

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 8, 2017

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00 PM to 8:03 PM in the Township Hall. Trustee 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, Jarrod Robinson, Jeremy Weekly, Tristan Shoults, Mike Anderson, Tonya Camp, Mark Camp, Jason Roshon, Ashleigh Roshon, Bayden Chandler, Holly Chandler, Jason Emmert, Jonathan Spohn, Julie Spohn, Earl Spohn, Larry Thomas, Abby Thomas, CW Dornon, Ron Koehler, Anna Cox, Dave Cox, Ryan Marshall, Ron Combs and Kitty Zwissler.

A promotion/achievement ceremony for fire department officers was held prior to the regular township meeting. Various guests and family members of the department were in attendance to observe the ceremony. Chief Weekly delivered oaths and presented certificates to the promoted officers.

Fire/EMS: Jeremy provided a Fire/EMS run update. He introduced Aaron Holman who was interested in joining the department. Aaron is a FF & Paramedic as well as a CPR and First Aid Instructor. Chief Weekly, the fire department employees and their guests were excused at 6:28 pm.

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

Reports

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the February 2017 bank reconciliation with copies. Billie also provided the February 2017 fund status report, receipt report, payment report and February 2017 Fire Department payroll report. Billie received new Speedway gas cards which were distributed. Billie inquired as to whether we could get the Land Use plan electronically and if so, should it be added to the website. Discussion followed and Ed will send to Billie and she will forward on to Ian Quinn to add to the Township website. Billie provided fire department payroll reports for the past 4 months to show what the increase was with the additional coverage hours. Billie had received an email from Chief Weekly regarding a grant he had received to purchase a UTV. If the grant was accepted, the Trustees would need to approve funds of approximately \$6,000 to match the grant.

Motion: A motion to approve the matching funds of approximately \$6,000 for the purchase of a UTV was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Trustee Robert Coleman: Bob reported that on 2/20/17, he was interviewed by a reporter from Ohio Outdoor Magazine regarding the Buckeye Lake development project. MORPC cancelled their meeting with us until further notice. Their CEO resigned and they are going through some changes. They will forward a packet in lieu of presenting at our meeting. Trustee Coleman, Chip McNeer, Adam Langley and Larry Rowe attended a meeting with ODNR in Columbus on February 3, 2017 regarding the park. ODNR indicated they are on board with the project and definitely like what they see to date with the project. Bob asked about the temporary road closure issues, Discussion followed and it was decided that there will be no fees associated with the application/permit for temporary road closures. What are thoughts on penalties if permits are not issued? This will be discussed at a future meeting. Bob reported that Buckeye Lake 2030 wants \$50,000 of the \$500,000 grant we are to receive to go to the DPZ Planning firm from Florida. Discussion followed and input was received from Ron Combs, Anna Cox and Dave Cox. All present were adamant that none of these funds should be provided to Buckeye Lake 2030. The \$500,000 grant will be used strictly for the purchase, planning, etc. of the 5+ acre park.

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ODNR has approximately 15,000 cu ft of material from the Buckeye Lake dam project that we could use for fill at the park location. County Engineer Kent Cannon, Larry Rowe and Larry's engineer are all on board to take the fill if it is awarded to ASI Construction and the material would be trucked to the site by ASI. Bids will be opened tomorrow or Friday and Bob will provide an update when he has one.

Trustee Richard Wilson: Rick attended a meeting in Somerset regarding ER expansion by Genesis Health Systems. Road worker John Dalton had an auto accident and was off work for 3 days. He has medical documentation which will be added to John's file. Judge Dean Wilson sent community service workers up to clean up in the fire station. They did a good job and Rick is working to make it a regular occurrence. These workers will also be able to help with keeping the park clean once it is built.

Trustee David Lyle: Dave reported that Ryan Packer will have the bid for the fire station parking lot by our next meeting. He also provided an update on the medical equipment shop. Julia Cooperrider from the Food Pantry did not see a problem with them using the space and Trustee Coleman did not either. Dave will provide additional information with dates, etc. for the opening.

Zoning: Ed Corns provided a zoning update along with his monthly report and fees collected. Ryan Marshall and Jarrod Robinson were in attendance to be considered as alternates for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ed received a complaint regarding the right side of Rustic Lane where a shed was being put in. After investigation, Ed learned that the permit was granted to the resident by the zoning inspector of Thornville. It was determined that we can force the owner to remove it and can also charge them. Ed reported that Zoning Secretary Deborah Morgan had some medical issues and may need some help getting things caught up. Ed had spoke with Anna Cox and she was willing to be appointed as a substitute for the zoning office and/or the fiscal officer on an as needed basis. Ed will meet with Anna to determine pay rate, etc.

Motion: A motion to appoint Ryan Marshall and Jarrod Robinson to the BZA effective immediately 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 appoint Anna Cox as an assistant to the Zoning Secretary and/or the Fiscal Officer of Thorn Township David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Public Comment: Resident Mike Anderson presented information regarding development opportunities, grants, etc. regarding the Buckeye Lake Infrastructure Development Assessment. He also presented a timeline of several EAP Project visits. This was news to Thorn Township as we had not been included in any correspondence or notifications regarding any upcoming meetings. Mike indicated he thought this was an oversight and/or a lack of communication and we all need to work together to include all parties in future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Robert Coleman

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Richard Wilson

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.