

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL SESSION

Held: June 19, 2019

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in a special session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:24 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Robert Coleman called the special 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, Jeremy Weekly, Tritan Shoults

Also in attendance was Special Council Eric Holloway, Esq.

Trustee Coleman stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss the Fire Department and 911 Center in New Lexington.

Fire Chief Weekly explained the issues that the department is having with the 911 call center in New Lexington. He stated that in 2017 they hired a new supervisor and that he has concerns about the leadership and accountability of the center. Chief Weekly also discussed several other issues that the department has had from untimely response time for dispatching to the lack of transparency. He stated that on November 29, 2018 the Perry County Commissioners passed a resolution stating that if any department leaves the 911 Call Center they would be charged \$15.00 to transfer any calls that come into their office. Chief Weekly stated that Licking County already dispatches about 18% of their runs and that the department would like to move their dispatching to Licking County but because of the resolution that Perry County now has, it has made it impossible to do. Chief Weekly said he spoke with Rob Jackson who is the State of Ohio Director and he said that he is not aware of anywhere else that has a transfer fee. Chief Weekly also stated that he received an e-mail on April 29, 2019 informing him that the center had a new CAD server and that in 40 days they would be going live with the new system and shutting down the current system. In order for the department to have this new system, the chief would have to sign a security agreement, which states that the chief would be held personally responsible for any leaks or breach of information from the system. Chief Weekly explained he cannot sign any agreement on behalf of the township. The department is currently without the CAD system. Chief Weekly stated that he also found out that this security agreement was actually written by the 911 Call Center supervisor and that the prosecuting attorney only looked the agreement over. Attorney Holloway asked if he had documentation on these issues of poor response time of dispatching. Chief Weekly stated yes he has and he has spoken with Commissioner Scott Owen about his concerns with the center. Chief Weekly stated he would like to have something done about this resolution stopping them from moving their dispatching to Licking County. Attorney Holloway stated that the next step would be for him to review the information from tonight's meeting and then he will get with Chief Weekly for additional information if he needs anything more.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:24 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and was 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.