

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 12, 2019

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 7:44 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	Present	David Lyle	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Corlyn Altier, Todd Brune, Traci Sturgill, Jeremy McConnell, Nancy McConnell, Jackie Fields, Jeff Fields, Anna George.

Reports: Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion to approve the May 8, 2019 Regular 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 May 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes (5:00 to 5:41 p.m.) 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 May 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes (5:54 to 6:05 p.m.) was made by Trustee Richard Wilson and seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Coryln Altier:

Corlyn gave a recap and update on the EMS billing.

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove:

Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the monthly financial reports, payroll reports and back reconciliation for May 2019. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they need to increase the appropriations for the purchase of the new fire truck.

Motion: A motion to approve an increase of appropriations for Equipment in the amount of \$300,000.00 was made by Trustee Robert Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Richard Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove also stated that she received a letter from Brosius, Johnson & Griggs about Motor Vehicle Registration Tax. Zoning Attorney Julie Donaher explained that this is an additional motor vehicle tax that can be put on by the township. She gave a brief explanation of the process to put the additional tax on and said if we decided to do so, she could walk us through the process.

Thom Horvath:

Mr. Horvath presented an updated plan for his Coffee Shop/Wine Bar and a discussion was held about the elevation of the alley and drainage issues. Mr. Horvath stated that he wanted to make sure that the Georges would have access into their garages. The trustees had some concern about run off water due to the elevation of the alley. Mr. Horvath explained the new plan called for a 6-inch drainage pipe to elevate this issue. Trustee Coleman felt that this pipe should be an 8- or 10-inch pipe. Mr. Todd Brunne explained that an 8-inch pipe would be enough. A brief discussion was held on these issues. The zoning attorney, Julie Donaher, suggested that they have a three-way Cross Easement Maintenance Agreement on the property to protect all parties in the event the business is sold. This will protect all property owners involved for the future and indemnify the township if there are any drainage problems or issues. Trustee Coleman stated that he would like to see a mock up to show the elevation of the property and Todd Brunne stated that he would get that for him. Trustee Coleman stated that he felt the zoning attorney should go ahead and draft the agreement and send it to all parties involved to review.

Jackie Fields:

Resident Jackie Fields asked about the parking lot that Mr. Horvath was planning in next to her property. Both the zoning inspector and the trustees stated they were unaware of this parking lot. Mr.

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Horvath stated that he has spoken to Mr. Cotterman about leasing this piece of property but he does not have the design of the parking lot finished yet. A brief discussion was held on the lot about lighting of the lot and the number of parking spaces that the lot would have.

Trustee Coleman stated that he was told by the Perry County Sheriffs Department that the 2017 Noise Ordinance resolution is incorrect. Sheriff Barker told him that the fine money must go Municipal Court not the township. The zoning attorney stated that the resolution is correct and is per ORC. She stated that maybe they just need some clarification at the courthouse on the procedure for the fine money. Trustee Coleman is going to talk with County Prosecutor Joe Flautt about this.

A brief discussion was held about the township adopting a property maintenance code to stream line time involved and paper work involved in the process for junk vehicles, weed and grass issues and property maintenance.

Public Comment:

Chip McNeer:

Mr. McNeer introduced himself and stated that he was in attendance tonight to briefly discuss the next phase of the park. He stated that it is moving along and that they are in the process of looking for developers to buy and develop remaining property at the park. He stated that he did not know where the township was in the process of adopting a Bed Tax, but he felt they needed to move on this quickly, before development started.

Thornville Village Administrator Traci Sturgill:

Ms. Sturgill stated that she was in attendance tonight to inform the township that the Village of Thornville approved the purchase of the old firehouse in the amount the township requested of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), and that they need to do a quick claim deed and resolution for the purchase of the property.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to accept the offer of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the sale of the old firehouse and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. Votes were: Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye; David Lyle; Aye.

The zoning attorney will prepare the deed for the sale.

Fire/EMS

Mike Tolliver presented invoices for payment and also stated that the fire department has received a donation for the Fire Belles in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which has been earmarked for the purchase of flash lights.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns present to the board a list of properties that need addressed to clean up. He touched base on the zoning program that he explained to the board at last months meeting, and asked the board to think about the purchase of this program for the department.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated that the issue with the board across the right-away has been resolved and the board has been removed. He also stated that he knows that a few months ago his motion for a Bed Tax died from a lack of second, but he thinks they should take another look at having a bed tax. A brief discussion was held on the Bed Tax.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to pass the Lodging Tax of three percent (3%) in the unincorporated areas of Thorn Township and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. Votes: Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman stated that they have received the first draw of \$125,000.00 for the design and development work at the Park. He also mentioned the township looking into road maintenance agreements and he also advised that he read an article in OTA that if you do not elect to receive health insurance coverage that there is a 25%

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reimbursement for those who decline coverage. Trustee Coleman also stated that there will be a Special Township meeting on June 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm to discuss Fire Department issues.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson stated that the township needs to look into getting a better mower. He also stated that they are still trying to find another road worker and that Shelly Company will be starting to chip & seal roads next week.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that he had a meeting with Jenny Larue about the Bike Path. He also stated that he thought they need security cameras around the township building. He also stated that he thought new employees hired for the township should be required to have back ground checks done and drug testing prior to their hiring. He suggested revising the employee handbook.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

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.