

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 9, 2016

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00PM to 7:32PM in the Township Office. Robert Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Dave Lyle	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Robert Coleman	Present

Visitors: Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, John Ulmer and Mitchell Novotni

Motion

A motion to approve the February 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

John Ulmer was in attendance to present a new contract for township mowing. There was discussion on regular billing and the possibility of getting the ground rolled. Rick will look into this and report back.

Motion

A motion to accept the mowing contract with John Ulmer for 2016 was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Reports

Fire/EMS:

Jeremy submitted a run report and discussed comparisons from this time last year. Jeremy requested that Mitchell Novotni be approved as a part time firefighter. He has a firefighter 2 card and a basic EMT card. Jeremy also reported that the brush truck pump and tires have been replaced. He has applied for a "safer grant" that would house 3 fulltime firefighters on station 24/7 for 2 years. He is also looking into possible levies that would continue 24/7 service after the initial 2 years. Jeremy indicated that if the Perry County EMA cannot come up with grant dollars, the township may be responsible for funding the emergency tornado siren.

Motion

A motion to approve Mitchell Novotni as a part time firefighter was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Zoning: Ed Corns provided a zoning update for February. He is in in the process of turning over 2 zoning violations to the attorney. Ed reported that phone calls are picking up. Ed submitted a letter of resignation effective June 1, 2016. Discussion followed. The matter was tabled until further notice. Ed reported that the next public meeting for the comprehensive plan is March 30, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Trustee Robert Coleman: Bob reported that he had purchased a bench grinder, truck mat, trash pump kit and a two wheel dolly at Tractor Supply. It was noted that Duane Moore's name was on the township account and Bob had it removed. Bob dropped off a copy of the Township Contract Proposal to Beth Patrick, Village Administrator regarding the old fire house. Bob recently met with Kevin Howell and Tracy Combs from Wichert Insurance. They walked through all township buildings and suggested a hand rail be installed in the storage area on top of the offices. Other than that, no additional recommendations were made.

Trustee Richard Wilson: Rick reported that he will meet with Ryan Packer from Shelly Company to look at the roads that need work this year to determine what pre-paving work will need to be done. He and Dave Lyle met with Kent Cannon on February 24, 2016 to sign off on the township road mileage. Bob was not available as he was on vacation at that time. Rick presented copies of liability insurance from Hummel Group Inc of Orville, OH. They insure Precision Geophysical, Inc. from Millersburg, OH who does the testing done in Thorn Township.

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Trustee David Lyle: Dave had gotten prices for new tractor tires from both Performance Tire of Thornville and Kreager Tire of Millersport. Discussion was held and this matter was tabled until the April 2016 meeting. Dave reported that the Disaster Planning Committee between the Village of

Thornville and the township has had no response from EMA Director Rita Spicer. Since there has been no returned phone calls or any communication, the committee is moving forward. Dave has not received any bids yet for the drainage tile in the fire department parking lot.

Motion: A motion to move to executive session at 7:20PM per ORC 121.22G1 to discuss township employee matters was made by Robert Coleman and seconded David Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

Motion: A motion to come out of executive session at 7:31PM was made by Rick Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Bob will contact Attorney Jeffrey Stankunas for recommendations on changes in the Thorn Township Personnel Policies and Procedures.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:32PM was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Absent

Billie Dearlove

Robert Coleman

Richard Wilson

Dave Lyle

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.