

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 13, 2019

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

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

Visitors: Jeremy Weekly, Anna Cox, Ed Corns, Paul Brown, Joe Jenkins (Quasar), Ryan Young, Brian Sheets, Joe Young, Thom Horvath, David Gerdeman, Doug Lynn, Kristina Roshon, Todd Brune

Reports:

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion to approve the February 13, 2019 Regular Session Minutes was made by Trustee Dave Lyle and seconded by Trustee Robert Coleman. **Votes were:** David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove:

Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the monthly financial reports, payroll reports and back reconciliation for February, 2019. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she had the Agreement for Legal Services for the hiring of Kevin Shanan .

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Robert Coleman to approve the hiring of Kevin Shanan as Special Council for Thorn Township and was seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Public Comments:

Joseph Jenkins introduced himself and stated he was the Director of Public Affairs for Quasar Energy Group. He also introduced Ryan Young, who owns a farm in Fairfield County and also owns farm ground in Thorn Township. Mr. Jenkins stated he was here tonight to give some information about Quasar Energy Group. He stated that Quasar is a Cleveland based waste management renewable energy firm and that they manage organic material which would typically be sent to landfills, and through a process called anaerobic digestion, it converts these wastes into renewable energy and fertilizer product (effluent), which is provided to farmers as valuable fertilizer for their fields. He stated that there are not hazardous materials handled in this process. He stated they are interested in developing a storage pond to hold liquid effluent, on the property owned by Ryan Young on Ridenour Road. He stated that the pond would have a synthetic cover over the entire pond to eliminate any odors, and that the liner of the pond would be made of engineered compacted clay. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns, asked Mr. Jenkins if there would be a bond to cover road damage to Ridenour Road. Mr. Jenkins stated that he would have to check on that and get back with an answer. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Mr. Jenkins how many trucks per day, per week or per month would be going into this facility. Mr. Jenkins stated he was not sure and that he would have to inquire on that and get back to her with the information. Doug Lynn asked how this effluent was applied to farm ground. They said that it was knifed into the ground. Mr. Lynn also asked if Quasar had a bond process in case of leakage from the pond. Mr. Jenkins answered no. Ryan Young was asked why he is not putting this holding pond on his property in Fairfield County. Mr. Young stated that he did not have enough acreage there. Ryan was also asked if he would be receiving money from Quasar for allowing them to put this holding pond on his property. Mr. Young stated yes he would, that he had a lease with Quasar. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns asked how close this pond would be to residential homes. Mr. Jenkins stated that it will be 800 ft. away from the homes and that the EPA set back requirement is 300 feet away. Mr. Jenkins was asked how many gallons of liquid would be held in this pond and he stated that it would hold 15.6 million gallons. Mr. Jenkins was also asked what permits he had received for this project. He stated that at this point they have only received a permit to install from the EPA, but they had other permits in process. It was asked who would monitor this site, and he stated that Quasar would monitor it along with the EPA, and that a Quasar operator would maintain records for the site. Chief Weekly asked if Quasar would be providing fire training for his department. He stated that it has not been done in the past but would be willing to do this. Trustee Dave Lyle asked if the property lane would be taken care of and by whom. Ryan Young stated that yes it would be maintained; he would probably do that himself. Ryan Young was asked how soon he

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wanted this operation to happen. Ryan stated that it did not matter to him; he was approached by Quasar for this project, he did not go to them, so it did not matter to him. Trustee Coleman stated that this has been a lot of information to absorb and that he thought they should set up a Public Hearing for the future and invite Quasar to come back.

Thom Horvath stated that he had an application for Liquor License transfer from Wendell Parkinson that he would like the township trustees to sign off on. Trustee Coleman stated that he had a problem with signing this since Mr. Horvath did not own the property at this time. Mr. Horvath stated he could not obtain a loan to purchase property until he had secured the liquor license. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns also stated that he could not issue a permit until the property was in Mr. Horvath's name. Trustee Coleman asked if he had spoken with the neighbor regarding the easement. Trustee Coleman stated that Mr. Horvath would need an agreement between himself and the property owners regarding the easement. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle for the transfer of Liquor License from Wendell Parkinson to Horvath's Harbor LLC and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Kristina Roshon introduced herself and stated that she was a member of Village of Thornville Council. She stated that she was here to ask about the old firehouse and inquiring about the township selling it to the Village of Thornville. Trustee Coleman stated that he believed that the building would have to go up for bid, and it would have to be advertised 2 weeks prior to bids being accepted, and that it would have to be sealed bids. Kristina asked if the township wanted a new appraisal on the building and if so, would they be willing to split the cost of an appraisal. Trustee Coleman stated that the township is good with the past appraisal that was done. Kristina asked if she could have a copy of that appraisal. Trustee Coleman stated that he did not have one with him, but he had previously given Mickey Brandon a copy of it. Kristina asked if the township would advise the Village of Thornville when they put the firehouse up for auction for sealed bids. Trustee Coleman stated that he would contact the township's attorney to see if there was a way around selling the firehouse with sealed bids, if they were to sell it to the Village of Thornville and he would get back in touch with Kristina. Kristina thanked the trustees for their time.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated they have started to take core samples on the land at the park. He also advised that he placed order for the shirts discussed at last meeting and that the Web Site for Thorn Township has been updated. Trustee Coleman stated that the township needs to appoint a compliance officer for the credit card policy and to have a credit card policy put in place.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to appoint Anna Cox as compliance officer for credit card policy for Thorn Township and to accept the Thorn Township Credit Card Account Policy and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Trustee Coleman also stated that he received some information from Thornville Village Administrator Mickey Brandon that he received from Jenny LaRue of the Perry County Health Department about funding through Perry County Community Grant program. The program takes a look at the wants and needs of villages and townships in Perry County. Trustee Coleman advised that Mike Anderson from the Buckeye Lake Path Community would like to meet regarding the bike path at the park. He asked if Trustee Lyle would get in contact with Mr. Anderson. Trustee Coleman also brought up the Bed Tax for Thorn Township again. He stated that the township would get 3% tax and that the county, which already has Bed Tax in place would receive 3%. A brief discussion was held.

A brief discussion was held regarding the private road in front of Champ's Pizza and the petition they have for Thorn Township to take over this road. Trustee Coleman stated if this would happen, they would have to bring the road up to the required specs first and that there could not be parking on the one side of the road, which they currently are doing now.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson was absent.

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Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle reported that Jason is doing a good job keeping an eye on the roads that AEP is doing tower work on. He also stated that they will have a lot of road patching to do this year. Trustee Lyle also stated that they need to check to see if they need to get more road limit signs for the township.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided a zoning report and update on fees collected for February. He stated that he believes this will be another good year for new construction in the township. A brief discussion was held on the update of Zoning Permits and fees. He stated that he thought they should adopt the new fees and have them effective as of July 1, 2019. A brief discussion was held and it was decided to table this until next month. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns also stated that he would like to propose that they give the zoning secretary a pay increase of \$100.00 per month and the Zoning Commission and BZA an increase of \$10.00 per attended meetings. This item was also tabled until next month.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Weekly provided a run report and update. Chief Weekly stated that Captain Tolliver said that a couple blinds at the station need replaced and should not cost more than \$150.00. He also presented a Vehicle Replacement Plan he put together for the department for future vehicle replacement and reviewed the plan with them. Chief Weekly asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove about getting a smart television for the station. She advised to go ahead and get one. He also advised he would be on vacation from March 27 until April 5 and that Tristin Shoults would be acting fire chief in his absence

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Billie Dearlove

David Lyle

Absent

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

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.