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THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 11, 2019

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 7:06 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, Sam Scott, Dave Cox, Sharon Furniss, Traci Sturgill, CJ Maisenbacher, Troy Kurtz, Brennan Dich, Kyle Sands, Aaron McKenzie

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to close the bids for the park and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

One bid was received from Buds, Inc. LLC, 6260 Newark Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830 for a total base price of \$742,495.50. Trustee Coleman stated that his recommendation is to let the project engineer (EDG) go thru the packet and give his opinion on the bid to the board before they make any decisions on this bid. All the board members were in agreement with this, and no action was taken on the bid received from Buds, Inc. LLC. The trustees will make a decision on the bid at the next meeting.

Reports:

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion to approve the August 14, 2019 Regular Session Minutes was made by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the monthly financial reports, payroll reports and bank reconciliation for August 2019. She stated that the Fire Department's funds increased with the second half tax settlement from the county and she feels that they should go ahead and pay off the loan on the new fire truck. She also suggested that Chief Weekley to get a list of needs for the truck together because the funds are there to purchase them. Chief Weekley thought the equipment they need to purchase would be in the \$70,000.00 range. A brief discussion was held, the board decided to go over this at the next meeting. Chief Weekley stated he would have the list ready for next meeting and they can go over this then. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she has received a resume from David Cox for the road worker position. She asked the board if they had decided if the position would be full time or part time. Trustee Wilson stated that it should be a full-time position and Trustee Lyle agreed with him. They stated that there is just too much work that Jason cannot do by himself and a full-time person is needed. Trustee Coleman asked Dave if he would need insurance benefits. He stated no he would not.

Motion: A motion to approve hiring David Cox and putting him on full time at a rate of \$16.00 per hour was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she has received a survey from OTARMA, this was given to Trustee Lyle to take care of. She also stated that she needs approval from the trustees for a resolution for an amended certificate in the amount of \$375,000.00 from the county auditor for the balance of the grant funds from ODNR for the park.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to approve a Resolution for an amended certificate from the county for the grant funds for the park in the amount of \$375,000.00 and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove requested that she would need a motion for a resolution to accept the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Motion: Trustee Richard Wilson made a motion to accept the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor", and that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the

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Perry County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Trustee David Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove requested board approval to make an exception to the \$400.00 ER Co-Pay for the funding plan with Waypoint to change it to a \$100.00 deductible.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman for a resolution to make an exception to the \$400.00 ER Co-Pay and make it \$100.00 Co-Pay and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes Were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove also stated that she received an agreement from Attorney Eric Holloway and she thought that they had already signed this agreement to hire him. Trustee Coleman stated that he thought they had as well, and that he would check into this matter. She also stated that she had received a phone call from Nancy McConnell on behalf of Jeremy McConnell in regards to a zoning issue at 7312 Township Road 87, and that Mr. McConnell plans to fight the removal of the trailers from this property. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that he would get in touch with the McConnell's. She also addressed Zoning Inspector Corns about the horse farm at the corner of Roberts Road and Zartman Road, and asked if it was zoned rural business or agricultural? Zoning Inspector Corns stated that they can have a home business per our current zoning regulations.

Fire & EMS:

Chief Weekley presented an updated run report. He also advised them that he has received the resignation of Josi Davis. He also advised that Free Mental Health Training will be held at the station next month, they are able to do this thru grant money they received. Chief Weekley said he has spoken with the Perry County Auditor and the renewal for the levy is in 2021 and he advised that the department will be doing joint training with the Millersport Fire Department at Fairfield Beach. Chief Weekley introduced CJ Masisenbacher and Troy Kurtz and stated that he would like to put them on the department as part-time.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to hire CJ Masisenbacher and Troy Kurtz as part-time employees to the department and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Public Comments:

Sharon Furniss introduced herself and stated that she was in attendance because she had heard that the township was going to have Township Road 493 paved in the near future and she would like to see them also pave the turn around at end of it. She stated that it is in poor condition from the trash trucks and traffic. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson stated that he would take a look at it before Shelly Company started paving there in a few weeks.

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill stated that the transfer of the old fire house deed has been done.

Trustee Coleman:

Trustee Coleman asked about the insurance reimbursement of 25% for those not taking insurance. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she would look into it. He also asked about the Bed Tax and how and who should be enforcing this and what the procedures are for enforcing the tax. Brief discussion was held on this. It was suggested to get with the county for their input on this. He also said that he has sent a preliminary estimate for Phase II of the park to State Representative Larry Householder. He asked the other trustees if they had come up with anything for standards for taking over roads. Trustee Lyle nor Trustee Wilson had anything yet so this will be addressed at a future meeting.

Trustee Wilson:

Trustee Wilson state that the backhoe needs new tires and the cost will be \$900.00. Trustee Wilson stated that the county still has not fixed the water leak down by the Toy Store. He also stated that the Issue II Paving around the lake area and Custers Point Road will start within the next couple weeks, and Shelly Company will be doing the paving. He asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove if there was enough money to do Township Road 406 while they were in the area, he stated that if Shelly Company does it while

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they are in that area the cost would be \$23,738.50. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said the funds are there if they want to pave the road.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to pave Township Road 406 and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Trustee Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that he will be attending a meeting regarding the bike path on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented the board with an updated monthly report. He informed the board that after the last zoning meeting that Ronald Bonnette gave him his letter of resignation from the zoning commission. Inspector Corns gave an update on the property located at 7312 Township Road 87, and that the letters were mailed out, and the notice was put in paper. He has received no response or notification back, so therefore they can proceed with enforcement of the property. He stated that the Health Department did speak with Mr. McConnell about the septic for the trailers and the septic for the trailers are not operable. He stated that he received a letter from Josh Flegle asking that the trailers be removed from the property. Zoning Inspector Corns said that he recommends that the board should make a motion to pass a resolution for the removal of the trailers. Trustee Wilson asked what is the process for the removal of the trailers, do we have to put them in storage somewhere or can they be disposed of. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he will contact the attorney on this. Trustee Wilson asked if there are expenses for this, and will it come out of zoning. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that any expenses incurred for zoning on this will come out of the general fund. Trustee Coleman asked him if he knew what the cost would be for the removal of the trailers. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he would get an estimate for the cost.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-35 for the removal of the Unsafe, Insecure, and Structurally Defective Structures from 7312 Township Road 87 and it was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Abstained. Motioned passed with two votes.

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that the property located at 14525 Township Road 1064 & 14525 Township Road 1061 has not cleaned up the pallets and debris. He is asking the board to make a motion and pass a resolution for enforcement for the cleanup of the property.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to adopt Resolution 2019-40 , A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned By Thornville Property Management, Located at 14538 Township Road 1064 & 14525 Township Road 1061 Thornville, Ohio 43076 in Thorn Township, Perry County, Ohio, A Nuisance. A seconded was received by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Zoning Inspector Corns informed the board that they had the public hearing on the proposed fence regulations and they were passed Monday night at the zoning meeting. He stated that the township must now schedule a public hearing within 30 days from tonight, September 11, 2019, at that time they can make any changes they may want but they must either vote the regulations as approved or denied, they cannot send it back to zoning. Trustee Coleman requested that the Zoning attorney and the zoning chairperson be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions that the public may have. The board decided that the public hearing would be on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. and the regular township meeting would follow immediately after the public hearing.

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that he has received a letter from the zoning attorney explaining about adopting a property maintenance code for the township. A brief discussion was held and no action was taken at this time.

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Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M. and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **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.