

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 13, 2017

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00 PM to 7:36 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, Jeremy Weekly, Beth Patrick, Dale Brusse, Travis Anderson, Amy Anderson, Michael Hoosic, Charles Dornon, Jamie Stewart, Darryn Stewart, Tina Dunn and Pat Dunn.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the August 9, 2017 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 copies a fund status report, receipt report, payment report, bank reconciliation and fire department payroll report for August, 2017. Billie reported that the 2015 and 2016 audit is complete and she requested signatures from Trustee Coleman to return to the Auditor of State. Billie had received a letter from Perry County Commissioners indicating their approval of the De-Annexation of the property of Ashley and Daniel Grosse back into the Township. Billie also requested a resolution to Accept the 2018 Certificate of Estimated Resources which will be completed and returned to Perry County Auditor.

#### Resolution to Accept the 2018 Certificate of Estimated Resources

Trustee Robert Coleman made a motion to accept the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor", and that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Perry County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:** Bob reported that the Census report will be completed by the Perry County Commissioners for the entire county. Lauren Owens from Josh Mandel's office would like to attend a future meeting regarding public records online. Bob received numerous phone calls from the residents in New Salem Farms regarding the signs that were erected in the housing addition. Bob had received an email from Mike Forantono of the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. He is interested in having Thorn Township join the group and the cost is \$500 per year to be a member. There was a brief discussion to see if there was any interest in joining this group. The general consensus was that this is not something that would be beneficial to us so we will decline at this time. Bob received a call from Kent Cannon stating that the paving is starting on Twp Rd 1063 and in Robinwood. Bob requested ideas regarding placing something around the perimeter of the Township property. We have planted trees numerous times and they have failed to grow. This will be a matter for future consideration. Bob received a call from ODNR with the opinion that it will be better to have a lease option to buy the 5+ acres instead of purchase for the park property. The owner would donate 2200' of waterfront plus 25' wide. This would require another letter of intent from the Township. Bob will follow up with Attorney Jeff Stankunas and report back.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:** Rick reported that he was drug tested on 8-31-17. Another Village of Thornville resident, Mike Mohler requested to be annexed from the village and back into the township. He is requesting a letter to take to County Commissioners. Rick brought up the matter of the no parking signs that were put up in New Salem Farms. He received numerous calls from residents regarding the matter. Residents Travis Anderson, Amy Anderson, Michael Hoosic, Jamie Stewart, Darryn Stewart, Tina Dunn and Pat Dunn were in attendance to express their complaints and concerns in the matter. Amy Anderson submitted a petition from 23 residents of the New Salem Farms housing addition requesting that the signs be removed. Discussion followed by those in attendance. Rick submitted an invoice from OPERS for back premiums from 1991 and 1992 that were not paid by the Clerk in those

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years. Discussion followed and the matter will be researched prior to making payment.

**Motion:** A motion to remove all “No Parking” signs from the New Salem Farms subdivision was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Nay. Trustee Coleman indicated that he would like to get more clarification from local law enforcement regarding enforcement.

**Trustee David Lyle:** Dave reported that he had purchased a new shop vac from TSC. Dave also reported that all of the LED lights are not yet installed on the inside of the fire station. The work should be completed in the next week or so. Dave received a report of a concrete driveway on Twp Rd 390 that had been poured and was slightly above the grade of the pavement. Trustee Coleman reported that the owner of the property, Chad Eveland, had contacted him with questions about why township employees were at his property inspecting his driveway but had not contacted him with any questions or concerns. The Trustees will all go look at the driveway and report what they find. Dave will be working on a new form for employee evaluations. Discussion came up regarding the pay of subcontractor Mike Boyer. Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported that he was paid \$15 per hour as no one provided any payment information to her prior to him performing work. Trustees Wilson and Lyle indicated that he should have been paid \$16 per hour as that is what he thought he was going to be making. Discussion followed and Fiscal Officer stressed the importance of making sure this information is decided up front and shared with all parties before any work is done.

**Motion:** A motion to pay Mike Boyer \$16 per hour was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

**Zoning:** Ed provided zoning update and submitted fees collected. The permit that was on hold from last month had been rescinded and the resident will reapply later this year. The Zoning commission held a public meeting to discuss changing from Lake Residential to Northwest Residential District (NRD). They forwarded their recommendation to make the change to the Trustees. A public hearing to consider the change by the Trustees will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Billie will place the necessary ad for publication in the Perry County Tribune.

**Fire/EMS:** Chief Jeremy Weekly reported on an issue that happened on 9/11/17. Jeremy had been approached in August regarding participation in a production of what he thought was going to be about the community, the Fire and EMS department and the men and women of the department. He was also led to believe that this was to be a story of local resident Roman Atwood giving back to his local fire department. The situation that occurred was that a bus was blown up in a controlled area behind the fire station. Jeremy was led to believe that there would be minimal smoke with the stunt. The production crew did obtain all proper paperwork from the EPA and State Fire Marshall. When the incident happened, there were very loud explosions and smoke which created fear within the community. Unfortunately, the residents of Thornville had no prior warning of what was happening. Chief Weekly expressed his sincere apologies for the incident and took complete blame for the matter. He provided copies of emails that he sent to the Mayor and the Village Administrator detailing what happened and again expressed his regret and apologies.

Jeremy also provided a run update for August and reported that other than the incident on 9/11/17, things were going well at the department. Captain Jon Spohn passed his medic class and Jeremy requested that he be reimbursed for his training. The reimbursement will be prorated over a 5 year period. Jeremy reported that Kyle Sands is currently in EMT school. The department is currently going through a re-evaluation of the ISO evaluation in an effort to save on insurance premiums. Updates will be provided as they become available.

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**Motion:** A motion to approve reimbursement to Jon Spohn for medic training was made Robert Coleman and seconded by David Lyle, Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye. Richard Wilson, Aye.

### Public comment

Thornville resident Beth Patrick was in attendance to express her concern as well as the concern of the residents of the Village of Thornville with regard to the incident mentioned above with the Fire Department and resident Roman Atwood which occurred on 9/11/17. Thornville resident Dale Brussee was also in attendance to express concern surrounding the incident. Discussion followed with those

present and Chief Weekly again apologized and took complete blame. The Trustees were unaware prior to the incident and all parties felt there was a lot to be learned from this. The Trustees also expressed the opinion that while this was a bad judgement call on the part of Chief Weekly, he still has their complete support and confidence as the Thorn Township Fire Chief.

### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm 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.