

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 10, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:40 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

Other Township Officials: Anna Cox, Mike Tolliver.

Visitors: None present

Motion: A motion to approve the April 8, 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 Fund Status report, Receipt & Payment, and Appropriation report for May and the bank reconciliation for April and May.

Zoning Resolution Change: Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked about the public hearing for the proposed zoning resolution changes and whether it needed to go back to zoning since they were unable to have the public hearing in March. Trustee Coleman stated that zoning has had their public hearing, the township now needs to have one, but because of Covid -19 they were just unable to have one in March. He stated that he thought everything was waived because of the virus, but they might want to check with the zoning attorney about the 30 day time frame for the public hearing. He said if the zoning attorney says that they can go ahead and have the public hearing, they could just have it directly before the next regular township meeting in July. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked the trustees if they had looked over the resolution for the zoning change. She stated that she had concerns about the language in the resolution that says "the application for a zoning certificate shall be submitted electronically." She stated this could be a problem for those people who do not have access to a computer. Trustee Coleman asked if this wording meant that the applicant could not meet the zoning inspector face to face. A brief discussion was held and it was decided to get with the zoning inspector to get clarification on the wording in the resolution.

EDG Invoice: Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported that she has received an invoice from EDG in the amount of \$5,200.93 dated from back in July of 2019. She asked Trustee Coleman if he was aware of this and he stated that yes he received the e-mail about it and he will check into this and get back with her on it.

Covid-19 Funds: She also reported that the fire department received \$3000.00 from Energy Co-op for PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and the township received from the Ohio Bureau and Worker's Compensation a check in the amount of \$8,872.00. Trustee Coleman asked if this check was designated for a specific purpose. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated no, it can be used for whatever they need to do with it.

EMS emails from Jeremy: She also reported that the issues with the 911 call center is still an issue. She asked Trustee Coleman if he had heard anything from Attorney Halloway, and he stated that he was out of his office until June 9th. A brief discussion was held on this ongoing issue. It was decided to try and have a meeting between the commissioners and the trustee's about this issue on the transfer charges that the county wants to charge the township if we move to Licking County call center. Trustee Coleman will try to get a meeting set up for June 24th with the commissioners.

Chip and Seal List: Chip & Seal for 2020 in the amount of approximately \$89,042.38. Trustee Coleman stated that he did not think that they should do Township Road 496. A discussion was held. It was decided to not do Township Road 1062 and 496.

EMS Billing: Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she spoke with Chief Weekly today and he thought that the income was down from what they received from EMS billing. She stated that the revenue is down by \$11,000.00 but she feels that with the passing of Corlyn Altier that they are playing catch and she feels we should wait a little while and see what happens, we are under a contract with them until the end of the year and if things don't change or get worse we can start looking for another company in the fall.

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Fire & EMS: Mike Tolliver presented the monthly report for May 2020. Mike stated that the department would like to add Mason Wilkins as a part-time firefighter/paramedic.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to add Mason Wilkins as a part-time firefighter/paramedic and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Mike stated that the fire department has an ozone machine that they use at the firehouse and they will bring it in tomorrow to use in the township hall. Mike said if zoning and other meetings starting happening again, they might want to let them know so they can get them on the schedule to clean the township hall.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman reported that the \$75,000.00 grant that the township applied for is pretty much in limbo right now, so with that in mind he would like to reopen the bids for park on June 17, 2020 and close the bids on August 12, 2020, at the regular township meeting. He stated that Fiscal Officer Dearlove has the documents, and she would have to get an advertisement in the paper and on the website. Trustee Coleman stated that it looks like they will have a small kayak launch and parking area, they have deleted a lot of things because they were waiting on more capital bill money, which will not be available this year, but the things deleted have been put out there as alternates on the side, so if the bid comes in low enough and there would be extra money they could possible do so of the alternate things. A brief discussion was held about the advertising of the bids for the park. Fiscal Officer Dearlove will look back at what they did last year.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to put the bids out on June 17, 2020 for the park and ending on August 12, 2020 and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman asked if they were going to let other organizations start having their public meetings in the township hall again. They all decided to go ahead and allow public meetings in the township hall again. They can have the fire department come in after these meetings with the ozone machine and clean the office.

Trustee Coleman stated that the employee handbooks need updated with the changes that the township implemented. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she will get the updated handbooks printed.

Trustee Wilson: Trustee Wilson reported that limbs from an ash tree were falling all over the place and he called the electric company to come take the tree down and the township will be doing the cleanup of the limbs and debris. He also report that Nate Mack told Jason that they have one of the frame works for the salt water tank. He did not know what the cost would be, if anything, but they wanted to know if the township might be interested in it. Trustee Wilson also stated that Jason saw a rubber tire roller on an auction site. The current bid is at \$550.00 and it will be listed for another five days. Trustees decided that the township would go to around \$750.00 to \$1000.00 on the roller. Trustee Wilson stated that the recycle bin out in parking lot temporarily needs moved. Trustee Coleman suggested calling the recycling people and ask them to move it back to Thornport temporarily. He also stated that he will be meeting with the commissioners on June 24, 2020 about the road in front of Champs Pizza that the township plans to take over, they are having a public hearing on it. Trustee Coleman asked who will put the road number on that road. Trustee Wilson stated the county engineer's office. Trustee Coleman asked if the township could specify the road number and if we can; it should stay at 358 because the access roads going all the way through. Trustee Wilson said he will ask for 358. He also asked about the fire levy and if it was a five year levy. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated yes. Trustee Coleman stated that it will be up for renewal next year.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that he needs the dates of the safety meetings and drug tests that the employees have had for Risk Management. He also said that the Park on Ridenour Road has some dead trees that are falling onto the adjoining neighbor's fence line, and we should look at taking them down when we get a chance.

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Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns was not in attendance. Fiscal Office Dearlove reported that he took in \$7,767.00 last month.

Citizen Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **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.