

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 10, 2018

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 PM to 7:14PM in the Township Hall. Trustee Lyle 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, John Ulmer, Fred Redfern, Stephen Ginn, Nancy Ginn, Mickey Brandon and Eddie Smith from SEOPEC.

The first matter of business was to discuss the District Change request that was submitted by the Thorn Township Zoning Commission. The request was to change 85.1 acres of land along State Route 13 from agricultural to commercial (highway oriented business). Discussion followed and this change would be in line with our comprehensive plan. A motion to change the 85.1 acres from agricultural to commercial (highway oriented business) was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

#### Reports

**Fire/EMS:** Jeremy Weekly provided a run report and update. He reported that he is requesting approval of 3 new part time personnel, Melissa Riyazi, Aaron Berkley and Amanda Creighton. Amanda was not present due to work conflicts. Jeremy also reported that he will begin working on his list of needs and the budget for 2019. He provided a training update on the grain bin activity and the fire trailer training. Jeremy requested consideration of reimbursing Adena Graham for paramedic school.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the 3 new members to part-time positions 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 reimburse Adena Graham for paramedic school training was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

#### Public Comment:

Fred Redfern, Mayor of Crooksville was in attendance to discuss the Buckeye Lake Park Project and the funds for the capital improvements from the State of Ohio. It was his belief that the lack of progress on the park was holding up funding for other projects. Discussion followed and Mr. Redfern was assured that the project was moving along and we are working with ODNR and the State of Ohio toward progress as quickly as we can.

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove** provided copies a fund status report, receipt report, payment report, and fire department payroll report for September 2018. Billie also provided copies of August and September 2018 bank reconciliations for signature. Billie had previously provided copies of the 2019 Budget for review and was asking for approval so that she could forward it to County Auditor, Drew Cannon. Billie inquired as to moving the life insurance as well as the medical funding plan to Waypoint Benefits. It was decided that since the medical is through them, we should also move the other 2 to Waypoint. Billie submitted a medical bill that was from the period last year where we did not participate with the Jefferson Health Plan payout claims program. At that time, it was decided that if claims came up for that period, the township would take care of them instead of sending JHP \$4,500 to administer any claims. Billie provided copies of the letter Attorney Jeffrey Stankunas sent to Mr. Busby's attorney regarding the date for removal of the fence by Mr. Busby.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the September 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes as made by Richard Wilson and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to approve payment of the \$564 on behalf of Billie Dearlove 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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**Public Comment:**

Eddie Smith from SEOPEC was again in attendance to request support for the electric aggregation initiative that is on the November 2018 ballot.

**Trustee David Lyle:** Dave reported that the Disaster Recovery Committee has been formed and they are beginning to have meetings and planning sessions. He will keep us updated on progress. New tires are needed for the pick-up and they will be \$860.00. Billie will create a purchase order and provide the information to Jason. Employee evaluations need to be completed before the end of November 2018. There is a leak somewhere in the fire station and Dave will contact Robert Kerigan to find and repair the leak. Dave inquired as to whether or not we have heard from Quasar or Ryan Young about attending a meeting to discuss the project Ryan is working on. Billie indicated that she has exchanged emails with a representative from Quasar and they will let us know 2 weeks in advance of when they would be able to attend.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:** Rick reported that the drainage has been installed on Twp Rd 493. The land owner installed the drain but we purchased it. The JD tractor had to be repaired and the invoice was left in Fiscal Officer Dearlove's mailbox. Rick presented a note from employee John Dalton that he was resigning. The note did not have a date on it but John informed Rick that his last day would be September 21, 2018. Rick inquired about John's final paycheck (which was given to Rick on 10/10/18) and accrued vacation time. We need to confirm whether proper procedure was followed regarding accrual of vacation time that is paid when an employee leaves his position.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:** Bob reported that he had attempted to contact Ben Carpenter regarding the 911 Center discussion. He has not heard back from Ben to date. Bob requested approval of the contract between Thorn Township and ODNR. Discussion followed. Bob had a meeting with Auditor Drew Cannon regarding tax revenue from a "bed tax" in the future. Ed will check with the zoning attorney to get his thoughts on this. The BLRC will be holding a meeting on November 8, 2018 at Perry County Commissioners office.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the contract and move forward with the Capital Improvement Community Park project was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Dave Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

**Zoning:** Ed provided a zoning update and submitted his report and receipts for September 2018.

**Motion:** A motion to move to executive session at 7:02 PM per ORC 121.22G3 to discuss township legal matters 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 come out of executive session at 7:12 PM 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 6:49 PM per ORC 121.22G1 to discuss township employee matters 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 come out of executive session at 7:02 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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### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:14 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.