

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 13, 2019

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

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

Visitors: Anna Cox, Corlyn Altier, Larry Roberts, Phil Roberts Jr., Jenny LaRue, Brandon Thompson, Kyle Sands, Thomas Klein

Fiscal Officer Report:

Fiscal Officer Dearlove was not in attendance at the meeting. She did provide the trustees with the monthly financial reports, payroll reports and bank reconciliation for October, 2019.

Reports: Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion to approve the October 5, 2019 Special Session Minutes was made by Trustee Richard Wilson and seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 9, 2019 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee David Lyle and seconded by Trustee Robert Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Robert Coleman and seconded by Trustee Richard Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 23, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Richard Wilson and seconded by Trustee Robert Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 29, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Richard Wilson and seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 31, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Robert Coleman and seconded by Trustee Richard Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Coryln Altier:

Corlyn gave a recap and update on the EMS billing through October 2019. She also presented information regarding a billing increase for EMS rates. She stated that this would have to be done by resolution if the board decided to increase the rates. The trustees will review the information provided and discuss with Fiscal Officer Dearlove. A decision on this will be made at a later date.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided a zoning report with updated permit fees collected for month of October, 2019. He also gave an update on the property located at 7312 Township Road 87, and stated he has received an estimate for the removal of the two condemned trailers for \$6,300.00 (six thousand, three hundred dollars) plus the cost for a deputy sheriff, which would be \$29.00 (twenty-nine) dollars per hour. Trustee Coleman asked Ed if he had spoken with Charlie Shaffer to get an estimate for removal of the trailers. He stated no, but he would contact him about it. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Lyle stated that he is concerned about the cost of the removal of the trailers. Trustee Wilson stated that we have to follow thru now, and Trustee Coleman agreed with him. Inspector Corns stated that once the trailers have been removed and all of the invoices have been certified, they can be taken to the county auditor to be placed on the property's taxes. Ed also stated that they might even be able to turn the cost into collections. Inspector Corns stated that he has spoken with a company that does credit card processing at no cost to the township. The fee would be applied to the customer's credit card. The company would supply a reader that would attach to his lap top. He feels this would be a great convenience for the township residents. This will be discussed further at the December, 2019 meeting.

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Public Comments:

Phil Roberts asked about storing boats and campers on your property. He stated that someone told him that you must have a concrete or paved pad for a camper or boat to sit on, in order to store them on your property. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that is not true. He stated that you can store one boat and one camper on your property, however they must have current tags.

Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly provided an updated run report. He stated that he has a new hire candidate in attendance tonight, Thomas Klein (Tommy) and would like for the board to approve hiring him.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Robert Coleman to hire Thomas (Tommy) Klein part time to the department and was seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Chief Weekly also report that they are on schedule with the new fire truck and they would be picking it up on December 9, 2019. He stated that Deputy Chief Shoults has put together an inventory list for the insurance company so that the policy can be updated. Chief Weekly presented information regarding wage increases for the department and the possibility of hiring a fourth person to the department. A brief discussion was held on the proposal. No action was taken at this time, it was decided to wait and discuss these options with Fiscal Officer Dearlove. He also stated that his main focus next year for the department will be on further training for his staff. He also reported that he has received the resignation from Captain Jason Roshon.

Jenny LaRue

Ms. LaRue stated that she was in attendance tonight to give a brief update on the CHC Grant and discuss the Bed Tax. She stated that they are making progress and moving forward with the Perry County bike path grant. She also stated that she would like to see a temporary bike route with proper signage around the Honey Creek Road, Zartman Road and Custers Point Road area to be made in order to make these routes safe for bicyclists. She is working with county on this and hopes the township will also be on board. She also stated that she heard the township now has a bed tax. She stated that a form must be given to the business in operation by the township. She stated that any dollars collected must go to promote tourism in the county, 60 (sixty) percent collected goes to the Park District and that 40 (forty) percent goes to the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Coleman stated that the 3 (three) percent collected by the township will go into the township's general fund. She also stated that there is now county wide help available for property clean up through the Land Bank. She stated that there is a process with the county health department, but funding is available county wide. Trustee Wilson asked her if she could check with the health department to see if there were any dollars available to help with the clean up of the property on Township Road 87. She said she would check into it for them.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated that he met with ODNR on October 1, 2019. The meeting was in regards to funding for the park in the amount of \$75,000.00. He also stated that last month there was a conflict for meetings in the conference room. He said to remind whoever wants to use the conference room to make sure they write their name on the calendar for the date and time they wish to use the room. Trustee Coleman stated that he received a call from the homeowner of the property located at 14578 Township Road 1062 about closing a road that runs beside his property. Trustee Coleman said that he informed the individual that he must have a survey done and file a petition with the county. He and Trustee Lyle also distributed their suggestions on standards for taking over private roads, and they will discuss them at the next meeting. He also stated that they will be putting bids out for the park again in January 2020. Trustee Coleman said that Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that the recent resolution for the Bed Tax must be amended to have a specific effective date.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Robert Coleman to amend Resolution 2019-5, to have an effective date of January 1, 2020 and seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Trustee Robert Coleman, Aye; Trustee Richard Wilson, Nay; Trustee David Lyle, Aye.

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He also stated that they will need to have a special township meeting on November 20, 2019 at 5:00 for the agreement between Tom Horvath and Frosty and Anna George. He also stated that he signed an agreement, (Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination and Nationwide Permit #42 Verification) with the Department of the Army Corp's of Engineers, Huntington District; Regulatory Division, North Branch, LRH-2019-639-MUS-Buckeye Lake) for the park. Last he stated that the 6-month credit card review needs to be done and he passed out the review sheets for the trustees and credit card compliance officer (Anna Cox) to review and sign.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson stated that the township needs to send a letter to the county engineer's office stating that David Cox is employed with the township and that he has a CDL license. This letter must be on township letterhead.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that there will be a meeting the first of the year for the Disaster Plan Committee. He stated that they have to have a command center, and he asked if the township building could be the command center. Both Trustee Wilson and Trustee Coleman were fine with that. He also stated that he has received several calls about election signs not being taken down.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Absent

Billie Dearlove

David Lyle

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

All of the formal actions 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.