

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 12, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:42 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, Jacob Stricklett, Brad Turnes, Erin Turnes, Eric Correll, Scott Lawrence, Ronnie Bowers, Paul Miller

**Motion:** A motion to approve the January 8, 2020 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

#### Corlyn Altier:

Corlyn presented the board with an update on the EMS billing.

#### Reports:

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove:** Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the monthly financial reports and bank reconciliation for January 2020. Billie gave Trustee Coleman his new Bond from OTARMA for his signature. She also gave the board members a copy of the new price list from Shelly Materials, and a copy of a quote from Southeastern Equipment. She also advised them that she has paid the invoice for the park from EDG and will be submitting a request for reimbursement to ODNR for this payment. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that the payroll for the fire department was slightly higher for the month of January than it was budgeted for. She has spoken with Chief Weekly and he explained that the department had some trainings in January for new employees and the hours should be back to normal next month.

#### Public Comments:

Brad Turns stated that he and his wife Erin, owners of Champs Pizza in Thornport are in attendance tonight with several other business owners in that area to discuss the private road in front of their business. They would like to come up with a solution to improve this road and have Thorn Township to take the road over. A brief discussion was held with comments, suggestions and requests. Trustee Wilson stated that he will go to the county engineers office and talk with Kent Cannon and get some information for the next meeting.

#### Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman report that he did some research on the Bed Tax. Perry County does have the three percent (3%) tax; however, they do not collect the tax. He stated that Thorn Township right now has four (4) Bed & Breakfast in the area and he feels we need to be collecting the tax from these establishments. He presented a copy of a Transient Occupancy Tax form that he would like to have placed on the township website for these business owners to have access to. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they would have to notify these business owners and advise them that the township has a Bed Tax. A brief discussion was held, and it was decided that Fiscal Officer Dearlove would send out letters and a copy of the Transient Occupancy Tax form to these business owners. Trustee Coleman needs to provide Billie with a letter as well as the names and addresses of the businesses. Trustee Coleman stated that he would also like for the forms for Excavating Permits, Road Closed Permits and Complaint forms to be put on the website along with the Transient Occupancy Tax form. He also advised that the township has a Dun & Brad Street number and you must have a number to apply for any grants. He stated that there is more fill dirt at the park than they will need. He would like to sell some of the dirt. He stated in order to sell it, they would have to put it out for bid. A brief discussion was held, and it was decided to discuss this further next month. Trustee Coleman stated that he has a resolution that the township needs to sign for the \$75,000.00 Paddle & Enhancement Grant. The resolution was not signed due to language that will need to be changed or removed before the township can sign this resolution. Trustee Coleman asked if they had come up any suggestions for standards for taking over private roads. This will be discussed at the next meeting. He also said he talked with Kent Cannon and if the township were to put up a stone building, Kent would be interested in using one bay for the county and would help with the

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cost of the building. Trustee Coleman stated that he received a complaint about the trucks on Township Road 80.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson stated that demo excavator the township was trying out was too big and they are looking at a smaller machine. He also said he would like to thank the Fire Department for the first aid kits that are now in all the vehicles and in the building. He also said that Jason said the township needs to look at getting a smaller tank for the saltwater, and he will be getting a quote.

**Trustee David Lyle:**

Trustee Lyle reported that he did some research on the park on Ridenour Road and provided the board with a copy of the will and deed for the park and that basically the park cannot be sold. A brief discussion was held about allowing residents to go in and clean up the dead trees and brush in the park and how to handle this. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that maybe the township could get a grant to put in walking trails after all the debris has been cleaned up. No decisions were made on the clean up of the park.

**Fire/EMS:**

Chief Weekly presented his monthly report for January 2020 that gave a brief update for the department. He stated that he would like to put Jacob Stricklett and Josh Krugel on the fire department as volunteers. He stated the township would not be paying for any schooling for these two volunteers.

**Motion:** A motion to accept Jacob Stricklett and Josh Krugel as volunteers to the Thorn Township Fire Department was made by Trustee Lyle and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

**Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports and permit updates. He stated that the new computer software is working fine.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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David Lyle

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Richard Wilson

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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.