

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 13, 2016

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00PM to 7:59PM in the Township Hall. Robert Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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| Billie Dearlove | Present | Robert Coleman | Present |
| Richard Wilson  | Present | David Lyle     | Present |

**VISITORS:** Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, Rob Sands, Kyle Sands and Jason Weber Time Warner

Jason Weber was in attendance to present a proposal to switch all of our phone lines from AT&T to Time Warner. Discussion followed. Jason will work with Billie and Robert Coleman to set a time schedule as to when the switch can take place. Updates to follow.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the March 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes as made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

### Reports

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove** provided the February and March 2016 bank reconciliation. Billie also provided a fund status report, a receipt register report, a payment register report and a Fire Department payment report for March 2016.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:** Bob discussed information that we received from attorney Jeff Stankunas regarding Thorn Township policy and procedures. Jeff recommended that zoning employees and the fire chief should keep time sheets and submit them on a monthly basis. Bob brought up suggestions for planting something on the outside perimeter of the township property around our building. Bob thinks earthen mounds and tree/fencing combination would solve the requirement issue. Bob reported that the old fire house building has a leak and it now has mold growing in it. The Village wants their attorney fees paid in regards to the sale of the building. All Trustees said no to that request. Kay Morrison would like to use the conference room once per month to work on a bike path plan. That is okay as long as she adds the dates to the community calendar.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:** Rick reported that all road signs have been replaced and the new garage door opener has been installed. Rick had been questioned regarding a siren in that a resident was asking for one on the south end of the township. The lights on the exterior of the buildings need attention. Rick will work on getting them repaired and/or replaced. We need to publish the road bids for motor paving.

**Trustee David Lyle:** Dave reported that he had talked with a contractor regarding the fire house drainage problem. We can do some of the work and the contractor can do some. This is a matter for further discussion. Dave also reported that new tractor tires need to be purchased. Dave will order them from Performance and our workers will mount the tires. Dave had received several compliments about the good job the road workers are doing.

**Zoning:** Ed Corns provided a zoning update and a Comprehensive plan update. He has submitted his resignation at the March 2016 meeting and the Trustees did not accept the resignation.

**Fire/EMS:** Jeremy provided an update and run report. He requested that Kyle Sands be placed on the fire department. Jeremy requested mulch for the fire department building. Discussion followed and it was recommended that they use pea gravel instead of mulch. The medic is being picked up tomorrow in Johnstown. Jeremy would like to purchase 5 sets of turn out gear which would be approximately \$8,000. He also needs SCBA tanks which will run approximately \$20,000. These items will be purchased from Finley Fire. We did budget for the requested equipment. Jeremy wants to consider adding a levy to the November ballot of which would pay for adding 24/7 coverage.

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**Motion:** A motion to approve Kyle Sands as a member of the fire department was made by David Lyle and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to approve putting a 3 mil levy on the November 2016 ballot earmarked strictly for 24/7 fire department coverage was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

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

**Motion:** A motion to come out of executive session at 7:59PM was made by Rick Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Motion: A motion to increase the pay of the Zoning Inspector to \$800 per month was made by Robert Coleman and seconded Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:59PM was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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Robert Coleman

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Richard Wilson

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David 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.