

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 8, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:56 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	David Lyle	Present

Other Township Officials: Anna Cox, Jeremy Weekly

Visitors: Mike Fornataro

Motion: A motion to approve the June 10, 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.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove: Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove was not in attendance, she provided the monthly financial reports and bank reconciliation and Fire Department Payroll Report for June 2020. Trustee Coleman stated that Fiscal Officer Dearlove received a letter from the Perry County Commissioners regarding them passing a resolution for the establishment of Thorn Township Road 358 extension (the road in front of Champs Pizza). The resolution was passed on June 24, 2020.

Public Comments:

Mike Fornataro: Mike Fornataro from the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation introduced himself and gave a brief presentation of the Buckeye Lake Pier Project. He explained that a study will be done regarding the construction of a community pier which will have some sort of amenity on it. The study will be done in three different areas, the north shore of Buckeye Lake, an area in Walnut Township and an area in Thorn Township to see which location would be best suited for the pier. Mr. Fornataro stated that they would like the support from each of the three chosen entities by resolution to move forward with the study in their area.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to support the Buckeye Regional Corporation and their study for an area of Thorn Township for the possible construction of the pier that they might be looking at with no cost to Thorn Township and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman advised Mr. Fornataro that a copy of the resolution would not be available until next month.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns was not in attendance at the meeting. A copy of his monthly report was given to each trustee. Trustee Coleman asked if anyone had any questions regarding his report. Trustee Wilson stated that he did not see on report that a zoning fee was collected for the deck his neighbor built onto his house. He stated that he told Ed about it and Ed said he would take care of it. Trustee Coleman stated that Ed was on vacation until July 13, 2020 and suggested Trustee Wilson contact him when he got back or ask him about it at the next meeting.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman reported that they had a conference call this morning with the Perry County Commissioners about the 911 center. Also in attendance at the meeting was Trustee Lyle, Mike Tolliver, Chief Weekly, Tristin Shoults and Trustee Wilson came into the meeting late. A brief discussion was held about the conference call. Trustee Coleman asked the other trustees what they thought on how to proceed with this. Trustee Wilson stated that he thought that they should force the county to do something. He believes if we take this 911 away from Perry County we are going to alienate Thorn Township from the county. He also asked, what are the residents going to say if we take this away from the county, they already pay for this service and if we take it to Licking County it will cost more money. Trustee Coleman said yes, every resident in the county that has a land line pays for

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the service, however the county does not collect the cell phone fee that they could be getting and that is revenue they are missing out on. Further discussion was held. Trustee Coleman stated that he would like to schedule another meeting with the commissioners to discuss this again, to find out if they will reduce this fifteen dollar (\$15.00) transfer fee. He will try to schedule a meeting for next Wednesday, July 15, 2020 and if he does not get a response from them for a meeting, I will know the door has been closed on this by the commissioners. Trustee Colman stated that he received a call from Rick Cox who lives right before Firemans Park on Honey Creek Road. Mr. Cox would like the township to help him out with putting a drain tile in from his property to the lake, across his Dad's property. Trustee Coleman stated that this would be an issue for the county and not the township, since Honey Creek Road is a county road. He will advise Mr. Cox to get in touch with Kent Cannon about this.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson stated that Rick McCance advised him that he would like to be on the BZA board. This information will be passed on to the zoning inspector Ed Corns. He also stated that he received a complaint about the large trucks on Township Road 37 and tearing the road up.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that all employees or township officials must wear either a yellow shirt or yellow vest when working. This is required by the insurance company. Trustee Coleman said that they need to make sure a vest is in all their personal vehicles and given to all employees. Chief Weekly stated that he had some vests that he can give the township. Trustee Lyle also asked about the parking lot and if they thought it needed chip and sealed to keep the dust down. Trustee Wilson said he thought that salt water would work best for now.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Weekly presented his monthly report for June 2020. Chief Weekley stated that they need to fill position for the set 6 day rotation and they have narrowed the candidates down to Tyler Sweeney and he would like to request the board appoint Tyler as part-time to the department.

Motion: Trustee Wilson made a motion to hire Tyler Sweeney as part-time to work the set 6 day rotation and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Chief Weekley also reported that he received an EMS Grant in the amount of \$3,489.00 in which they will be replacing an AED and using balance of funds for other equipment that needs replaced. They also received a \$500.00 donation for the Buckeye Lake Region Chamber of Commerce to be used for the purchase of equipment or training, a \$150.00 donation for the Thornville Eastern Stars and they are eligible for a PPE reimbursement grant up to \$1500.00 from the state for Covid 19. He also stated that the CARES ACT re-imbusement money is also available to the township for any expenses associated with Covid 19. He stated that there is a process to go through in order to receive these funds, which would include the township passing a resolution stating they would like to be a part of this, and then the fiscal officer would need to contact Rita Spicer at the EMA office and Drew Cannon at the Auditor's office. He stated that the township could receive up to \$18,000.00 reimbursement for Covid expenses. He also reported that the Hose and Ladder testing was completed in June. Trustee Coleman reported that the EMS billing is coming in better now and it looks like the company is getting squared away with things.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Absent

Billie Dearlove

David Lyle

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

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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.