

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 12, 2017

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00 PM to 7:28 PM in the Township Hall. Robert Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

**VISITORS:** Ed Corns, Jeremy Weekly, Tristan Shoults, Kenneth Mills, Brittany Davis, Ronald Bonnette, Brandon Thompson and Dirk Bissantz.

#### Reports

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove** provided the March 2017 bank reconciliation with copies. Billie also provided a fund status report, receipt report, payment report and March 2017 Fire Department payroll report. Billie have received an email from Megan at OTARMA regarding renewal of our insurance policy. Renewal is scheduled for May and Billie will contact Megan to see if she can attend our May 10, 2017 meeting to discuss the insurance with us.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:** Bob provided copies of the February 27, 2017 meeting minutes from the Village of Thornville. The minutes state that the Village is not willing to spend any additional funds pertaining to the sale of the old fire station building. Bob gave all of the notes and records he had regarding same to Billie for filing. This matter is on hold and we are doing nothing at this time. Bob presented the original award letter from ODNR for the \$500,000 for the Park. Bob had met with ODNR regarding a row line. We will need to go through the process of getting a Governor's Deed which is currently being worked on by ODNR and Larry Rowe. Bob reported that we received a \$25,000 donation from Dick Shelly to help with the excavation costs at the Park entrance. The Ohio Outdoor News article came out and it was a very nice article about the Park and Buckeye Lake. Bob is still waiting to hear from Jeff Stankunas regarding procedure for bidding out the Park project. Bob met with ODOT on April 4<sup>th</sup>. They shared a map and their plans for 2018 through 2021. Communication between ODNR and Thorn Township is going well. There is currently an environmental review in progress and generally takes approximately 30 days. More to follow on that. Jeff Ritter will be in attendance at our May meeting to provide a brief update on bicycle paths, etc. as well as information on grants he may be able to assist us with. In regard to the road closure matter, Bob requested that Rick prepare a notice that Billie will put on our letterhead to be distributed at various businesses within the Township. Jeremy and/or Tristan will share the business list they have when we are ready to distribute the road closure notice. Bob reminded Dave and Rick that they were all doing records training in New Lexington on April 21, 2017.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:** Rick indicated that Larry Toki is interested in sending workers up to clean the firehouse on April 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Rick reported that the 1995 dump truck bed needs sandblasted and repainted. He will get estimates and report back.

**Trustee David Lyle:** Dave received the estimate from Shelly for blacktop at fire station. Rick said that we have to put the matter out for bid. Dave will prepare the wording and send to Billie so that an ad can be placed. There was conversation regarding the purchase of a new dump truck. We are still gathering information and this will be discussed at a future meeting. Dave had received positive comments about the Township roads looking good.

**Zoning:** Ed Corns provided a zoning update along with his monthly report and fees collected. Ed introduced Ronald Bonnette who resides on Rustic Lane and is interested in being appointed to the Zoning Commission. Discussion followed. Ed requested that Diane White be removed from the Zoning Commission effective immediately due to only attending 1 meeting since her appointment last year. Ed also requested that the terms of Robert Combs and Todd Brune be renewed effective 1-1-2017. Requests were made to move Larry Roberts to an alternate on the BZA, to make Jarod Robinson a full member from the alternate position on the BZA and to remove Casey Casto as an alternate on the BZA.

**Motion:** A motion to appoint Ronald Bonnette as a member of the Zoning Commission effective May 1, 2017 was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

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**Motion:** A motion to remove Diane White from the Zoning Commission effective immediately due to failure to attend meetings was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to renew the terms of Robert Combs and Todd Brune to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective 1/1/2017 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 remove Casey Casto as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals due to lack of attendance was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to move Larry Roberts as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to move Jaron Robinson from an alternate to a full member of the Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

**Fire/EMS:** Jeremy was in attendance and provided a Fire/Ems run update. He presented Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth Mills who was interested in joining the department as a paid per call employee. Discussion followed. Jeremy reported that Mark Holdcroft has resigned from the department. Jeremy would like to do something to recognize Mark's many years of service and will get back to us on what that will be. The department has been working on equipping the UTV and is looking at trailers for the purpose of hauling it. Jeremy applied for the CBDG and is waiting to hear back. On April 22, 2017 the department will host a "Modern Fire Attack" class free of charge to anyone interested. A grant has been applied for with Nationwide Insurance for grain bin emergency equipment. Tristan is working on creating a list of local commercial business to preplan for emergencies, etc.

**Motion:** A motion to approve Kenneth Mills as a paid per call employee was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

**Public Comment:** Resident Dirk Bissantz was in attendance expressing concerns of issues on Zartman Road. The farmer who farms that area has been affecting the road especially at the S curves. Mr Bissantz thought it might be good to add a sign and to reduce the speed in that area. It was determined that is a county road and not a township so any concern needs to be sent to County Engineer Kent Cannon.

The Trustees then discussed which Township Roads need to be worked on this spring and summer. That conversation will continue and Billie will place an ad for chip & seal to run in the next 2 publications of the Perry County Tribune.

### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, 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

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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.