

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 11, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00PM to 6:40PM 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 until 5:50 p.m.	David Lyle	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Brad Turnes, Roberta Kennison, Michael Kennison, Richard Harris, Matt Montecalvo

Motion: A motion to approve the February 12, 2020 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove: Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the monthly financial reports and bank reconciliation for February 2020. She also provided copies of the Bed Tax letter and the Transient Occupancy Tax Form for the trustees approval. All trustees approved these forms. The Transient Occupancy Tax Form will be available on the township webpage. Trustee Coleman will provide Fiscal Officer Dearlove with the business owners' names and addresses in the township so that she can mail letters to them. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she is not very pleased with how the reimbursement from the state for paid invoices for the park is going. She stated that she is now waiting on a copy of an invoice from EDG that she has to submit before they will reimburse the township for the last invoice she paid. Matt Montecalvo from EDG stated that he will get the copies of the invoices to her tomorrow. He also stated that they now have someone on staff at EDG that is familiar with the process for grant reimbursements and she will be able to help Fiscal Officer Dearlove in the future with this process. He also said he spoke with someone from ODNR and they said that typically the turnaround time for reimbursements are 7 to 14 days after approval of the request. Trustee Coleman asked Mr. Montecalvo if he could explain item 3 on the ODNR Seventy Five Thousand dollar (\$75,000.00) Paddling Enhancement Grant Resolution. He explained that ODNR realizes that the township does not have a lot of money to work with up front and they are willing to work with the township on the reimbursement timeframes. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that at this point she really has concerns with proceeding any further with the park as this has not gone well at all. She stated that the township can only absorb payments for the park in the amount of no more than Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) at a time. Mr. Montecalvo said he doesn't think this will be a problem at all. He stated that he went ahead and submitted the grant paper application and that once the resolution is received from the township the grant application packet will be complete.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to accept the Seventy Five Thousand dollar (\$75,000.00) Paddling Enhancement Grant and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Public Comments:

Brad Turnes:

Brad Turnes was in attendance to see if the trustees had come to a decision or were going to make a decision tonight about taking over the road in front of his business, Champs Pizza. Trustee Wilson stated that he had been in contact with the State and they had no problem with it. He also spoke with Kent Cannon at the Perry County Engineers Office and he said the he could get Issue 2 money to pave the road but it would be next year. He suggested that the township take the road over this year and have the business owner pay to have the road chip and sealed this year and they maintain the road for one year. Trustee Coleman questioned the cars parking along the east side of the road and whether the township was going to also take over the piece that belongs to Frank Correll that exits out onto State Route 13. Trustee Wilson stated that Mr. Correll would let the township have that piece of property but the township would have to pay for the survey and he didn't think the township wanted that expense. He also stated that the parking would be on the states property, not on the road. Trustee Coleman also asked how the road will be fixed and do we need a survey for all of this. Mr. Turnes stated that he would fix the roads in any way the township would like him to. He also stated that he would be willing to pay for a survey of the Frank Correll property if it is not too expensive.

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Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson recommending that Thorn Township take over the road owned by Brad Turnes with the stipulation that the road be double chip and sealed within that year and Brad Turnes will maintain the road for one (1) year, effective date of passage of the motion; and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Michael & Roberta Kennison:

Ms. Kennison stated they she and her husband live in Robinwood and that they put a shed up in December, 2019. They have had to remove the shed because they were told that they did not have enough property to meet the zoning requirements to have a shed on the property. She asked why other individuals in Robinwood have sheds and they have same size lot as they do. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he had sited Mr. & Mrs. Kennison because they did not meet the setback requirements for the shed. He stated that as far as the other sheds on properties in Robinwood, they are either under investigation or the owners received a variance to put the sheds on their property; which the Kennison's could have asked for a variance hearing and chose not to do so. Trustee Coleman stated this issue should be addressed by the Zoning Board and not by the trustees. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he has asked the zoning board to take a look at the setbacks for accessory buildings.

Richard Harris

Mr. Harris asked if he would need a zoning permit to re-do his boat dock and Zoning Inspector Corns stated yes he would need one.

Trustee Wilson:

Trustee Wilson stated that he certified the mileage at 38.235 miles for the township.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman reported that he has sent the Census questionnaire in. He attended a meeting regarding Bed Taxes and had a meeting on March 10, 2020 with Larry Householder regarding the park. No decisions have been made for any further funding for the park. He will also be attending a meeting with the Buckeye Lake Regional Corp on March 24, 2020 regarding a Hospitality study for the area. Trustee Coleman asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove what the current mileage reimbursement rate is. She stated that it is at 54.5 cents per mile.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that a neighbor in the area of the park on Ridenour Road is interested in going in there on doing some clean up. All trustees were fine with this.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports and permit updates. He also reported that he has received an application for the empty seat on the zoning board and he would like to have an interview process to fill this seat. He suggests having a board of three people, a trustee and a member of the zoning board along with himself to interview the candidate. Trustee Lyle stated that he would be willing to be on the interview board. He also reported that the Zoning Commission had a Public Hearing for new verbiage to be added to the zoning code and it has passed; (Article IV.2 Application for Zoning Certificate -An application for a zoning certificate shall be submitted electronically to the Zoning Inspector through the Township website. By submitting the application electronically, the applicant attests they have the authority to request a zoning certificate and further attests that all of the information contained in the application is true and accurate). He stated that the township would now need to have a public hearing on this change. Trustee Coleman stated that they could have a public hearing on this at the next meeting, which would be April 8, 2020. Zoning Inspector Corns also informed the trustees that until the Corona Virus has passed, he would be doing all zoning work electronically and he would put a notice on the website to inform the public.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Weekly presented his monthly report for February 2020. He also reported that the vacant lieutenant's position is down to two candidates and the rescue is fully operational. He said that he had to have the heating and cooling system in the station worked on and that he needs to purchase a new mattress for the station. He reported that he attended a two day mental health conference for firefighters, a meeting with Perry County 911 and other County Officials and a lock down drill at Thornville Elementary with the new Thornville Police Chief. They also held a Scot SCBA Field Maintenance

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Training class to hopefully be able to keep some repairs in house and save money. Chief Weekly also reported that he is currently finishing his Associate's Degree in Fire Science and his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; 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.