealing with an issue of reimbursement for training. The letter was opened and read by Dale Factor. Dale stated that he doesn't care what happened prior to the motion that was made on February 24, 2010. It was his intention and he thought it was the other Trustees intention at the time to secure the public's money, if the township is paying for training then we are expecting to get something back for the taxpayers. Bob stated that he agrees with that and that is why he voted for that motion but it was a good motion at the time it was made but he does not feel that the Trustees followed up with it. Dale stated that anybody that expects that the taxpayers should pay for their training and the taxpayers receive nothing in return is ridiculous. Bob stated that is why we just made a motion tonight and passed the resolution dealing with training. Bob stated the he spoke with the two people involved in this motion and they did not sign anything and he spoke with the attorney, there is nothing the Township has that would stand up in a court of law. Dale stated that he does not disagree with him but the letter that he wanted sent to Leeana Morgan did not demand anything of her, it requested she give the trustees documentation of her completion of her training or to contact the Fiscal Officer. Dale read the letter that he requested be sent to Leeana Morgan. Dale stated that he was hoping the letter would awaken a moral obligation. Discussion was held on the attached documents of the letter from Leeana Morgan. Deborah Morgan responded to Trustee Factor's statement of awakening a moral obligation. Ms. Morgan voiced her opinion that Leeana did not take anything from the taxpayers of this township. Leeana was on the fire department for a long time and gave far above what she received from the township. Ms. Morgan also stated that if Trustee Factor wanted to talk about morals than that could be done, Leeana did not mention the reasons why she did not take the State Certification at that time, out of respect for the Township and Fire Department but if the Trustees would like her to discuss those issues she would be more than happy to. Ms. Morgan also stated that she is offended that Trustee Factor would question Leeana's morals. Further discussion was held on commitments of members to the department that received training. Dale stated that the letter was just a request for her to show documentation of completion of the class, as stated in the February 24, 2010 motion. Dale stated that it was irresponsible of the Trustees to not send the request letter to try to receive reimbursement. Deborah Morgan stated that if the request letter was sent to Leeana requesting proof of completion then she would have sent back the copy of her proof that she actually did what the motion said. Dale stated that is all he was asking for. Dale stated that he is happy that she has provided them with documentation. Dale stated that the intent of the motion was that she become certified and the Township receive services for it but if we read the motion, she has full-filled the motion. Rick stated that she full-filled the motion so let's move on.

Insurance Renewal

Barry Walker from Wichert Insurance presented the Trustees with the insurance renewal information and briefly described some changes and the due date of May 19th. Discussion was held on removing the old fire station buildings due to the fact that they have been sold. Mr. Walker stated that this would decrease the premiums. Discussion was held on the premiums for the year. Mr. Walker stated that they would provide the Trustees with a new statement of values reflecting the removal of the before mentioned buildings. After no further discussion Dale made a motion to renew the insurance, risk management plan stipulating that a revised statement of values be sent. Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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Dale Factor Reports

Rose Walser wants to have an air-conditioner moved or central air to be added to the bays in the building where the food pantry is located. Dale stated that there is an air-conditioner but he is not sure if it would be large enough to cool the bays and the other rooms. Dale stated that looking into central air may be an option. Discussion was held and it was decided that Dale would get estimates on the cost involved.

Scott Hill spoke with Dale concerning the closing of a section of Twp. Rd. 1061, which runs behind the storage buildings. Mr. Hill wants it closed from where the Township stops its maintenance, just past the house to St. Rt. 13. Discussion was held and it was decided that Dale would explain the procedures for this to Scott Hill.

Quotes from J.D. Johnson, for work on the repeater radios for the fire department, were discussed and after this discussion Dale made a motion to approve the estimate for updates of the repeater system by J.D. Johnson, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Dale reported on the quote for the tornado siren. Rick stated that Neal Beard was not interested in having the siren located on his property. Discussion was held on relocation of the tornado siren. Dale stated that he recommends spending the money to place the siren on the township property and placing it as high as they can and also looking at some alternative locations for a second tower. After discussion it was decided that this issue would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Dale reported that he recently met with the County Auditor and obtained the information that the Township will need to do to place a levy on the ballot. Dale discussed the rates of the current levies, what is currently being collected, and what an increase would create. Dale briefly described the resolutions that will be needed to place the levies on the ballot. This information will be forwarded to the Fiscal Officer so that a resolution can be prepared. The deadline to have all the necessary paperwork submitted is August 8th.

Dale wanted to know if they can move forward with the funds for the Fire Department since they have received the letter from the Auditor. Bob stated that he spoke with Jason Emmert concerning the Fire Department's new association. Jason stated that the association is in place and he is the president, however there are currently no funds. Bob made a motion to unfreeze the Fire Department account, Dale seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Dale made a motion that after the accounts are unfrozen the Thorn Township Volunteer Fire Department will write the Township a check for the whole amount in their current account, at which time it will be delivered to Billie Dearlove and in turn will be donated back to the Thorn Township Volunteer Fireman's Association, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Dale reported on repairs to the roof cap that is damaged on the Fire Department. Brief discussion was held. Bob stated that if they don't have it completed by the time that they told Trustee Factor than the Trustees should have someone do the work.

Discussion was held on a date for the upcoming zoning hearing dealing with boat docks. After a brief discussion it was decided to hold the public hearing on May 30, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Rick Wilson Reports

Rick reported that the Township did not receive the CDBG Grant.

Rick wanted to know if they are going to work 40 hours a week when school lets out. Discussion was held. Rick reported that one worker will be out due to an upcoming surgery. Dale suggested that an ad be ran for some seasonal help. Raises for the road workers were discussed. Dale made a motion that the salaries of the current road workers be increased by 3%, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Coleman Reports

Bob stated that the fire department needs to specify a spokesperson. Dale stated that it was specified in the letter that it was to be one of the Assistant Chief's. Bob reported that he spoke with a representative from PERCO and they discussed a location for the recycling dumpsters. Discussion was held on having them located along the sides of the drive of the Township Administration building. All Trustees were ok with this location as long as they don't block travel around the building. Bob wanted to know if there was any further information on the speed limit signs for 79 and 405. Bob reported on an e-mail from Terry Lynn about taking Thornville off of the Fire & EMS trucks and signs. After discussion it was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

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Zoning Inspector

Todd Brune requested the Trustees look into paying the Zoning Commission and the BZA. After a brief discussion it was decided that Deborah Morgan would contact other townships to find out other areas compensation for Zoning Commission and BZA members.

Fire Department Issues

The Fire Department submitted a proposal for fire helmets. After review Rick made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 helmets at a cost of \$1398.00, Bob seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a unanimous vote. The Fire Department also submitted a list of members and their current qualifications. The list of possible new hires was also included with the Fire Department's information.

Guest Issues

Marty Finta IV and Marty Finta V from the Snug Harbor Project addressed the Trustees to present and discuss the cash contributions to the Thorn Township Fire Department / EMS and the Thorn Township Trustees. Mr. Finta gave a brief history of where they have been and where they currently are concerning the Snug Harbor Project. Mr. Finta also explained how the contribution idea was developed. Mr. Finta stated that they plan to honor their contribution and want to put the proper vehicle in place and have it recorded. Mr. Finta distributed a list of items that will be put in place to ensure that the contributions will remain. Mr. Finta stated that a covenant will be put in place that states that for each lot sold, \$1000.00 per lot at closing will go to the Thorn Township Fire & EMS. For every condominium unit sold a contribution totaling \$2000.00, \$1000.00 of that going to Thorn Township Fire & EMS and the other \$1000.00 to the Thorn Township Trustees to use at will. Mr. Finta went on to explain this covenant and also upcoming construction plans. Mr. Finta also informed the Trustees that they can contact him in the future for any questions or concerns they may have. Mr. Finta assured the Trustees that he is committed to the project and committed to keeping the property value up.

Adjournment

After no further business Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, Rick seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Billie Dearlove

Dale Factor

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman